

**Surry County Electoral Board
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2020**

Meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Chairman Howell Godfrey. Vice Chairman Lynita Mason, Secretary Judith Giorgio and General Registrar Sharna White were also present. The meeting was to discuss the need to temporarily move the Bacon's Castle polling location because of the damage to the current location at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. There were two suggested alternate locations. A trailer could be rented and placed in the parking lot of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church or we could temporarily move the polling location to Bacon's Castle Baptist Church. Sharna White had reached out to the pastor of Bacon's Castle Baptist Church and stated they were willing to open their building up as a polling location for the November election. After discussion, the board unanimously agreed to temporarily move the polling location to Bacon's Castle Baptist Church. Sharna White stated she would go to the church and meet with Pastor Jimmy and tour the church. Ms. White also stated she had already been discussing the need to move the polling location with Surry County government and the ELECT. She will take care of the necessary paperwork and once approved will notify the affected registered voters by mail of the change as well as place notices in the local paper.

It was brought up that both the Republican and Democratic representatives of Surry had asked that the Electoral Board consider offering the Officer of Elections split shifts on election day. A full shift is from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00-9:00 p.m. A split shift schedule would be 5:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 8:00-9:00 p.m. Ms. White stated we could accommodate some split shifts but not all. It was also brought up that the Chief and Assistant Chief must serve a full shift. Ms. White stated she had also received some more nominations from the representatives for additional Officers of Elect, as well as some names from the ELECT. She will send the Electoral Board the names for our review and appointment.

It was decided to have the Officer of Election training on October 24, 2020 at two different times – 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. This training will be longer as there are many new laws to review.

The meeting was called to a close at 3:59 by Chairman Howell Godfrey.