

**State of North Carolina  
County of Carteret  
1510 Live Oak Street  
Beaufort, NC 28516  
June 7, 2006**

**The Carteret County Board of Elections met on this date at 9 AM in the Elections' office. All three board members were present along with the director and deputy director.**

**Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order.**

**Minutes from the May 17, 2006 meeting were read and approved. Member Verdon made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Secretary Rivers. Motion passed, 3-0.**

**Chairman Henderson called for public comment. There were none.**

**Chairman Henderson requested that the next item on the agenda, which was discussion regarding the revision of July and August 2006 meeting schedule, be moved to follow the director's report. Other board members agreed to the change.**

**Director Lewis provided the board with information that had been requested by Chairman Henderson regarding the use of the AutoMark (ADA voting machine) in the precincts during the primary election. See Director's Report. Most precincts had little or no use of the AutoMarks although one precinct encouraged voters to try the machine to mark their ballot.**

**Chairman Henderson stated that he had requested this information in response to comments made by Member Verdon regarding contacting civic groups in an attempt to reach voters who could benefit from the use of the ADA voting machine. Member Verdon stated she would like for the office to work with groups such as the Lion's Club to let voters know that the machine is available for their use. Director Lewis stated that she could also contact the social worker who works with the visually impaired population through social services for outreach. Secretary Rivers stated he would like to see the machine set up in the office for voters to view and use rather than having the office staff responsible for moving the machines to other locations unless necessary or more convenient.**

**The board was updated on the SBOE training seminar that will held in Asheville on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms have not been received in the office as of yet. Chairman Henderson and Secretary Rivers indicated they would be attending. Member Verdon will be out of town and unable to attend.**

Director Lewis stated that Mr. Charlie Smith had contacted the office regarding the Indian Beach/Salter Path polling site. Mr. Smith stated that he would like to follow-up with the board regarding his request to change the polling site back to the Salter Path Fire Department. Director Lewis asked if the discussion could be put on the agenda for the July meeting. Chairman Henderson requested that the director place this item on the agenda for the meeting in July once the meeting schedule has been revised.

The board was presented with a copy of a letter received by Director Lewis from Glad Tidings Church regarding a polling site agreement that was sent to them. A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes. Glad Tidings is the current polling site for the Morehead 3 precinct. Agreements have been sent to all 34 polling sites as there are currently none on file. Director Lewis explained that the agreements were necessary to make certain that the polling sites were available prior to each election. Morehead Primary and West Carteret were mentioned by Member Verdon as alternate sites for Morehead 3. Secretary Rivers requested that Director Lewis contact the principal at Morehead Primary and discuss the use of their facility and specifically state that the past election had been smooth at the schools that were being utilized. The board agreed that they would like to visit the site after the next meeting which will be June 21, 2006 if agreeable with Principal Newman.

Director Lewis informed the board that an intern and advisor from ECU would be in the Elections' office on Thursday, June 22, 2006 to interview the director.

A copy of the director's report was given to board members for reference and has therefore, been attached to the minutes.

The next item on the agenda was the revision of the meeting schedule for July and August 2006. Member Verdon made the motion that the board meet on July 19, August 2, and August 23, 2006. Secretary Rivers seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.

Chairman Henderson called for board comments. There were none.

Pursuant to G.S. 143-318-11, the Board moved to Closed Session to discuss a personnel issue relating to a precinct worker.

The board returned to Open Session with no action being taken.

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

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**Respectfully submitted,**

**Bill Henderson, Chairman**

**Harry Rivers, Secretary**

**Sue Verdon, Member**

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May 31, 2006

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Attention: Lindy Lewis

The staff of Glad Tidings Church has met and determined that we can no longer serve as a polling site for elections with the expectations placed on us. The only way for us to accommodate elections would be to charge the same fee we get from other private parties requesting use of facilities so that we can have a staff person dedicate the day to meeting the needs of the Elections Board. That fee is \$500 for building use plus \$150 for clean-up fee and \$150 to pay a staff person to be at your service.

Having fielded so many complaints from my staff regarding the demands placed on them, I agree with their conclusions. We have had to have someone stay after hours the evening before elections to wait for materials to be delivered. We have been expected to have someone here to open the buildings at 5:30 AM and to stay until 7:00 PM to close up. Our receptionist has had to field calls and answer questions regarding the elections – questions she is not really qualified to answer. Our maintenance department has been expected to set up tables for the event and take down tables afterward, as well as set things back in place for church events. Our property is flooded with signs, all of which are not usually removed, leaving our workers to remove them – the exception was this last election.

If the Board of Elections chooses to pay the above fees, we will continue to offer our buildings for your use. Otherwise, we can no longer accommodate. Therefore, I have not signed the contract you sent me agreeing to serve as lessor. I'm sure the Board has set fees for such payments that they cannot exceed. However, if I am wrong and you wish to have use of our facilities for the above stated fees, feel free to make contact with another contract.

Regretfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maurice Phelps".

Maurice Phelps, Senior Pastor