

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
April 12, 2023

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2023, 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 Lauren Payne
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Deputy Circuit Clerk Teresa Speaks and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its March 8th meeting. Commissioner Payne made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dickinson.

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

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"Aye"
District Two Commissioner Lauren Payne-"Aye"
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"
District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

The Commission Attorney presented the attached agreement for the execution of the party primary elections which was approved by the Commission by unanimous consent. The two party chairs, Renee Lambert (GOP) and Howard Brown (Democrat), then asked questions and offered helpful insight to incorporate into poll worker training and election day support. Both chairs expressed appreciation for the offer of assistance by the Commission and Circuit Clerk and will report back after conferring with their executive committees regarding the proposed agreement.

Deputy Clerk Speaks joined the meeting and gave the Circuit Clerk's report including providing the VR-001 Voter Movement Reports detailing the movement of one hundred and seventy-two (172) voters in the County since the last Commission meeting, which the Commission acknowledged and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office.

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 included the following totals of voters in each District: District 1 – 15, District 2 – 16, District 3 - 19, District 4 – 53 and District 5 – 29. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission next considered the appropriate change of status from active status to inactive status for names on the voter rolls and on a SEMS VR-007 Report. The Reports included the following totals of voters in each District: District 1 – 11, District 2 – 14, District 3 - 7, District 4 – 17 and District 5 – 5. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

There was no Old Business item.

In New Business, the Commission reviewed the request of Eugene Lockett to withdraw as a candidate for the office of Madison County District 2 Constable and for James L. Childress to withdraw his candidacy for the office of Madison County Tax Collector. Both requests were approved by a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

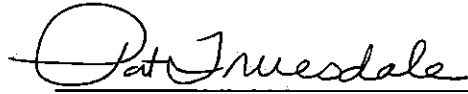
The Commission Attorney reported on new legislation to trigger a mailing to those on the voting rolls who have not voted in two (2) consecutive elections who may then be moved to inactive status if they do not respond, as well as a new post-election audit authority for the Secretary of State's office. He then submitted his legal bill for the Commission's consideration. The Commission reviewed his bill and approved it upon a motion from Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Lacy reported that he will seek approval from the Board of Supervisors to raise poll worker pay for the upcoming primary election and an increase in Receiving and Returning Manager mileage reimbursement which were authorized by recently enacted legislation. These increases may be implemented now, but will be mandated by 2024.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on May 10th, upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second from Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the *10th* day of *MAY, 2023.*



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY