

Monroe County Board of Elections

MINUTES

August 9, 2021

Attendance: Board Members: Sam Bennett, Mary Chambliss, Linda Davis, Jim Zellner, and Rosalyn Harbuck.

Staff: Kaye Warren

Meeting was called to order and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the June 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as printed. The July Board meeting had been previously cancelled by agreement of the members.

The Expenditure Analysis was reviewed. The County Finance Director had planned to attend the meeting but had to cancel at the last meeting. She will plan to attend a future meeting.

A copy of the proposed new Absentee Ballot Application and Ballot Return Envelope were presented for review. It was noted that under the new procedures an applicant must now provide a driver's license or voter id number (or other acceptable form of id) and the application must be received by the elections office at least eleven (11) days before the date of the election. It was also mentioned that the Ballot Drop Box will now only be available during the hours of Early Voting, will be moved inside to allow for monitoring and is to be emptied and accounted for each day.

Another recent communication from the Coalition for Good Governance encouraging the adoption of paper ballots in upcoming elections. Despite some expressed concerns about possible fraudulent voting, the Board does not plan to consider utilizing paper ballots.

The Staff and Board Chair will be attending a Conference at the end of August hoping to learn more about the SB 202 - the Election Integrity Act of 2021 - and will report at the next Board meeting.

It was again mentioned that qualifying for the November Forsyth Municipal Election will be August 16-20.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 9 at 4 pm.