

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
APRIL 11, 2024**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on April 11, 2024, in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Madison County Chancery and Administrative Building in the City of Canton, Mississippi. The following Commissioners were present at the beginning of the meeting:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney
District Two Commissioner Barbara Gross
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Anthony Denton
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Circuit Clerk Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present.

Chairman Carney called the meeting to order and Commissioner Truesdale began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Denton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its February 6th meeting. Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented with a second by Commissioner Gross.

The Commission approved its minutes of its meeting, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-“Aye”
District Two Commissioner Barbara Gross-“Aye”
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-“Aye”
District Four Commissioner Anthony Denton-“Aye”
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-“Aye”

Circuit Clerk Wray gave her report detailing the recent VR-001 Voter Movement Report including the movement of three hundred and ninety-seven (397) voters in the County since the last Commission meeting. The Commission acknowledged the report which is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk’s office. She reported very light turnout for the Republican runoff in Congressional district two which she will close out in SEMS following the meeting. Commissioner Truesdale inquired about what new equipment may be needed and Clerk Wray suggested printers and more supplies for the fall election.

The Commissioners submitted their lists of names to be purged from voter rolls by District on a SEMS VR-007 Report showing voters who were deceased or who had moved. The Reports included the following totals of voters in each District: District 1 – 40, District 2 – 28, District 3 - 33, District 4 – 40 and District 5 – 6. The names to be

purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Truesdale and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission acknowledged that it did not consider the change of status from active status to inactive status for any voter since its last meeting as the majority of the time it was within ninety (90) days of a federal election, so was prohibited by law from doing so.

In Old Business, the Commission approved the following Uniform/Dress Policy upon a motion by Commissioner Denton, a second by Commission Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission:

Commissioners may wear a shirt and/or vest with identifying features provided by the County while performing official duties which only Commissioners shall be allowed to wear. Commissioners shall return their official shirt and/or vest at the end of their service in their final term.

Commissioner Carney reported that no names were found on the voter rolls to be purged who were identified as citizens having committed disenfranchising crimes at its last meeting.

In New Business, the Commissioners discussed the delay in some poll workers being paid following their work in the primary election. They expect that to be corrected in the general election as they will make sure the poll workers are identified with completed paper work earlier in the process. The Commission also discussed improving upon the form to make it easier to identify the poll worker.

The Commission acknowledged and approved the ballot orders from Absolute Printing for the recent elections and approved them by unanimous consent.

Commissioner carney encouraged each Commissioner in voter roll maintenance in their Districts through addressing voters identified in SEMS as having moved or by the Department of Health as having deceased.

The Commission approved the shredding for 17 boxes of miscellaneous officer materials in compliance with state law upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Denton and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission approved the requests of each Commissioner to attend the 39th annual elections conference in September, to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and offered his bill and approved it upon a motion from Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Denton and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission allowed Democratic Party Vice Chair Johnnie _____ to speak regarding the payment of poll workers.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Carney requested each Commissioner provide their list of poll workers by October 16th.

Commissioner Gross reiterated the need to identify poll workers early in the process.

Commissioner Truesdale read a thank you note from Mayor Hawkins for the Commission honoring her husband and former Election Commissioner Jim Butler.

She offered a motion to purchase 43 red ballot collection bags from Absolute Solutions. Following discussion, she moved to amend her motion to raise the number to 50 with a second by Commissioner Denton and a unanimous vote of the Commission. The amended motion was approved with a second by Commissioner Denton and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioner Truesdale offered to obtain an updated quote and submit the request to the Board of Supervisors.

She also offered a proposed policy for election equipment which she tabled by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Denton identified the need for the Commissioner’s to have more permanent assistance from the County in lifting and moving election related items in the performance of their duties. The Commissioners discussed their outreach to implement this need.

Commissioner Lacy discussed the efforts to split the Fairview precinct to alleviate the overcrowding by sending some voter to Deerfield and discussions to send some to a school in District 2.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on May 8th, upon a motion from Commissioner Truesdale, a second from Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

HELEN CARNEY
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

PAT TRUESDALE
SECRETARY