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# WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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*County Courthouse ♦ 842 West King Street Boone, North Carolina 28607*

## **County Board of Elections**

The Watauga County Board of Elections will meet Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:00p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 814 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607. This meeting is open to the public.

Join Zoom Meeting

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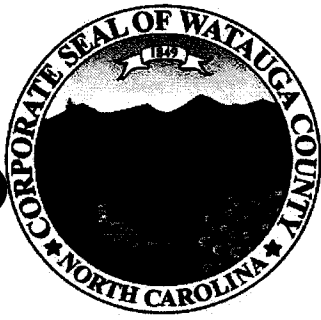
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**February 25, 2025**

## **AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE
3. VOTING EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION - HART INTERCIVIC
4. ADJOURNMENT



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The Watauga County Board of Elections met Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 5:00p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 814 West King Street, Boone, NC 28607, for the specific purpose of viewing an elections equipment presentation by the Hart InterCivic company. Board members in attendance: Chairperson Michael Behrent, Members Eric Eller, Leta Councill and Elaine Rothenberg, and Secretary Matthew Walpole. Also attending: Director Matt Snyder, Deputy Director Donna Houck, Senior Elections Specialist John Hill and Elections Specialist Brad Henderson. Two members of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners were in attendance for the bulk of the meeting: Braxton Eggers and Ronnie Marsh. Their attendance was appreciated by the Board of Elections. Also noteworthy in attendance were about a dozen experienced precinct head judges and judges, also greatly appreciated.

**February 25, 2025**

## **MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Michael Behrent called the meeting to order.

2. **PLEDGE**

All present pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States.


3. **VOTING EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION: HART INTERCIVIC**

Director Snyder first provided an overview of procedures required to be followed in the purchasing of new voting equipment, and explained the reasons for our being required to do so now. He then turned the floor over to the Director of Sales for Hart InterCivic, Bob Heisner. Mr. Heisner was accompanied by a second sales representative, Kelley Hood, and the company's North Carolina project manager, Mike McMurray. A Power Point presentation was followed by explanations of the Verity Scan system equipment by Mr. Heisner and Mr. McMurray. InterCivic uses a Hand Marked Paper Ballot system, which can be implemented either with pre-printed ballots, or by use of their Verity Print system of print-on-demand technology. Their ADA system uses a Verity Touch Writer, presenting physically as quite similar to the printer system used for print-on-demand ballots. It prints a full facsimile ballot at the end of the procedure, rather than a summary. Mr. Heisner emphasized InterCivic's attempts for uniformity of equipment design, both to increase voter confidence, and to enable poll workers to work more smoothly. Equipment portability was also stressed by Mr. Heisner. The audience and Board members asked many questions of Mr. Heisner and Mr. McMurray, with the full demonstration making for a meeting of a little over two hours in length. The InterCivic representatives stayed on after the meeting was officially adjourned, to answer further questions and to allow closer inspection of the equipment. InterCivic also solicited any follow-up questions any attendees may have.

Before adjourning, Chair Behrent reminded the audience members of the Board's public meeting scheduled for the following evening (Wednesday, February 26) at 5:00, to hear a presentation by a second voting equipment provider. He thanked the audience for their engagement and thoughtful questions, and encouraged them to attend the next equipment presentation meeting as well.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Member Eller moved to adjourn, seconded by Member Rothenberg. Approved by 5-0 vote.


  
Michael Behrent, Chair

  
Matthew Walpole, Secretary

  
Leta Council, Member

  
Eric Eller, Member

  
Elaine Rothenberg, Member

  
Matthew Snyder, Director