

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JUNE 10, 2020**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 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 Helen Carney
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard was also in attendance.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its May 13th meeting. Commissioner Carney made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale.

The Commission approved its minutes of its May 13th meeting, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"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 submitted their lists of names to be purged from voter rolls by District on a SEMS VR-007 Report showing voters who were deceased or who had moved. The Reports dated 05/10/2020 – 06/03/2020, included the following totals of voters in each District : District 1 – 11, District 2 – 35, District 3 -12, District 4 – 16 and District 5 – 4. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Helen Carney, and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business, Deputy Clerk Ann Jones joined the meeting during discussion on the following items:

- The Commission Attorney reported that he had notified the Canton Public School District of the need for an order setting the special election for their

Board vacancy. Under the new governing statutes, the school board vacancy election shall be on the November general election ballot.

- Commissioner Lacy advised the Commission of extensive discussions he and the Secretary of State had with the Legislature regarding revised procedures, legislative action and funding to prepare for holding this year's elections during the Covid-19 pandemic. He noted that the State would provide additional PPE and funding to assist the County with the runoff election in June. Further, the State would consult with the County on its experience to assist it in making plans for the statewide general election.
- Commissioner Truesdale provided the documentation for the County's order of protective shields from ES&S to be paid for by State CARES Act funds, and for 50 green rolling bags (\$136.00/each totaling \$6,800) from MPIC to be paid for with HAVA funds. She added that the County has approximately \$63,000 in remaining HAVA funds to be spent this year so suggested the Commissioners assess needs and make additional requests before those funds are lost.
- Commissioner Truesdale detailed that MPIC will fix routine issues (eg., broken wheel or zipper) with red bags for \$15.00 each with higher charges for non-routine issues (eg., ripped canvass). To have the red bags fixed in time for the general election, each Commissioner should as soon as possible after the runoff election identify red bags that need to be fixed and place them in the designated closet.
- Commissioner Hodges reported that the County destroyed old TSX machines and their hard drives which cost \$2,200. Commissioner Truesdale added that an additional invoice for approximately \$1,200 was spent in that effort. The expenses were paid from the Election Commission's budget.

In New Business, the following business was discussed and acted upon:

- The requests of Jo G. Mattison (District 1) and Samuel Whisenton (District 4) to be added to the permanent absentee list. After reviewing the required documentation, Commission Lacy made a motion to add them to the list which was seconded by Commissioner Jackson Adams. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission's preliminary proposed budget request for the next fiscal year was accepted. The Commissioners raised questions regarding different line items and that the line item for maintenance contracts was an estimate to be finalized. The Commission accepted the proposed request with the understanding that it would be completed with the benefit of additional fact gathering and finalized prior to submission to the Board of Supervisors.
- Commissioner Hodges advised that Logic & Accuracy testing was completed for the voting machines with testing of the ballots to be completed over the next 10 days.
- Commissioner Lacy will provide a route list to the Circuit Clerk for voting machine delivery for the runoff election.
- Coordinate the date to transfer red bags over for the June 23rd runoff election.

Deputy Clerk Jones reported that the VR-001 Voter Movement Report for the past months included the movement of 361 voters and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office.

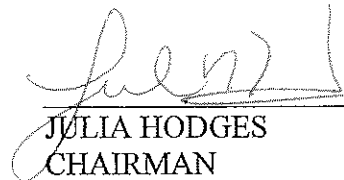
The Commission Attorney gave his report, including his continued communication with the Republican Party to obtain their signed agreement with the Commission. He then submitted his legal bill for the Commission's review. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to approve the Commission Attorney's bill which was seconded by Commissioner Jackson Adams and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:


- Commissioner Carney commented on the Commission's effort to organize its office and create filing space by sending more files and materials to storage.
- Commissioner Jackson-Adams reported that she was pleased with her new scanner and printer.
- Commissioner Lacy elaborated upon his initial comments in Old Business on preparations for the election. He expanded upon the challenges of training and voting with social distancing, particularly in smaller polling locations. He also predicted a dramatic increase in absentee and curbside voting which will require adjustments to process the higher volume. He will apprise the BoS of many of these larger issues at a future meeting. He added that he was notified that Canton Catholic Parish Center will not be able to hold an election for Precinct 521 following the runoff election due to construction. He is looking for a replacement polling location and will ask the BoS for its assistance.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent. The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 8th day of *JULY*, 2020.



JULIA HODGES
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY