

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 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 Timothy Jenkins
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Jackson
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were Supervisor David Bishop, Supervisor Shelia Jones, Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard and approximately fifteen (15) citizens, including poll workers and poll managers.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its October 10th meeting. Commissioner Lacy made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. The Commission approved the minutes as presented with a unanimous vote.

The Commissioners next submitted their individual lists of names to be purged from the voter rolls for voters who were deceased or who had moved out of the County. Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of forty-four (44) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of fifteen (15) names and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of twenty-three (23) names. Each of these Commissioners also offered the required supporting documentation for their respective lists for the Commission's review. The Commission approved the purges upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Jenkins and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Circuit Clerk Wray joined the meeting after assisting voters in her office to vote by absentee ballot, and made her report, including:

- Providing the current Voter Movement Report to the Commission which the Commission acknowledged and is available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk's Office. She noted that the report had an unusually high number of voters this month.
- Thanking the Commission for getting her the tablets and scanners in time to allow her to prepare them for L&A testing and the election.

- Reporting that absentee voting was strong for the runoff election.
- Encouraging the Commission to quickly enter the new addresses from accepted affidavit voters to ensure those citizens were listed on the voter rolls for the runoff.
- Noting that Logic & Accuracy testing for the runoff would begin next week.
- Advising that she would clean election bags and boxes out as soon as she was able to allow for them to be refilled and used for the runoff.

The Commission next acknowledged that it was in the period before an election when it was prohibited from changing the status of voters from active to inactive and made no changes at its meeting. This acknowledgement was made through a motion by Commissioner Hodges, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business:

- Commissioner Truesdale asked the Commissioners to submit their list of poll workers for the runoff election as soon as they were able.
- Commissioner Truesdale requested Commissioners to sign up for time slots during Logic & Accuracy testing to prepare their voting equipment for the runoff election. Commissioners Truesdale, Lacy, Hodges and Jenkins volunteered to perform this service for the Commission.
- The Commission decided that the receiving managers should pick up their bags in the 5:45- 6:00 p.m. timeframe on the eve of the runoff election.
- The Commission also decided to again hire three (3) temporary helpers the night of the election to arrive by 7:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Hodges reported that First Baptist Madison sent notice that they would not serve as a polling location after the runoff election. She noted that Highland Chapel voters would need to be moved to Parkway Pentecostal Church next year. Commissioner Jenkins added that Grace Chapel would need to be moved next year during their construction period.

In New Business, the Commission:

- Approved the following voters' requests to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list: John McPhail and Joan Buck. The requests were approved upon a motion from Commissioner Jenkins, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Coordinated election night logistics and the composition of the Resolution Board, including Sheila Willis, Nan Lyles, Alice Scott, Cyndi Owen and an additional appointment from Commissioner Lacy. The need to allow voters to vote by absentee before the ballots for the runoff can be printed will require the resolution board to take those early absentee ballots and fill them out on scannable ballots for the scanners.
- Each citizen in attendance was offered the opportunity to speak, and the following poll workers (with precinct number listed) spoke to the

Commission: Jimmie Lee Van Buren (406), Sarah Vance (419), Dorothy Jackson (408), Barbara Brown (416), Veda Archie (524), Betty Robinson (417), Nancy Bowering (206). The poll workers offered their insight as to ways to improve upon the last election, including having more poll workers assigned to their polling location to allow them to be able to take a lunch break. The majority of the speakers highlighted the higher number of voters who had to vote by affidavit ballot this election. Those poll workers asked why that occurred and how the process for inactivating voters worked. They cited the inconvenience for the voter and poll worker of voting by affidavit ballot. Commissioners Hodges, Jenkins and Truesdale explained the Commission's obligation to maintain accurate voter rolls. They also explained the process for moving voters to inactive status after a jury summons and confirmation card are returned as undeliverable to the voter's address in their voter registration. The Commission emphasized that each affidavit vote cast by a voter on the inactive list who was found to be properly registered to vote was counted, amounting to over 500 votes this election. That process also allowed the County to correct their addresses.

The Commission Attorney gave his report, including passing out the law from the Secretary of State's presentation to ECAM regarding the Commission's duty to maintain the integrity of the voter rolls and the procedures for voter roll maintenance. He then submitted his bill which the Commission reviewed. Commissioner Hodges made a motion to approve the Commission Attorney's bill which was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Jenkins reported that 13,671 voters were on inactive status in Madison County. He gave an example of a voter who had been voting at the wrong location for years after she moved to The Mark Apartments which happens to be a polling location. When she was inactivated, it began the change to her correctly voting where she lived which was also more convenient. Commissioner Jackson left the meeting during his comments.
- Commissioner Hodges offered three (3) voters who attempted to vote by affidavit ballot claiming their address was the UPS Store. The affidavit ballots will be referred to the District Attorney's office by the Commission's counsel.
- Commissioner Truesdale noted that the Commission needed to fill the bags with extra election materials. She also requested assistance with delivering election equipment. Commissioner Jackson rejoined the meeting during her comments.

Commissioner Jenkins made a motion that each Commissioner be responsible for ensuring that all election equipment and materials be delivered in order to their respective polling locations. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion. Following discussion, the Commission adopted the motion with each Commissioner voting as follows:

Commissioner Jenkins	AYE
Commissioner Hodges	AYE
Commissioner Truesdale	AYE
Commissioner Jackson	SUSTAINED
Commissioner Lacy	NO

- Commissioner Jackson had no comments.
- Commissioner Lacy discussed ordering necessary items for the runoff election, including pens that will not harm the scanners. He suggested approaching the Supervisors to ask for more poll workers. He also began a discussion on assessing the need for ordering additional election equipment to replace broken equipment. Clerk Wray added that any new machines would have to be calibrated.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, noting its next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12th, 2018. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy and the unanimous consent of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 12 day of December, 2018.


PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY