

September 4, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 5:00pm in Emergency session to discuss changes to our early voting schedule during the Hurricane Dorian weather emergency.

Present: Floyd Johnson, Chairman
Bobby Swilley, Member
Irene Grimes, Member

Linda Devore, Secretary
Helen Nelson, Member
Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Mitzie Roberts

Guests: Robert Taber, Sarah Taber, Gerard Falls

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order for the purpose of discussing any changes to our One-Stop voting plan during the weather emergency period.

Director Robertson reported that the county has decided to close operations at 1:00PM tomorrow. They will notify us by 5:00AM Friday morning about county hours for that day—whether to open late on Friday. She suggested we follow the county lead and adjust our hours accordingly. Close BOE at 1:00 tomorrow, and not open at East Regional since they are not scheduled to open until 11:00AM. It would be only two hours until closing at 1:00, while people are preparing for the storm to arrive, and our workers need to get home safely.

ACTION: Member Grimes moved to close the BOE site tomorrow at 1:00PM, and not open East Regional at all on Thursday. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Member Nelson inquired about notifying the public.

Director Robertson replied that we will put out notice, as will the county PIO, and the State BOE has set up a website for hurricane information.

Member Nelson suggested that we put a sign at East Regional directing voters to BOE site tomorrow until 1:00.

Discussion of Friday schedule followed, especially concerns by Member Nelson that roads may not be safe in the rural areas around East Regional, and the possibility of a curfew being imposed.

Secretary Devore suggested that we change our schedule as little as possible to minimize voter confusion.

Chairman Johnson suggested we follow the county lead.

Member Grimes suggested that if we miss too many hours Thursday, and possibly not open Friday, we may need to consider opening Saturday. Consensus among board members was to settle Friday first.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved that we follow the county lead, and give Director Robertson authority to alter our Friday Early Voting Plan if necessitated by conditions in the county. Seconded and passed unanimously.

Returning to the discussion of Saturday, Director Robertson stated that county offices are not open on Saturday, so we may not have any official guidance for that day.

Chairman Johnson reminded that we still have Tuesday.

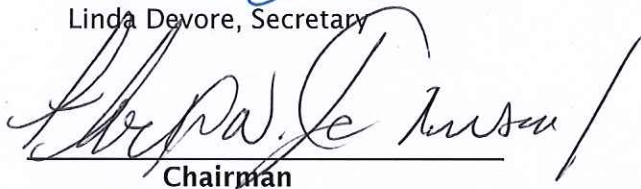

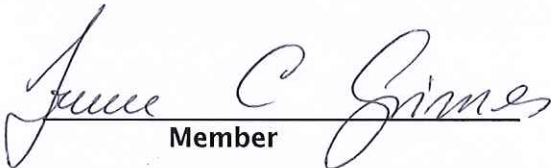
Member Swilley suggested that we have only been seeing about 200 voters a day and missing one or two days should not be a major problem. We have been voting for two weeks, and suggested we abandon the Saturday discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24PM.

Submitted by,



Linda Devore, Secretary


Chairman
Member
Member
Member
Director