

North Augusta



South Carolina's Riverfront

MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021

*Machela Knox, Commissioner
Carleton Vaughn, Commissioner
Ben Watson, Commissioner*

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Municipal Election Commission meeting of February 24, 2021, having been duly publicized, was called to order by Chairperson Ben Watson at 2:00 p.m. in Council's Conference Room on the third floor of the Municipal Center and adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Per Section 30-4-80(e) notice of the meeting was posted on the outside doors of the Municipal Center, the main bulletin board of the Municipal Center located on the first floor, and the City of North Augusta website.

ITEM 2. Roll Call: Present at the meeting were Machela Knox, Carleton Vaughn, and Ben Watson. Also in attendance was Sharon Lamar, City Clerk, along with members of the public and media.

ITEM 3. Approval of Minutes of January 20, 2021: The minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting were approved by general consensus.

ITEM 4. Review Certified Candidates from Democratic and Republican Parties: The Municipal Election Commission (MEC) reviewed the letters from the Democratic and Republican Parties certifying each party's candidates.

Please see ATTACHMENT #4 for a copy of the letters from the Democratic and Republican Parties.

ITEM 5. Approve and Sign Certification Letter to Council: Commissioners approved and signed the letter to City Council certifying the candidates for the April 27, 2021 General Election. The letter will be presented to Council for acceptance at the Monday, March 1, 2021 regular Council meeting.

Please see ATTACHMENT #5 for a copy of the letter.

ITEM 6. Review General Election Timeline: Sharon Lamar, City Clerk, confirmed two Public Notices for the election had been published in the *North Augusta Star* newspaper. The final notice will be published the week before the election. She also noted the final reading of the ordinance to partner with the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections for a portion of the election will be considered at the regular Council meeting on March 1, 2021. Following that meeting a copy of the signed ordinance will be forwarded to the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections. Ben Watson, MEC Chairperson, reviewed the activities to expect on Election night. Public Safety will pick up tapes from each polling location for all precincts after the pools close at 7:00 pm and deliver the tapes to the MEC at the North Augusta Community Center. Kevin Whaley, City GIS Analyst, has developed an app and spreadsheet to enter election results as they arrive. The results will be projected onto a large screen allowing candidates and citizens to view the results in real-time. This process will also be live-streamed onto the City's Facebook page. Mr. Watson also explained the formula for determining the majority.

Please see ATTACHMENT #6 for a copy of the General Election Timeline.

ITEM 7. Next Steps: Commissioners discussed posting signs the night before the election at all precincts, even those that are not to be used on April 27, 2021. The signage will serve as another reminder to direct voters to the appropriate polling locations. The City Clerk will prepare the signs for the distribution at the next MEC meeting. Commissioner Watson and Commissioner Vaughn asked if it would be possible to get a sample copy of the General Election ballot before Election Day. Sharon Lamar will contact the Aiken County Board of Registration and Elections about the sample ballot. The next meeting of the MEC will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Please see ATTACHMENT #7 for a copy of the Precincts and Polling Locations information and sample of the precinct signs.

There being no further business, the commission adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF
_____, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Lamar,
City Clerk



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Municipal Election Commission
City of North Augusta
100 Georgia Avenue
PO Box 6400
North Augusta, SC 29861-6400
Attn: Sharon Lamar, North Augusta City Clerk

February 9, 2021

Dear Ms. Lamar:

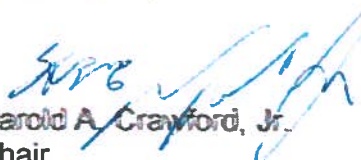
The Aiken County Democratic Party has certified the following Democratic candidates to be placed on the ballot for the general election on April 27, 2021.

Richard Adams - North Augusta Mayor
Trina Mackie – North Augusta City Council

Said candidates were certified at our February 9, 2021 Executive Committee meeting. The candidates named above have met the legal requirements for the positions at the time of the election, and his/her name is listed as it should appear on the ballot.

