

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
APRIL 11, 2018

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 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 Five Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were Circuit Clerk Anita Wray, IT Director Duane Thompson and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard. District One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins participated in the meeting by telephone since he was out of town.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its March 14th meeting. Commissioner Hodges made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins. Commissioners Lacy offered an amendment to change the dates for packing supply bags to May 7th and 8th and fix one typographical error, changing “ca” to “a.” The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent and the Commission approved the minutes with a unanimous vote.

Clerk Wray provided the current Voter Movement Report to the Commission which the Commission noted and is available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk’s office. She reported that she has supplies from Elections Systems & Software (“ES&S”) for the primary election and that the Secretary of State’s office will generate ballots for the parties’ approval by April 16th.

Commissioner Jenkins asked how many voter cards were mailed to the new Vertical Church precinct and Clerk Wray reported that approximately 2,380 cards were mailed. Commissioner Hodges reported that between 50-60 cards were returned. Commissioner Truesdale then asked when the old election machinery would be moved from the basement and the Clerk responded that we were conferring with ES&S about it.

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 Jenkins held his list to submit them in person at the Commission’s next meeting, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of thirty-four (34) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of thirteen (13) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of forty-two

(42) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of fifty (50) 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 Jackson-Adams, a second by Commissioner Hodges 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 four (4) testers of the equipment for the primary election: Jacquez Shorter, Austin Blackledge, Heather Smith and Rodderick Greene. The Commission approved a request for a purchase order to pay for their services in the amount of up to two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), calculated that the job could take up to one hundred (100) hours at \$25.00 per hour.

The Commission next discussed its four (4) remaining poll worker training sessions and which Commissioners would attend each session. The Commission also discussed whether they should make arrangements for temporary help on election eve and election night. Commissioner Lacy suggested asking the parties their view and continuing the discussion at the next meeting.

In New Business, the Commission discussed the relevant law and the practice of having separate receipt books for voters for each party during the primary election. The Commission decided to continue the practice of providing enough receipt books for the parties to have separate books on election day.

Commissioner Truesdale initiated a discussion on how to handle different ballots with the new election equipment and process should there be split precincts in the primary elections. The Commission will learn which split precincts there will be from the Secretary of State's office this month and will continue the discussion at its next meeting.

Commissioner Jenkins raised the issue of having the voters sign in using the electronic poll books in the November general election. He stated that the electronic signatures would be easier to collect and retrieve. He made a motion to approve the process for the general election which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges. During discussion, several Commissioners requested additional information on other counties using this approach and whether the law allowed for electronic signatures. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to table the motion to allow for the Commission to study the issue further which was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. The Commission voted on the motion to table as follows:

District One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins-"No"
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye"
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"No"
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

The Commission Attorney gave his report, including his work with the party chairmen on the primary election and complimenting their conscientiousness and cooperation. He then submitted his bill which the Commission reviewed. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to approve payment of the Commission Attorney's bill which was seconded by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hodges discussed the logistics of storing, organizing and moving equipment and related materials.

Commissioner Jackson-Adams raised the need for additional extension cords and power strips.

Commissioner Lacy suggested the value of bringing actual election day materials to poll worker training, such as the actual pens voters will use for ballots. He also reported back to the Commission that he had contacted the County Road Manager regarding dates to deliver election equipment and worked through the paperwork to allow the County to use Madison Crossing Elementary School as a polling location in the primary elections.

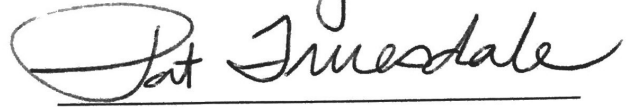
Commissioner Truesdale brought before the Commission the quote from ES&S for primary election support for the June 5, 2018 election amounting to \$18,735.00. The Commission requested a purchase order for the services upon a motion by Commissioner Jenkins, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioner Truesdale added that the County informed her that the ballot boxes the Commission requested would be considered at the next Board of Supervisors meeting which she would attend to be available to answer questions.

Commissioner Truesdale also reminded the Commission that all precincts must be HAVA compliant to accommodate disabled voters by 2019. This will require planning and work to implement improvements for older polling locations and combining some precincts.

Commissioner Jenkins responded to a question from earlier in the meeting, reporting that Hinds, Monroe and DeSoto Counties had changed their voting procedures to have voters give electronic signatures before voting.

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, May 1st, 2018, which is a Purge Date. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 1st day of May, 2018.



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY