

## November 19, 2020

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office for a 5:30PM Preliminary Hearing on a Protest Petition from Cheri Beasley in the election of Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

**Present:** Floyd Johnson, Chairman  
Irene Grimes, Member  
Terri Robertson, Director

Linda Devore, Secretary  
Bobby Swilley, Member  
Helen Nelson, Member

**Staff:** Terri Robertson, Angie Amaro, Mitzie Roberts

**Guests:** Rick Moorfield, County Attorney. Andrew Wynn, Vikki Andrews, Timothy Shawn Howard, C Jordan Godwin, and Sharon Johnson. Live-feed available for members of the public.

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order at 5:30PM, and presented the Agenda.

**ACTION:** Member Grimes moved to approve the Agenda as presented.  
Seconded and approved unanimously 5-0.

Chairman Johnson recognized County Attorney Rick Moorfield to present, and explain to the board, the process concerning the Protest Petition signed and delivered by Chief Justice Cheri Beasley.

County Attorney Moorfield explained that this Preliminary Hearing on a Protest Petition is being heard as soon as possible after it was received to determine whether the petition complies with the requirements of NCGS 163-182.9, as it relates to the grounds of protest contained in the petition.

1. A defect in the manner by which votes were counted or results tabulated, and
2. A violation of election law, official misconduct, or irregularities.

The board must also determine whether the protest was timely brought, and if so, whether the information in the protest is sufficient to establish probable cause to proceed to a full hearing.

Attorney Moorfield proceeded to breakdown the items in the Protest Petition, and identify items that mention data from Cumberland County.

Exhibits A-1 and A-2 contain no data from Cumberland County.  
Exhibit B-1 contains no data from Cumberland County.  
Exhibit B-2 contains data for 8 Cumberland County ballots received after Election Day.  
Exhibit C contains data for 2 Cumberland County ballots alleging Cure Affidavits.  
Exhibit D contains data for 7 Cumberland County ballots related to Accepted status.  
Exhibits E-1 through E-6 contains data for approximately 212 Cumberland County Provisional Ballots.

*Steph P. Rosa*

Chairman

*J. Gomez*

Member

Director

*Helene Nelson*

Member

*Bobby J. Sullivan*

Member