

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CARTERET
1510 LIVE OAK STREET
BEAUFORT, NC 28516
May 16, 2007**

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

Jennifer Gay, reporter for The Gam, was present for the meeting.

Secretary Rivers made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2007 as written. Motion passed, 3-0.

There was no public comment.

Director Lewis informed the board that Mayor Vinson from Atlantic Beach had called on Monday, May 14, 2007 to relay that Atlantic Beach was not interested in participating in the Instant Runoff Test Pilot for the October election. She stated that the town council had discussed it during the last week's budget meeting and then voted not to participate. Director Lewis stated that she had called Mr. Bartlett at the State Board of Elections and left a message for him as he was out of the office. Chairman Henderson stated that he was disappointed with the decision but further stated that Atlantic Beach had the right to choose and had not been under any pressure from the board to choose otherwise. Member Verdon also stated that she was disappointed in the choice and felt that staff and precinct officials could have successfully handled the new method.

The board continued to discuss the situation regarding a polling site for Beaufort 1. During the course of the meeting, Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Leisa Smith contacted the office regarding the board's request to visit the Boys and Girls Club of Beaufort. Director Smith had made arrangements for the facility to be open for board members to view. Board members agreed to meet at the facility for the conclusion of their meeting. After viewing the location, Chairman Henderson made a motion requesting that Director Lewis contact the Boys and Girls' Club Board of Directors to make a formal request for use of the facility as a polling site for the Beaufort 1 precinct, contingent upon State Board of Elections approval. Motion passed, 3-0.

For the Director's Report portion of the meeting, Director Lewis presented the board with information regarding a training session in June. The NC State Board of Elections along with The School of Government will be offering training in June. The board was presented with an agenda and the information received to date. Chairman Henderson and Member Verdon requested that Director Lewis register them for the training while Secretary Rivers stated he would not be attending.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henderson, Chairman

Harry Rivers, Secretary

Sue Verdon, Member

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