

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JUNE 13, 2018**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 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 One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were IT Director Duane Thompson and Circuit Clerk Wray. District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams was absent due to illness and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard was attending a continuing education seminar for county attorneys.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its May 1st meeting. Commissioner Timothy Jenkins 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 provided the current Voter Movement Report which the Commission noted and is available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. She also reported that the recent Primary Election went well; and that there was approximately 358 Absentee Ballots and 110 Affidavit Ballots. She said the party chairmen were meeting at 10:00 AM to certify the election results. There was a low turnout of voters for the primary; and out of the four (4) "No Photo ID Presented" Envelopes, no voter presented the proper picture identification to her office within the five (5) business days. Circuit Clerk Wray also reported that she has ordered a specific envelope for the blank paper that is used in the Express Vote machine so the paper can be preserved from damage in travel. Circuit Clerk Wray said her office will be open June 16th and 23rd for absentee voting.

The Commissioners next submitted their individual lists of names to be purges from the voter rolls for voters who were deceased or who had moved. Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of twenty-four (24) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of seventeen (17) names, and Commissioner Truesdale 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 Jenkins, a second by Commissioner Hodges, and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commissioner had no inactive Voters to report as federal law prohibits doing so within ninety (90) days of an election.

In Old Business, the Commission discussed the dates for L&A Testing for the June 26th Primary Run-Off Election. Commissioner Hodges reported that Gavin Birdsong with ES&S would be there June 18-19, 2018 to check out the machines and do preliminary set up. Then June 20-21, 2018 would involve the Testers. Commissioner Truesdale asked for volunteers to assist on the June 20-21 dates, and Commissioner Hodges volunteered to coordinate with Commissioner Truesdale so they can cover those dates. Commissioner Lacy said he would be out of town during that time. Commissioner Jenkins said he would not be in town those dates.

In further Old Business, the delivery routes were discussed and modified to hopefully assist in smoother delivery. Delivery will be Monday, June 25, 2018, beginning at 7:30AM. Commissioner Hodges said she will secure the keys to the trucks and pick up the eight (8) precinct keys from the Circuit Clerk's Office. Keys available are:

- 1) Ridgeland Recreation Center
- 2) Highland Colony Baptist Church
- 3) Lake Caroline Clubhouse
- 4) Highland Chapel
- 5) Gluckstadt @ St. Joe Catholic
- 6) Camden Community Center
- 7) Cameron Bethel M.B.
- 8) Couparle UMC

In New Business Commissioners critiqued the primary election. Commissioner Jenkins reported the since now poll workers have multiple tablets, a red supply bag, vote here signs, a tri-fold board of signs to post at the precinct, green affidavit and absentee ballot bags, a blue transport bag, double private stands, voter privacy screens, and at least 1 large blue ballot box to return on election night; it is overwhelming to the poll worker, and Commissioner Jenkins suggested modifying one or more of the spare suitcases to accommodate up to six tablets so the other suitcases could be left for the Road Department to pick up on Wednesday. Commissioner Hodges suggested that the tri-fold board, voter privacy screens and double privacy stands all be delivered and picked up by the Road Department. Circuit Clerk Wray suggested that she had a luggage tag that would be a specific color to designate the suitcase that could hold the six tablets.

Other comments from Commissioners about the election were:

- 1) Need all delivery trucks to have a lift gate to assist loading and unloading
- 2) Need cords to secure equipment inside the trucks
- 3) Send more privacy sleeves to each precinct
- 4) Complaint regarding poll workers standing too close to the scanner and not instructing voter to turn face down before scanning
- 5) Need more plastic seals
- 6) Unfounded complaints about results not being uploaded on the county's web site CC Wray reported she emailed results to IT Director Duane Thompson regularly throughout the night and the first results were posted at 8:08 PM. They were updated about every 30-45 minutes until 10:00PM

Commissioners decided that since there was such a short time there will be no additional poll worker training. Circuit Clerk Wray said she would begin inspecting the red supply bags on Saturday, June 16, 2018, and hopefully be able to return the bags to our office by the first of next week. Commissioner Lacy asked if the parties would be returning to check and re-pack their supply bags.

Commissioner Jenkins presented a quote from ES&S for the Run-Off Election support in the amount of \$14,995.00. The Commission unanimously agreed to approve this quote and forward to the Board of Supervisors' Consent Agenda for their endorsement.

Commissioner Truesdale provided an expense sheet of the Commission's budget thru May 31, 2018. She reported that she is working on the budget request for 2018-2019 which is due June 25th.

In his absence, Commissioner Jenkins submitted Commission Attorney's bill. Commissioner Lacy made a motion the Commission Attorney's bill be approved, seconded by Commissioner Hodges; and approved by a unanimous vote by the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Lacy reminded Commissioners of ECAM's Summer Training schedule. Training will be offered July 10, 2018 in Hattiesburg; July 17, 2018 in Meridian, and July 24, 2018 in Grenada. He requested Commissioner Hodges to secure Board of Supervisor approval for travel expenses. He also reminded Commissioners of the Election Center Workshop in New Orleans, LA, August 25-28, 2018. We will need to check our budget and see if funds are available for attendance at the workshop.

Commissioner Truesdale reported that she was checking along with Circuit Clerk Wray on perhaps the installation of a cell phone booster by C-Spire in the basement to improve telephone service when working in the basements with the equipment testing and route deliveries.

Commissioner Hodges mentioned that there was one street in the Ashbrook subdivision (Dogwood Hollow) that was inadvertently omitted in the creation of the new Vertical Precinct. Commissioner Hodges said she was working the Madalan Lennup at the Secretary of State's Office and our Circuit Clerk Wray to add those voters to the correct precinct.

Commissioner Jenkins mentioned that even though we trained the poll workers on how to handle ballots that will not scan several managers were unable to scan some absentee ballots. Discussion revealed that perhaps another envelope in the ACCEPTED/REJECTED ballot bag stating ACCEPTED BUT WILL NOT SCAN would help the poll workers know how to properly handle these ballots. He also reported that he would check to determine if he had additional seals more than he needed to prepare the seals for the precincts.


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, July 11th, 2018. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 11th day of July, 2018.



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY