

## DELBERT HOSEMANN Secretary of State

December 5, 2018

Hon. Sheila Jones, Board President Madison County Board of Supervisors 125 West North Street Post Office Box 608 Canton, Mississippi 39046

Re:

Disposition of TSX Voting Machines

Dear Ms. Jones:

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 4, 2018 regarding the intention of Madison County to dispose of its TSX Voting Machines, some which were acquired from the State of Mississippi in connection with its statewide bulk purchase of the same in connection with the implementation of the Help America Vote Act and others which were purchased by Madison County by its own funds.

Given the restrictions imposed upon voting equipment purchased with federal grant monies, such as those 164 of Madison County's TSX Voting Machines purchased by the State, we will accept the return of these machines to its inventory. With regard to the 148 TSX Voting Machines purchased by Madison County, the State has no objection to the County's decision to sell or otherwise dispose of the same if the archive on each machine has been cleared and deleted of all stored electronic ballot images.

As we discussed with the Hon. Katie Snell, the Board's Counsel, each voting machine retains an image of every electronic ballot cast unless and until the archive is deleted and cleared. It is our understanding, none of the archives of these machines have been deleted or cleared as of the date of our conversation with Ms. Snell. According the State's Retention Schedule, ballot images archived on the TSX Voting Machines are to be retained for two (2) years after the certification of election results. After that period of time, such ballot images are to be destroyed.

Madison County may certainly proceed to sell or otherwise dispose of its TSX voting machines after our office has been provided with a written certification that the archive of each TSX voting machine it intends to sell has been successfully cleared of all ballot images. If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Kim Turner with the Elections Division at <a href="mailto:kim.turner@sos.ms.gov">kim.turner@sos.ms.gov</a> or (601) 359-5137.

Sincerely,

Delbert Hosemann Secretary of State

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, in the Board Room of the Madison County Chancery and Administrative Building in the City of Canton, Mississippi. The meeting was webcast live to the public through the County's website. The following Commissioners were present at the beginning of the meeting:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale participated via telephone
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray, IT Director Duane Thompson and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present.

Commissioner Hodges called the meeting to order and Spence Flatgard began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Hodges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission then considered the three (3) items listed on the public notice for its special meeting.

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Section 23-15-359, the Commission held its properly noticed hearing to allow Courtney Rainey an opportunity to be heard on its finding that she was not qualified to be placed on the general election ballot having been convicted of a felony. Ms. Rainey did not attend the hearing and the Commission was statutorily required to not place her name on the ballot. The Commission made that ruling upon the motion of Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Lacy and the unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission discussed the number of ballots to order for the general election. Commissioners Jackson-Adams and Lacy requested a number equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the number of registered voters in the precincts in their district. The other Commissioners wished to review the statutory requirements, consider the impact of split precincts in their districts and the number of voters in the recent primary election before making a final determination. Clerk Wray will discuss the final number of ballots that the County will order with the Commissioners before making the order.

The Commission next removed from the table by unanimous consent the request from the County Administrator for the Commission to either certify or agree with the following statement or to advise the County as to why the statement is not accurate if it cannot certify the statement:

All TSX machines owned or used by Madison County do not contain any data associated with an election that were certified in the past two years. Therefore, any election data

on these machines is from an election that was certified prior to August 1, 2017.

County IT Director Duane Thompson explained that the County asked for a quote for a company to shred the machines and he gave a brief description of the services of the company who provided the quote. Commissioner Lacy expressed his interest in the machines being turned over to Mr. Thompson for the process of shredding under the procedure he described.

Commissioner Lacy made a motion for the Commission to certify the following statement which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges:

All TSX machines owned or used by Madison County do not contain any data associated with an election that were certified in the past two years. Therefore, any election data on these machines is from an election that was certified prior to August 1, 2017.

The Commission certified the statement, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney

"Aye"

District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges

"Aye"

District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale

"Abstained"

District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams "Aye"

District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

"Aye"

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent until October 9, 2019.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the \_\_9th\_\_\_ day of

**ULIA HODGES CHAIRMAN** 

PAT TRUESDALE

SECRETARY

# **Estimate**

#### Magnolia Data Solutions, LLC

160 Fairbanks St. Jackson, MS 39202

Phone	Fax	Date	Estimate #
601-919-0062	601-510-9094	8/8/2019	132336

Name / Address	
Madison County	
Accounts Payable	
125 West North Street	
Canton, MS 39046	

Description

Scope:
SERVICES PROVIDED. We will provide you with analytical, collection, management, transportation, disposal and/or recycling services for your waste materials including the complete destruction of all Hard Drives by means of shredding.

In the case of shipments of universal waste, we are authorized to receive and handle those wastes at the facility that will receive your equipment. We will transport and recycle/dispose all in conformance with 40.CFR.273.

Electronic Waste - Electronic Equipment - Computer Tower Removal If Needed, Included with any shredding services

Hard Drive Shredding - On Site Voting Machine Destruction - TSX Units

Service - No Tax

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CL			Madison Co.	
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\$2,620.00

# **Transparent Recycling Solutions**

Total