

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JULY 3, 2023**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 1:30 P.M. on July 3, 2023, 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 Lauren Payne
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson

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

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its May 10th meeting, noting that it had suspended its June meeting due to poll worker training. Commissioner Dickinson made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne.

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

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"Aye"
District Two Commissioner Lauren Payne-"Aye"
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"
District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson-"Aye"

Clerk Wray gave her report including providing the VR-001 Voter Movement Reports detailing the movement of four hundred seventy-three (473) voters in the County since the last Commission meeting, which the Commission acknowledged and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. She also noted absentee voting had begun and her office would be open for absentee voters on Saturday mornings on July 8th, July 29th and August 5th.

The Commissioners next 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 – 127, District 2 – 63, District 3 - 98, District 4 – 60 and District 5 – 56. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission next considered the appropriate change of status from active status to inactive status for names on the voter rolls and on a SEMS VR-007 Report. The Reports included the following totals of voters in each District: District 1 – 111, District 2 – 26, District 3 - 27, District 4 – 84 and District 5 – 4. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business:

- Commissioner Carney made a motion to approve J&J Moving to deliver and retrieve the voting equipment for the primary elections. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission, with the quote from the company attached hereto.
- Commissioner Payne reported that she had verified another thirty-one (31) voters on the AOC report as having committed disenfranchising crimes to be removed from the voter rolls. She made a motion to do so, followed by a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioner Payne commended the Commission for its work in this area, beginning with a long list of 150-200 voters provided by the Secretary of State and which now has 3 names left to verify.

In New Business:

- The Commission added Peggy Reigel to the permanent absentee ballot list upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission also acknowledged that Laura Sullivan had withdrawn her candidacy from the Republican primary election for Madison County Tax Collector.
- Commissioner Truesdale provided copies of the 2023 – 2024 Budget request she had submitted to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission will find out later exactly what the working budget is after its approval.
- The Commissioners discussed the precinct changes from redistricting.

The Commission Attorney then gave his report explaining an addendum to the GOP contract for the primary elections regarding responsibility for any damages to the voting equipment during poll worker training which was agreed to by unanimous consent and is attached hereto. Next, 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 suggested three (3)

recommended names to be purged from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The Commission reviewed the list, and asked questions of counsel. The action to purge the three (3) recommended name was taken upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioner Payne volunteered to execute the action.

The Commission Attorney then submitted his legal bill for the Commission's consideration. The Commission reviewed his bill and approved it upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Carney congratulated the Commission on its work to process the returned mail to continue to clean up the voter rolls. Commissioner Truesdale added that it is a good tool to get current addresses for inactive voters (who can still vote by affidavit) if they have moved.

Commissioner Payne emphasized the importance of focusing on continued poll worker training regarding precinct splits with multiple ballots following redistricting.

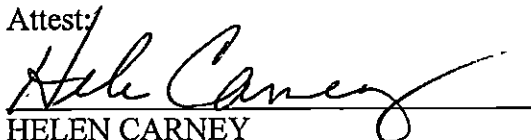
Commissioner Truesdale encouraged the public to review sample ballots now available for their polling location.

The Commission acknowledged by unanimous consent its list of poll workers for the Republican primary election, attached hereto.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second from Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.


PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY