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but was not prepared to vote today. Mr. Hull stated that looking at the numbers a fourth site would be overkill especially since the Maxwell Center covered 45% of voters in the 2020 election. Mr. Artis asked for the 2020 numbers at Pikeville. Ms. Risku stated that it was the third busiest site and that the Board will have to consider more locations in the 2024 election. Mr. Hull stated that he looked all over the northern part of the county and there was not a sufficient location. Mr. Artis stated that maybe the Board could use a church.

- Public comment on early voting (4-minute limit)
 - Linda Harper, 210 Bayleaf Dr, Goldsboro, stated that an early voting plan that doesn't provide a site north of Goldsboro is unacceptable and that gas prices are too high for people to travel to Goldsboro. She also stated that churches have problems with Sunday voting.
 - Barbara Dantonio, 152 Parks Rd, Goldsboro, stated that she was speaking as a representative of Democracy North Carolina and that she and the organization were supportive of the plan as presented. She also stated that the large amount of weekend and evening hours should be sufficient for voters to vote early.

V. Public comment (4-minute limit)

- Linda Harper, 210 Bayleaf Dr, Goldsboro, stated that having worked with disabled voters it is inconvenient to let anyone help them vote. She stated that the law as previously enacted was correct as many disabled voters don't know anything about the candidates and she doesn't agree with people helping them vote. She also stated she intended to work with children to help them know who to vote for.

VI. Board comment

- Mr. Artis, Mr. Wright and Mr. Edwards welcomed Ms. Risku back. Mr. Edwards stated that the staff worked seamlessly in Ms. Risku's absence and that was a testament to good leadership.
- Ms. Risku thanked the Board and informed them that they would need to have a special meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2022 to vote on a One Stop plan. Mr. Wright asked for an explanation of the process. Ms. Risku stated the Board can accept her recommendation or amend it. But if the vote is not unanimous, the dissenting members would need to submit their own plan to the State Board who would then choose a plan for the County.

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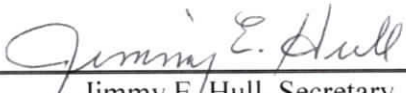
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VII. Adjournment:

- With all business having been conducted, Mr. Artis made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.



Jimmy E. Hull, Secretary