

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON  
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
AUGUST 8, 2018**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 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 Azzie Jackson  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were Circuit Clerk Anita Wray, Information Technology Director Duane Thompson and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Lacy 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 reported on several helpful election items she gathered at the Circuit Clerk's Convention. The Secretary of State's Elections Division advised the counties to remove Secretary Hosemann's name from public election materials next year as he will be on the ballot. She reported that the County would receive approximately \$147,000 in HAVA funds which Commissioner Lacy advised need to be spent at the polling locations. Also, the Circuit Clerk's office is currently preparing for the November elections. Finally, Clerk Wray provided the current Voter Movement Report to the Commission which the Commission acknowledged and is available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk's Office.

The Commissioners next submitted their individual lists of names to be purged from the voter rolls for voters deceased or who had moved. Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of fifty-seven (57) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of twenty-eight (28) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of twenty-one (21) names, Commissioner Jackson submitted a list of forty-three (43) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of thirty-one (31) names. Each 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 Jenkins and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission next considered Commissioner requests to acknowledge the change of status from active status to inactive status for certain names on the voter rolls. Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of eighty-five (85) names, Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of ninety (90) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of two hundred and nine (209) names, and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twenty-five (25) 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 noted that the window under federal law to allow for the inactivation of voters names on the voter rolls ended on the date of their meeting, ninety (90) days before the November 6<sup>th</sup> election.

In Old Business, Commissioner Hodges presented quotes on pre-packaged sets of Accountability Sheets and Ballot Accounting Reports printed on different colored pages. The Commission discussed the quantity needed and Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to order 1,000 Accountability sheets (at the cost of approximately \$680.00) and 500 Ballot Accounting Reports (\$225.00). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Jenkins made a motion for the Commission to change the procedure for voters not voting by absentee or affidavit to start using the electronic pollbooks to sign in at polling locations in the November elections instead of signing paper receipt books. Commissioner Hodges seconded the motion. Commissioner Jackson expressed her position that she would still like to continue to use paper receipt books for voter signatures. Following a discussion in which each Commissioner shared their views on the motion, the motion was approved with each Commissioner voting 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: "No"  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy: "No"

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to order receipt books to use in the upcoming elections which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy. The motion was not approved with each Commission voting as follows:

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

The Commission next reviewed printed examples of cases to transport the electronic tablets safely, discussing which option would be best. Upon a motion by Commissioner Hodges, a second by Commissioner Jenkins and a unanimous vote of the Commission, the Commission will inspect one of the cases at its next meeting

Commissioner Truesdale provided a handout from the County titled "Fiscal 2019 Budget Request: General County Fund: Elections." She conveyed the details of her meeting with the County and the Commission discussed their budgetary needs for the next year involving elections for state and county offices.

In New Business, Commissioner Truesdale made a motion to remove Beatrice Walker from the permanent absentee voter roll and to add Virginia Garland to the same. Commissioner Jenkins provided a second to the motion which was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard stated the County requested a contract for legal services with his new law firm Watkins & Eager, PLLC. He offered the Commission a letter agreement at an hourly rate of \$225.00/hour. The Commission reviewed the proposed agreement and approved it upon a motion by Commissioner Jenkins, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Lacy led the Commission in a discussion of polling locations as Grace Crossing Baptist Church will no longer be a polling location after this year's elections. He conveyed the Board of Supervisors preferences and the Commission took the matter under advisement, recognizing the need to take action by early 2019.

Commissioner Hodges explained the need for a new polling lease agreement between the County and Parkway Pentecostal Church of Madison, Mississippi for the Highland Chapel precinct. Highland Chapel no longer exists as a church and Parkway Pentecostal owns the polling location which will still be referred to as the Highland Chapel precinct for the upcoming elections. Commissioner Hodges will follow up on having the new agreement approved and executed by both parties in time for the next election.

The Commission Attorney gave a brief report on the aforementioned polling lease agreements and then submitted his bill which the Commission reviewed. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to approve the Commission Attorney's bill which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hodges asked the Commission whether a power point presentation and stickers with coded numbers on election equipment for the poll workers would be helpful. She also noted the need to manage and limit the number of poll workers at each training session to enhance the attendees' experience.

Commissioner Jackson stated that the Secretary of State's office was communicating that each polling location is required to have one poll worker complete on-line training and would pay that poll workers \$25.00 who took that training as their precinct's representative. The payment would not be processed until after the November election. She also renewed her request for ordering and using printed receipt books.

Commissioner Truesdale followed up on Commissioner Jackson's point about on-line training for poll workers, reminding the Commission that each Commissioner was responsible for that requirement being met in their respective districts.

Commissioner Lacy commented on using SEMS as a tool to identify voters listed as 119 or older and the need to follow up on those names for purging through the legal steps required. He also encouraged Commissioners to register for the ECAM conference through the website.

Commissioner Truesdale requested Commissioners' input on the worksheet for poll workers and supplies, including seals, for each precinct. She also reminded the Commissioners of the need to attend a mandatory insurance meeting offered on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

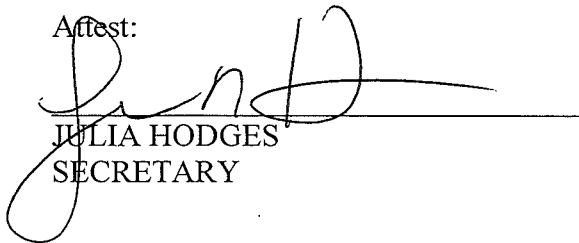
The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting to reconvene at its next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Commissioner Jenkins, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 10 day of September, 2018.



PAT TRUESDALE  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



JULIA HODGES  
SECRETARY