

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CARTERET
1510 LIVE OAK STREET
BEAUFORT, NC 28516
April 5, 2006**

The Carteret County Board of Elections met in the Elections office on this date at 9 AM. Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order.

Secretary Rivers made the motion to approve the minutes dated March 8, 2006. Member Verdon seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.

Chairman Henderson called for public comments. Mr. Charlie Smith who is the democratic precinct chairman for the Salter Path precinct spoke to the board concerning the relocation of the Indian Beach/Salter Path polling site from the Salter Path Fire Department to the Indian Beach Town Hall. Mr. Smith stated that he had over 100 telephone calls once voters from Salter Path started receiving their voter cards notifying them of the change. He stated that he also had a petition which had been signed by 250 Salter Path residents but was unable to present it at today's meeting as the petition was in the possession of the Chief Judge who was unable to attend due to illness. Michelle Smith who is a newly appointed Judge for the precinct was also in attendance. She notified the board that there had been problems with the roof which had been recently repaired and that the bathrooms had been updated to meet handicap accessibility requirements and that the heat/air situation had been resolved. Chairman Henderson stated the board would certainly be willing to listen to the voters' concerns and suggested that at least two of the three board members visit the new polling site during the May 2nd primary to observe. Mr. Smith stated that even though the changed location was right next door to the previous site, it was the principle of the matter that was the problem for these voters. Chairman Henderson assured Mr. Smith that the board would consider his request but that the goal of the board was to have the best polling site available at each precinct to accommodate all the voters.

The next item on the agenda for consideration was "Election Day Procedures." Member Verdon made the motion to change the time for counting absentee ballots on election day from 5 PM to 2 PM. Secretary Rivers seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0. The board also voted to combine the April 19th regular meeting with the April 18th absentee meeting at 3 PM, 3-0. There was much discussion by board and staff regarding the delivery and pick-up of voting equipment for the election. Staff will seek a quote from the security company who has picked up equipment in the past. Director Lewis will contact both party chairmen to ascertain if there is

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sufficient interest to coordinate a volunteer effort for delivery of equipment on Monday, May 1, 2006. Director Lewis informed the board that the purchasing agent for the county is working on a deal with Alltel for the use of cell phones in the precincts. Deputy Director Gillikin presented the board with several letters from Democratic Party Chair Conner requesting approval of poll workers who will need to work out of their precincts. Secretary Rivers made the motion to approve the requests, Member Verdon seconded. Motion passed, 3-0. See attached letters.

Director Lewis updated the board on several items of interest. See attached report which was presented.

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henderson, Chairman

Harry Rivers, Secretary

Sue Verdon, Member