Thank you for your assistance and please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,


Harold A. Crawford, Jr.
Chair
Aiken County Democratic Party

Attachments: Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge for Richard Adams (candidate for Mayor) and Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge for Trina Mackie (candidate for City Council).

ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

FEB 17 2021



CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA
Rec. Sharon Lamar, City Clerk
2:15 pm

**North Augusta Republican Party
1901 Whitebark Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841
803-215-6056**

February 18, 2021

To: North Augusta Municipal Election Commission
c/o City Clerk Sharon Lamar
100 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

North Augusta Republican Party Primary Official Results

This letter contains the official results of the North Augusta Republican Primary for Mayor and City Council held on February 9, 2021. The results are as follows:

Mayor

Briton Williams ELECTED with 1,512 votes
Stetson Corbitt 664 votes

Council

Pat Carpenter ELECTED with 1,499 votes
David McGhee ELECTED with 1,120 votes
Jenafer McCauley ELECTED with 1,031 votes
David Buck 972 votes
Elizabeth Jones 644 votes
Dave Leverett 566 votes
Ronnie DeLaughter 267 votes

Total voters 2,176
Council votes needed to avoid a runoff - 1017.666


ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

FEB 18 2021

CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

Rec. Sharon Lamar
3:13pm

These results are true and accurate and are officially certified by the North Augusta Republican Party as reported by the Aiken County Election Commission.


John M. Felak, Chairman



Municipal Election Commission

P. O. Box 6400
North Augusta, South Carolina 29861

February 26, 2021

The Honorable Robert A. Pettit, Mayor
City of North Augusta
P.O. Box 6400
North Augusta, South Carolina 29861

Dear Mayor Pettit,

The following candidates have been certified by the Municipal Election Commission for the office of Mayor and three seats on City Council in the forthcoming General Election on April 27, 2021.

Democratic Party: Richard Adams, Mayor
Trina Mackie, Councilmember

Republican Party: Briton Williams, Mayor
Pat Carpenter, Councilmember
Jenafer McCauley, Councilmember
David McGhee, Councilmember

No other candidates have qualified by nomination or petition.

Sincerely,

Ben Watson

Machel Knox

Carleton Vaughn

TIMELINE - GENERAL ELECTION - APRIL 27, 2021

ATTACHMENT #6

(Last Tuesday in April)

90 Days January 27, 2021, Wednesday

Revised January 20, 2021

75 Days February 11, 2021, Thursday

60 Days February 26, 2021, Friday

DATE	ACTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mon., Nov. 16, 2020	Ordinance establishing Election dates, 1st reading
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mon., Dec. 7, 2020	Ordinance establishing Election dates, 2nd reading
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tues., Dec. 8, 2020	Mail copy of Ordinance to Republican Party, Democratic Party, & Constitution Party
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tues., Dec., 8, 2020	Publish Ordinance (NA Star and NA Today); Put on website
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mon., Dec. 14, 2020	Entry into Party Primaries/Conventions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mon., Dec. 21, 2020	Close of entry into Party Primaries/Conventions (1 week for filing) (at least 45 days prior to Primary to allow for overseas military absentee ballots)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed., Jan. 27, 2021	Publish 1st Election Notice (NA Star & NA Today); Post on website (60-90 days before Election Date)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tues., Feb. 9, 2021	Primary Election Date (Tuesday date)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tues., Feb. 9, 2021	Party Convention deadline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wed., Feb. 10, 2019	Publish 1st Election Notice - (NA STAR); Post on website
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wed., Feb. 10, 2021	Deadline for Nominating <u>Petition</u> to MEC - Noon (75 days or more before Election)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tues., Feb. 23, 2021	Primary Election Run-Off ; if needed (2 weeks after Primacy/ 3 days before MEC Certification)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wed., Feb. 24, 2019	Publish 2nd Election Notice -2 weeks after 1st (NA STAR); Post on website
<input type="checkbox"/> Fri., Feb. 26, 2021	Deadline for Party Certification to MEC - Noon (no later than 60 days prior to Election)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon., Mar. 1, 2021	Deadline for MEC Certification to Council (Letter signed by MEC) - <i>will deliver to City Clerk prior Friday, 2/26</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed., Apr. 7, 2021	Absolute date for candidates to file Campaign Disclosure form pre-election (20 days prior to Election) or State will disqualify candidates (Info. was emailed to parties 12/17/20)
<input type="checkbox"/> Wed., Apr. 21, 2021	Publish 3rd Election Notice - week prior to Election (NA Star); Post on website. ALSO - <i>Contact Judge Murphy about swearing in candidates on May 3, 2021</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tues., Apr. 27, 2021	General Election (with a run-off, if necessary, on May 11, 2021)
<input type="checkbox"/> Thurs., Apr. 29, 2021	MEC Hearing on contested ballots (11:00 am)
<input type="checkbox"/> Fri., Apr. 30, 2021	Official Results delivered to City Clerk (Letter signed by MEC)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mon., May 3, 2021	Certification of Official Results at City Council Meeting; Council Acceptance by Motion; Swearing in of Candidates; Elect Mayor Pro Tempore

Precinct	Regular Polling Location	2021 City General Election Polling Location	Contact	Confirmed for 4/27/21
Fox Creek 58	*NA Public Safety- 501 W. Five Notch Rd	Grace Fellowship Church - 507 W. Five Notch Rd	803.279.6118; Brenda - office@myfaithspace.com	Yes (BW)
Fox Creek 73	(Grace Fellowship Church)			
North Augusta 68	*Mossy Creek Elementary School-421 W. Five Notch Rd			
Merriwether 1	*Merriwether Middle School-600 Murrah Rd			
North Augusta 26	(Fairview Presbyterian Church)	Fairview Presbyterian Church - 1101 Carolina Ave	803.279.6441	Yes (BW)
North Augusta 80	(Fairview Presbyterian Church)			
Carolina Heights 10	*American Legion Post 232 - 6070 Broadcast Rd	NA Community Center - 495 Brookside Dr	Rick Meyer - 441-4301 Nancy Payne - 441-4350	Yes (CV)
North Augusta 25	(NA Community Center)			
Belvedere 9	*Nancy Carson Library- 135 Edgefield Rd	Belvedere First Baptist Church - 421 Edgefield Rd	803.279.0415 - Dorothy Posey	Yes (CV)
Belvedere 44	*Belvedere Elementary School-201 Rhomboid Pl			
Belvedere 62	(Belvedere First Baptist Church)			
Belvedere 74	(Belvedere First Baptist Church)			
Asauga Lake 63	*Mt. Transfiguration Baptist Church - 350 Blanchard Rd	Crown Kingdom Cultural Center - 720 Edgefield Rd	803.634-4239 - Charles Browne	Yes (CV)
Asauga Lake 84	(Crown Kingdom Cultural Center)			
Misty Lake 45	*Mims Grove Baptist Church - 843 Ridge Rd			
North Augusta 27	(North Augusta High School)	North Augusta High School - 2000 Knobcone Ave	803.442.6100 - John Murphy	Yes (MK)
North Augusta 28	*Hammond Hill Elementary School-901 W. Woodlawn Ave	Riverview Park Activity Center - 100 Riverview Park Dr	Rick Meyer - 441-4301	Yes (SL)
North Augusta 29	*First Baptist Church North Augusta-602 Georgia Ave			
North Augusta 55	*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church-1002 Carolina Ave			
North Augusta 67	(Riverview Park Activity Center)			
North Augusta 54	*North Augusta Middle School-725 Old Edgefield Rd	Our Lady of Peace Annex - 405 LeCompte Ave	803.279.0315-Church; 803.279.8396 ext. 100- School; Monica Sautter	Yes(MK)



2021 General Election

April 27, 2021

7:00 AM-7:00 PM

Precinct: Fox Creek #58

North Augusta Public Safety – 501 W. Five Notch Road

Today's Polling Location is:

Grace Fellowship Church

507 W. Five Notch Road

Questions? Call Aiken County Board of Registration & Elections at (803) 642-2028