

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
April 12, 2017

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in the Board of 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 One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were Circuit Clerk Anita Wray, Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard, Madison County IT Director Duane Thompson and Lisa Williams.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its March meeting. Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that the minutes be accepted with a correction noted by Commissioner Lacy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson-Adams.

The Commission voted as follows:

District One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins-“Aye”
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-“Aye”
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-“Aye”
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-“Aye”

Circuit Clerk Wray reported that the process of creating poll books for the municipal elections was completed and that they had been distributed to the cities. The municipalities are scheduled to conduct Logic & Accuracy (“L&A”) testing on the voting equipment in the last week of April.

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-eight (28) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of fifty-eight (58) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of twenty-three (23) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twenty-one (21) 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 Hodges, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission next considered Commissioner requests to acknowledge the appropriate change of status from active status to inactive status for names on the voter rolls. Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of two thousand two hundred fifty-eight (2,258) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of six hundred ninety-eight (698) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of one hundred thirty three (133) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twenty-five (25) names. In addition, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of seventy-three (73) voters to purge from her District's inactive voter list and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of one hundred ninety-six (196) voters to purge from his District's inactive voter list. 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 Hodges, a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Under Old Business, Circuit Clerk Wray confirmed that the process of making certain the voters were in their correct precinct in the SEMS system for the municipal elections was completed. The Commission noted that they had removed seven (7) voter's names from the voter rolls following their last determination of citizens who had committed disenfranchising crimes.

The Commission next discussed synchronizing the current names of precincts with the names of precincts in the SEMS database so that a voter will receive a voter card with a precinct name they more easily recognize, *eg.*, The Mark Apartments as opposed to "Ridgeland Precinct 4." By unanimous consent, the Commission directed Commissioner Truesdale to work with Clerk Wray on this project.

Under New Business, the Commission acknowledged the Voter Movement Report which is available for public inspection is in the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Lacy raised the idea of appointing one spokesperson from the Commission to be the media's point of contact. The Commission discussed the matter and decided to discuss it further over the next month and consider it at its next meeting. The issue was tabled upon a motion by Commissioner Jenkins which was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Commission next discussed accepting voter signatures on the electronic poll book tablets. The advantage of easier retrieval names was mentioned by Commissioner Jenkins and Commissioner Lacy raised the issue of training poll workers to do another task. Commissioner Lacy made a motion for the Commission to take this matter under advisement and discuss it further, Commissioner Jackson-Adams seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Commission acknowledged a statutory deadline for all polling locations to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Commission planned to go to polling locations and inspect them for access issues, as it has done before.

Under Comments from Commissioners, Commissioner Hodges reported that she had conducted a poll worker training session for the City of Madison poll workers with Commissioner Truesdale's assistance with an additional session scheduled for April 22nd. Also, she was considering additional polling location options for Gluckstadt to reduce the high number of voters assigned to Gluckstadt Catholic Church. She was also considering options for the voters living in Reunion subdivision.

Commissioner Truesdale noted that a page was missing from the copy of its March minutes before the Commission so made a motion to rescind their approval to allow the Commission to consider and approve them at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Truesdale explained that Precinct 314's polling location needed a sign to explain to voters it was still a polling location to alleviate any confusion caused by it no longer being leased by Victory Christian Church. The Commission approved by unanimous consent the purchase of a sign for that purpose.

Information Technology Director Duane Thompson reported that new personal computers for the Commission would be installed the next week. He explained that the water damage to the old equipment in the Commission's office caused by the rain storm and leaking roof was not fixed as he was about to install new fiber and hardware.

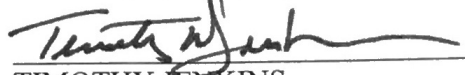
Commissioner Jenkins commented that the new power point projector worked well for the ECAM Board meeting the County hosted.

Commissioner Lacy gave the Commission a report on changes to the Election Code passed in the recent legislative session. Many of the changes he advocated for in his role as Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs for ECAM.


The Commission Attorney presented his report, primarily dealing with details for the upcoming municipal elections. The Commission reviewed its attorney's bill and Commissioner Jackson-Adams made a motion to approve it which was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale, and approved by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission concluded its consideration of the agenda items and adjourned the meeting upon a motion Commissioner Jackson-Adams, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 10th day of May, 2017.


TIMOTHY JENKINS
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY