

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON  
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
JUNE 12, 2019**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 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  
District Four Commissioner Jackson-Adams  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Circuit Clerk Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present:

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Carney made a motion that the minutes be accepted with a correction to add fifteen (15) voter names purged by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and approved by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale.

The Commission approved its minutes of its May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Jackson-Adams-"Aye"  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

Circuit Clerk Wray gave her remarks, including reporting that:

- Ballots cannot be printed until the federal litigation over Senate District 22 is resolved.
- Absentee ballot voting begins June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Election training can begin with the "Mississippi favorites" loaded onto the system.
- Providing the VR-001 Voter Movement Report including 257 voters which was acknowledged by the Commission and is available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk's Office.

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 twenty (20) names for District 1, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of twenty-four (24) names for District 2, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of twenty-four (24) names, Commissioner Jackson- Adams submitted a list of fifteen (15) names, and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twenty-five (25) 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 Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business, the Commission:

- Amended its February 13, 2019 meeting minutes to strike the portion of bullet six under New Business which reads "Commissioner Carney will be given and assigned former Commissioner Jenkins' tablet with BOS # 7779" and insert "Commissioner Carney was not assigned electronic tablet County #7779."
- Acknowledged the executed agreement with the Republican Party for the primary election upon a motion by Commissioner Carney, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Acknowledged the executed agreement with the Democrat Party for the primary election upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Presented the poll worker lists for Districts 1, 2 and 3. The list for District 4 was at the Commission's office and District 5 poll workers are still reporting back.
- The Democrat Party Chairman Howard Brown did not have his list of poll workers that the Commission requested. When asked if he could provide the full list by the next Commission meeting he offered that he would give the Commission what he has at that time.
- Considered a letter from the SoS office that informs the County that its \$138,00 in HAVA funds can only be used to improve precincts the County owns. The County has only one precinct under that may qualify. The Commission will explore it can spend funds on voting equipment. The letter also notes that inactivating voters this year under a voter removal program is allowed because it is not a federal election year.

In New Business, the Commission:

- Appointed three Republicans to the Resolution Board, Shelia Willis, Shannon Mason and Cindy Owen.
- Approved the Democrat Chairman's appointment of James Sims with two more considered when offered.
- Discussed election night logistics including staffing of separate tables. Clerk Wray offered separate courtrooms.

- Considered returning manager assignments and duties.
- Requested 220 hours of technical support from ES&S for L&A testing.

Commissioner Truesdale offered a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges that each party will bring back its own affidavit ballots bags, bags with absentee ballot materials, and blank ballots. The party with the most poll workers at a polling location will serve as the Return Manger bringing the blue ballot bin and clear bag with key election materials back to the Courthouse with the other party's designee observing so that they, in effect, deliver these items together. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

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 gave out an agenda and materials that she prepared for poll worker training.

Commissioner Hodges reported that she was in the process of securing delivery trucks and technicians for the elections.

Commissioner Truesdale requested the Commission to help identify and develop new precincts in areas of growth.

Commissioner Lacy suggested that Commissioners be mindful of the need to not talk over each other during poll worker training.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting upon a motion from Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission. The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2019.

  
JULIA HODGES  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

  
PAT TRUESDALE  
SECRETARY