## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019, 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 participated *via* telephone
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present.

Commissioner Hodges called the meeting to order and Spence Flatgard began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Hodges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its August 14<sup>th</sup> meetings. Commissioner Lacy made a motion that the minutes be accepted which was seconded by Commissioner Carney.

The Commission approved the minutes of its August 14th meetings, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"Aye" District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye" District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye" District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

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Clerk Wray gave her report on the following items:

- The runoff election for the primary was certified with related details of wrapping up the election completed.
- TempStaff has a remaining invoice from their election work in the amount of \$81.00. Payment of the invoice was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The County will work with the City of Canton on their special election. The Commission approved its agreement with the City by unanimous consent.

The Commissioners submitted their individual lists of names to be purged from the voter rolls for voters who were deceased or who had moved. Commissioner Carney submitted a list of ten (10) names for District 1, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of fourteen (14) names for District 2, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of nineteen (19) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of ten (10) names, and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of eleven (11) names for District 5. 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 Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business, the Commission noted that the Democrat Party Chair advised the Commission at its last meeting that he would provide his party's list of poll workers but had not received the list. The Commission asked its Counsel to again request the list.

The Commission considered a request from the County Administrator for a certification regarding the TSX machines. Commissioner Truesdale requested more information and made a motion to table its consideration which was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote.

In New Business, the Commission approved the addition of Evelyn Forkin to be added to the permanent absentee ballot list upon a motion made by Commissioner Truesdale, seconded by Commissioner Lacy and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Jackson-Adams joined the meeting and the Commission approved its agreement with the City of Canton regarding its assistance with a special election. The commission noted the runoff would be October 8<sup>th</sup>, and was acknowledged by unanimous consent.

The Commission considered the qualification papers of Courtney Rainey for the office of Justice Court Judge and found that she was **not** qualified to be placed on the general election ballot. The Commission scheduled a special meeting as required by statute to afford her the opportunity to be heard on the matter. The meeting was scheduled upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission for September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Board Room of the Madison County Chancery and Administrative Building in the City of Canton, Mississippi.

The Commission met its statutory obligation to consider the list of citizens who had been convicted of felonies since the last statutory purge date and determine whether they had committed a disenfranchising crime. The Commission Attorney had reviewed the list provided by the Circuit Clerk and highlighted recommended names to be purged from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The Commission reviewed the list and asked counsel questions then voted to purge eleven (11) names from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The action was taken upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioners Hodges volunteered to purge the citizens' names should they be found on the voter rolls.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and 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 offered to order needed election supplies, including seals.

Commissioner Hodges reported that she was lining up delivery trucks and related details for the election.

Commissioner Truesdale identified the need for more rolling bags. She also suggested that the number of ballots to order and the tabled motion be included on the September 18th, 2019, special meeting agenda. Her suggestion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Jackson-Adams requested her ballot bags from the Circuit Clerk for the next election.

Commissioner Lacy noted the election equipment needed to help the City of Canton with its special election and training time would be on September 18th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Canton City Hall.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent until September 18, 2019.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the \_9th\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_OCTOBER\_, 2019.

HAIRMAN

PAT TRUESDALE

**SECRETARY**