

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CARTERET
1510 LIVE OAK STREET
BEAUFORT, NC 28516
February 7, 2007**

The Carteret County Board of Elections met this date at 9 AM in the Board of Elections office. All three board members were present along with Director Lindy Lewis, Deputy Director Alva Gillikin, and Elections Specialist Sharon Lewis.

Member Verdon made the motion to approve the minutes as written for January 17, 2007. Motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Henderson called for public comment. There were none.

The first item on the agenda for discussion was regarding the polling sites that are to be open for the municipal elections. Sharon Lewis presented information to the board regarding the number of voters currently registered, which are 23, in the Newport 2 precinct that live within the Newport town limits. Member Verdon made the motion that Newport #2 not be open during the 2007 municipal election and that the voters eligible to vote in the town's election be notified by certified mail and directed to the Newport #1 polling place. Motion passed 3-0. The board also discussed the situation regarding the Wildwood precinct. There are currently 25 voters registered in this precinct that live within the town limits of Newport (6) or Morehead City (19). Member Verdon made the motion that the Wildwood precinct not be open during the 2007 municipal election and that the voters eligible to vote in the town's election be notified by certified mail and that the eligible voters in Newport be directed to the Newport #1 polling place and the eligible voters in Morehead City be directed to the Morehead #4 polling place. Motion passed 3-0. Chairman Henderson stated he would like for staff to be aggressive in handling the notifying of voters of this change to avoid confusion for them on Election Day. Member Verdon suggested that the letters notifying the voters of this change also inform them of the option of absentee voting for their convenience. The Cape Carteret and Bogue municipalities were also discussed. Staff was asked to gather additional information prior to the next board meeting so that a decision could be made on how to direct these voters. Staff will contact the town clerks and secure a current map of these areas for review. The voters registered in Beaufort #1 precinct that reside within the Morehead City town limits (Radio Island and causeway area) were also discussed. Staff was asked to contact the Town Manager of Beaufort and discuss Beaufort's plans regarding this area before the next meeting.

During the Director's Report, Director Lewis provided the board with a copy of the schedule for the municipal elections. She also informed the board that she had made contact with the Town Clerk of Atlantic Beach, as requested during the last meeting, to notify the town of the estimated cost to conduct their municipal election.
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They were also informed of the decision not to have the Western Park one-stop voting site open during this election and were offered the option of an additional one-stop site within their precinct during election. Town Clerk Simpson was to circulate the information amongst the Town Council Members and will notify this board of their decision. A copy of the brochure for the upcoming “Elections Process and Precinct Officials Certification Course” was provided to board members.

Chairman Henderson called for board comments at this time. Chairman Henderson stated that he would like to commend Sharon Lewis for the wonderful job in regards to the website she is currently maintaining for our department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henderson, Chairman

Harry Rivers, Secretary

Sue Verdon, Member

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