

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JULY 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, July 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 Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges joined the meeting by teleconference. Also present were Circuit Clerk Anita Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its June 13th meeting. Commissioner Hodges made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy. The Commission approved the minutes as presented with a unanimous vote.

Circuit Clerk Wray reported that the Congressional run-off elections went well and she had received positive feedback from voters on the new voting equipment. She is in the process of putting away items from the election.

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, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of fifteen (15) names, Commissioner Jackson Adams submitted a list of twenty-five (25) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of forty-six (46) 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 Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission has no inactive voters to report as federal law prohibited doing so until the recent run-off election was closed and the Commission noted that the narrow window to inactive voters would end ninety (90) days before the November 6th election, which will be August 8, 2018.

In Old Business, the Commission discussed the Election Center Conference in New Orleans which Commissioner Lacy will attend and report back to the Commission. The Commission discussed whether to solicit a quote on pre-packaged Accountability Sheets and decided to continue the discussion at the next meeting after assessing the need. The Commission also decided to wait to order Express Vote Envelopes.

In New Business, Commissioner Truesdale showed the Commission a sample ballot bag which expanded to hold up to 1,000 ballots and could stand up by itself. The Commission doesn't have enough ballot bags for the general election and will consider ordering more at its next meeting. The Commission also discussed and decided to order additional supplies including forty-five (45) power surge protectors which are required for each scanner, "I VOTED" stickers and seals with bar codes.

The Commission Attorney reported that he attended the Mississippi Association of Supervisors Convention and its continuing education seminar for attorneys which had helpful updates on public meeting law applying to election commissions. He then submitted his bill which the Commission reviewed. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to pay the Commission Attorney's bill which was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Hodges stated that she saw a need to explain the Accountability Sheet in more detail to poll workers.

Commissioner Jackson asked that the Commission's office be cleaned. Commissioner Truesdale advised that the County was in the process of receiving quotes on that service.

Commissioner Lacy announced that the law that ECAM lobbied for to raise the Commissioner's per diem by one hundred dollars (\$100.00) went into effect on July 1st. He also reported to the Commission that he had worked through ECAM's IRS issues and its tax-exempt status was re-instated with no need to file tax payments. He also suggested that the Commission consider offering to run the primary elections for the political parties as many other counties do.

Commissioner Truesdale shared a draft of the Commission's budget request, noting adjustments for items such as additional paper ballots given the new voting system. She asked the Commission to review and comment prior to her submitting it to the County. She suggested that the Commission declare an outdated Apple Computer in the Commission office as surplus which was approved by unanimous consent. Item Control Number is Madison County 5761.

Commissioner Lacy added that the County should develop a plan to spend the HAVA money that Madison County is allotted this year.

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, August 8th, 2018. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 8 day of August, 2018.

Pat Truesdale

PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

Julia Hodges

JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY