

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MAY 1, 2018**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 1, 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 website. The following Commissioners were present at the beginning of the meeting:

District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were IT Director Duane Thompson and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard. Circuit Clerk Wray was delayed in joining the meeting due to her duties attending to a jury pool.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its April 11th meeting. Commissioner Jackson-Adams made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges. The Commission approved the minutes as presented with a unanimous vote.

Circuit Clerk Wray joined the meeting provided the current Voter Movement Report which the Commission noted and is available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. She also provided sample ballots for the primary elections, noting that there were twelve (12) split precincts for the upcoming elections. She advised that the old TSX machines haven't been moved yet to make space for Logic & Accuracy ("L&A") testing. She also reported that absentee voting had begun and the deadline for registering to vote in the June elections is the following Monday.

The Commission met its statutory obligation to consider the list of citizens who had been convicted of felonies since the last statutory purge date and determine whether they had committed a disenfranchising crime. The Commission Attorney had reviewed the list provided by the Circuit Clerk and highlighted recommended names to be purged from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The Commission reviewed the list and asked counsel questions then voted to purge eighteen (18) names from the voter rolls, should they be registered voters. The action was taken upon a motion by Commissioner Jackson-Adams, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioner Hodges had reviewed the list of 18 names prior to the meeting, finding only one registered voter and offering to purge the citizen's name from the voter rolls.

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. Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of twenty-one (21) names and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of eleven (11) 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 Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission has no inactive voters to report as federal law prohibits doing so within ninety (90) days of an election.

In Old Business, the Commission approved two new testers of the equipment for the primary election: Nickolai Lesh and Tressa George. The Commission will forward their W-9 forms to the County with the request to incorporate them into the relevant purchase order.

Commissioner Jackson-Adams offered an amendment to the April minutes to reflect that Commissioner Lacy made the motion to amend the dates for the parties to pack their supply bags. Her amendment was accepted by unanimous consent.

Chairman Truesdale encouraged all Commissioners to take a shift along with Clerk Wray during L&A testing. She offered to fill in gaps after Commissioners volunteered for days of their choice. L&A testing will be held on May 29th at 9:00 a.m. (Commissioner Jenkins), May 30th at 8:00 a.m. (Commissioner Hodges), May 31st at 8:00 a.m. and June 1st at 8:00 a.m.

In New Business, the Commission set training sessions for poll managers for Tuesday, May 15th at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Madison County Chancery and Administrative Building and Tuesday, May 22nd at 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Trace Ridge Baptist Church in Ridgeland. The Commission also inventoried what else needed to be ordered for the primary elections.

The Commission Attorney gave his report, and offered to follow up with the party chairmen on key dates and tasks in May in preparation for the primary election. He then submitted his bill which the Commission reviewed. Commissioner Hodges made a motion the Commission Attorney's bill which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Lacy stressed the need for training sessions to have one person talking at a time.

Commissioner Jackson-Adams stated the Commission's office and surrounding area needs to be made safer.


Commissioner Truesdale stated the Commission would raise their concerns regarding security, and recent incidents, at the next Board of Supervisors' meeting. Commissioner Lacy suggested asking the City of Canton Police Department to patrol the parking lot by the office and assist when needed.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting to reconvene at its next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 13th, 2018. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 12th day of June, 2018.


PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY