

The Commissioner's Court of McCulloch County met in Special Session on the 07<sup>TH</sup> day of March, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. with the following present:

Frank Trull	County Judge
Carol Anderson	Commissioner Pct. #1
Randy Deans	Commissioner Pct. #2
Rick Kemp	Commissioner Pct. #4
Christine Jones	County Clerk

**Elected Officials/Department Heads:**

**Public Comment:**


**Discussion:**

1. The Court heard from County Clerk Christine Jones and several members of the Public about the shortage of paper ballots for the March 1, 2022 Primary Election. Several citizens are not happy with the machines and that it was a long process and long wait times at the polling places. They reported that several citizens from multiply voting precincts were very frustrated and walked out without voting. County Clerk Christine Jones informed the court that the number of ballots ordered are based on the percentages from previous elections. There were 1000 ballots ordered for the Democratic Party and 1000 ballots ordered for the Republican Party. She further explained that the ballots are divided among 9 voting precincts and Early Voting and more people Early vote than on election day therefore more ballots go to early voting to be able to cover walk-In voters, mail, overseas and military voters and families. After the early voting numbers are completed, the remaining ballots are divided among the 9 voting precincts for Election Day with the larger number of ballots going to the larger precinct. It was discussed with the court the possibility of ordering more machines to help with the process, and ordering more ballots. This Republican Party had 38 races on the Primary ballot which made for longer vote time at the machine and making choices. The Democratic Party had 15 races.

**Action:**

1. The Court took no action on the Canvass of the votes. The Primary and Primary Run-Off Canvass is handled by the Party Chairs. Commissioner Anderson made the motion with Commissioner Kemp seconded. All in favor Motion carries. 5-0.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM with Commissioner Anderson making the motion and seconded by Commissioner Kemp. All in favor motion carried. 5-0

  
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Frank Trull County Judge

  
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Christine A. Jones County Clerk

