

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
Absentee Ballot Board Meeting, 28 Sept 2021, 5 PM

Participants: Melanie Thibault, Gary Tallent, Kathy Tinsley, Gary Dills, John Vanhook, Jeff Gillette and Lynne Garrison.

Call to Order: Chair Tinsley called the meeting to order at PM.

1. Review of minutes from 20 July 2021 and 17 September 2021: Mr Gillette made a motion to accept these minutes as written. Mr Vanhook seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion. Attachments 1 and 2
2. NC State Board of Elections (NCSBOE) 2021-07 and 2021-08: The Director provided these memoranda for the Board's information and review. Among other things, Memorandum 2021-07 outlines guidance on what technical errors in notarial certificates are considered deficiencies. These include a missing Notary signature, a missing seal or a seal missing information. A missing expiration date or a missing date of the actual notary signature are not deficiencies. Additionally, the NCSBOE requests the Macon County Board of Elections report "notarial errors on the absentee ballot container-return envelope". Memorandum 2021-08 outlines guidance for Voting locations and COVID precautions for the municipal elections. Basically, the Board may NOT require poll workers, etc. to be vaccinated or take COVID tests. That does not apply to workers not appointed as precinct officials; county COVID rules apply to them. Further, no voter will be required to wear a mask to enter a building or to vote. Poll workers and observers may be required to wear a mask if the building rules require it. Attachments 3 and 4
3. Invoices: The Director provided invoices for Board payment and one for PRINT Elect payment for ballots (\$1131.19). The Board reviewed the invoices and the Chair signed. Attachment 5.
4. Absentee Board meeting schedule: The Director reported that the NCSBOE changed our one stop voting hours for the upcoming municipal election to 0800-5PM on Monday thru Friday and 0800 to 3PM on Saturday, 30 October 2021.
5. Budget: The Director provided the current budget report which shows us on track for the year. Attachment 6

6. Adjourn: With no further business, Mr. Vanhook made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Garrison seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously. The Board will reconvene at 5 PM on 5 October 2021. The Board adjourned at 5:45 PM.

#### Attachments

1. Minutes from 20 July 2021
2. Minutes from 17 September 2021
3. NCSBOE memorandum 2021-07
4. NCSBOE memorandum 2021-08
5. Invoices
6. Current budget report