

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MINUTES OF November 16, 2015

THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS MET ON NOVEMBER 16TH, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE AT 77 MCDOWELL STREET, ASHEVILLE:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jay Watson, Chairman
George Keller, Member
Lucy Smith, Secretary

STAFF PRESENT:

Trena Parker, Director
Jennifer Sparks
John Noce
Neggy Fox

OTHERS PRESENT:

Darlene Arzami
Kathy and Dick Sinclair
Patsy Gardin
Jake Quinn
Charles White
Mary Standaert
Annie Butzner

Chairman Watson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The director explained that the State Board of Elections is requesting that all counties have their One Stop/Early Voting Plans submitted to them by December 31, 2015. She explained that toward that end this meeting has been arranged.

Neggy Fox made a powerpoint presentation which explained the applicable statutes and requirements. The presentation outlined some of the potential sites, including the regularly used libraries and public buildings. The presentation also outlined several different scenarios with various numbers of sites and hours. There was some discussion regarding the placement of sites, the number of sites, the number of hours and possible reduction of hours, as well as Sunday voting. She also reminded the group that Sunday voting had been tried and it was not enthusiastically embraced by the public.

Board Member, George Keller, suggested that we might consider an 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. plan. Board Member, Lucy Smith, reminded the group that she was a strong proponent of as many sites as we can open and that she would be concerned about a reduction of hours. Chairman Watson asked the director to specify the staff's recommendation. The director explained that for tonight we did not need to act on all the details of the plan. The staff would like to finish tonight's meeting with approval from the board as to the number of hours of early voting to provide. The staff could then ascertain which of the potential sites were available, and at a later meeting, propose a final plan.

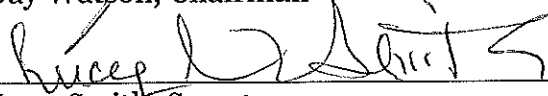
George Keller expressed approval of the 11 site plan reviewed. After further discussion George Keller motioned that 783 hours be approved and that staff be given the okay to finalize a plan based on those hours. Lucy Smith seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

Another meeting will be planned for the very near future.


The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Jay Watson, Chairman



Lucy Smith, Secretary



George Keller, Member