

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2018**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 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 Azzie Jackson-Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were IT Director Duane Thompson and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its February 14th meeting. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges.

The Commission approved its minutes of its February 14th meeting, 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-Adams-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

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 submitted a list of five (5) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of nine (9) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of fourteen (14) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of fourteen (14) 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 Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission next considered Commissioner requests to acknowledge the appropriate change of status from Active Status to Inactive Status for names on the voter rolls.

Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of twenty-four (24) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of twelve (12) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of eighteen (18) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of twenty-three (23) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twenty-three (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 Jackson-Adams, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission Attorney reminded the Commissioners of the NVRA prohibition of inactivating voters within ninety days of the election which period began March 7th, 2018.

In Old Business, the Commission discussed the need to order refurbished ballot box bins which could be secured with a metal seal, as required by statute. Commissioner Truesdale provided a quote from ES&S of \$165.00 for each unit and Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to order fifty (50) which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission next discussed delivery routes for the election equipment. IT Director Duane Thompson recommended using what the routing the Road Department has used for the past twelve (12) years. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to retain the Road Department to handle the routes and deliver the election equipment which was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Deputy Circuit Clerk Ann Jones joined the meeting, along with Democratic Party Chairman Howard Brown and Lisa Williams. Clerk Jones provided the Voter Movement Report which the Commission acknowledged and is available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk's Office. She also provided a list of inactive voters.

In New Business, Commissioner Lacy made a motion to removed Annie Beamon from the permanent absentee ballot list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Truesdale informed the Commission that she had identified and contacted four (4) candidates to serve as testers and rovers for this year's elections. Commissioner Hodges offered to follow up on the paperwork necessary to hire and pay these workers.

The Commission set L&A testing dates for May 29-June 1, 2018, and dates for the parties to pack the supply bags for May 7th and 8th, 2018. The Commission set initial poll worker training dates for April 3 at 9:00 a.m., April 5th at 6:00 p.m., April 11 at 11:00 a.m., April 12th at 6:00 p.m., April 18th at 9:00 a.m. and April 19th at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Hodges will check on availability of locations such as the Board of Supervisors Room and Trace Ridge Baptist Church.

The Commission further discussed its standard agreement with the parties for limited assistance for their primary elections, including poll worker training. The agreement was approved by unanimous consent. The Commission also noted a proposed on-line training requirement through the Secretary of State's office for a poll worker from each polling location.

The Commission Attorney gave his report, including his work with the party chairmen on the primary election and complimenting their conscientiousness and cooperation. He answered Commission's questions on the special election for the U.S. Senate seat.

The Commission Attorney announced that he had moved his solo law practice to join Watkins & Eager PLLC, and expected the move would benefit the Commission through his ability to practice from a broader base of legal expertise. He submitted one bill through the last day of his old law firm and a second bill from his new law firm, beginning February 27th. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to approve both of the Commission Attorney's bills which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Lacy requested the Commission's Attorney to draft a new polling lease agreement with Grace Crossing Church. He also advised the Commission that he had a current contact and key for the Couparle polling location.

Commissioner Truesdale announced that she would set up a schedule for the Commissioners to choose their shifts to be present during L&A testing.

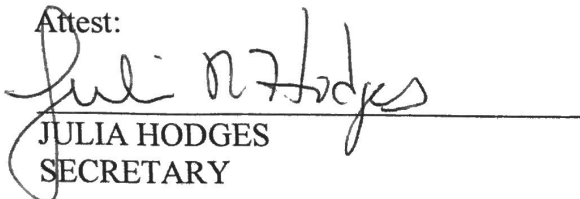
The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting to reconvene at its next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

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



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY