## **AGENDA**

Catawba County Board of Elections Meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 8:15 a.m. Catawba County Government Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room 25 Government Drive, Newton, NC

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes from the Board's Meeting on September 17, 2019.
- 3. Absentee Ballot Approval Hickory Primary Election.
- 4. New Election Equipment.
- 5. Precinct Project 2019.
- 6. Other Items of Business.
- 7. Adjournment.

## CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## Minutes of meeting held on September 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. All members and the Director were present. The minutes from September 17, 2019, were approved.

The 134 absentee ballots received as of September 24, 2019, for the Hickory primary election were approved.

On September 23, members Cheney, Abernethy, and Yang attended an equipment demonstration in Mecklenburg County. The three voting equipment vendors which have been approved by the State Board each made thirty-minute presentations. All three stated that their overall preference was for the ES&S equipment. The Director was asked to prepare a board resolution based on the ES&S quotation.

The Board approved the four precinct boundary changes which were proposed by the Board staff. These are recommendations only, as the changes must also be approved at the State Board level. The first area was from precincts 13 and 17 to precinct 26, involving no voters. The second area moved 616 voters from precincts 34 or 40 to precinct 35, which will eliminate the need to provide City of Hickory races to a precinct. The third area moved no voters from precinct 40 to precinct 25. The fourth area moved 1,754 voters from precinct 33 to precinct 29, in order to reduce the number of voters in the county's largest precinct.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. David Abernethy, Secretary