

November 20, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 10:00AM for a Recount of the November 5th Spring Lake Alderman election and consideration of an alternate Early Voting Plan for the March 2020 Primary Election.

Present: Linda Devore, Secretary
Bobby Swilley, Member
Irene Grimes, Member
Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Angie Amaro, Vickie Hilburn, Bill Helms, and Mitzie Roberts

Guest: James Christian and Myron Pitts

Secretary Linda Devore, acting as Chairman pro-tem, called the meeting to Order at 10:00AM and presented the Agenda.

Secretary Devore advised that minutes for the meetings of November 12, 14, and 15 have been prepared and circulated to board members.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to amend the Agenda to add an item for Approval of Minutes.
Seconded and approved unanimously.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to approve the Agenda as amended.
Seconded and approved unanimously.

Secretary Devore explained that we are required to formally consider and vote on any alternate Early Voting plan for March 2020 primary that will be submitted along with the non-unanimous plan we voted on at our meeting on November 12th. At the close of that meeting we agreed to take up the alternate plan, and it is on our agenda today. Those voting in favor of the alternate plan must sign that document for submission to the State Board for consideration. The alternate plan we are considering includes six early voting sites—Cliffdale RC, North Regional Library, East Regional Library, Hope Mills RC, Grays Creek (Pone) RC, and the BOE. 8:00-7:30 weekdays, and 8:00-3:00 on first and last Saturdays. These are consistent days and hours across all sites, which is less confusing for voters.

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to open early voting sites at Cliffdale, East Regional, North Regional, Hope Mills, Grays Creek, and BOE for the March 2020 Primary, 8:00-7:30 weekdays, and two Saturdays, February 15th and 29th 8:00-3:00.
Seconded. Vote 2-1 in favor.

Secretary Devore stated that both plans will be submitted to the State Board, and we have been advised hearings on Plans may begin on December 20th.

Secretary Devore explained the process of the Recount today. Each ballot cast in the Spring Lake Alderman election will be fed through our DS850. Three precincts, SL-1, SL-2, and Manchester, as well as ballots from One-stop early voting, Provisionals, and Absentee by mail.

Staff presented the recount totals for each precinct and voting method to Board Members for comparison with the original counts.

One-Stop ballots: No change.

Manchester: no votes cast
SL-1: Chrisitan 6
Cooper 11
SL-2: Christian 6
Cooper 6

SL-2 election day ballots: No change.

Chrisitan 144
Cooper 155

Manchester election day ballots: No change.

Christian 1
Cooper 3

Director Robertson reported that the SL-1 election day ballots include one ballot read today by the DS850 as an over-vote ballot. This ballot was included in the election day totals.

The ballot was shown to Board Members for consideration. Five ovals were filled-in for the Alderman election. A stray mark on a sixth oval caused the DS850 to not count the Alderman votes.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to accept the five votes marked by filled-in ovals on the ballot.
Seconded and passed unanimously.

After counting the ballot, the recount total in SL-1 resulted in no change from election day totals.

SL-1 election day ballots: No change

Christian 171
Cooper 153

Absentee by mail ballots: No change

SL-1 no votes cast
Manchester no votes cast
SL-2: Christian 1
Cooper 2

Provisional ballots: No change

SL-1 Christian 0
Cooper 1
Manchester Chrisitan 1
Cooper 1

SL-2 no votes cast

ACTION: Member Swilley moved to certify results of the Spring Lake Alderman election with no changes.
Seconded and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Submitted by,



Linda Devore, Secretary

Not present
Chairman



Member



Member

Nelson not present
Member



Director