

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION**
April 13, 2022

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on April 13, 2022, 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

Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard was also present.

Commissioner Truesdale called the meeting to order and Commissioner Truesdale began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Carney led the pledge of allegiance.

The Commission next reviewed the proposed minutes of its March 9th meeting. Commissioner Payne made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacy.

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 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 – 35, District 2 – 12, District 3 - 45, District 4 – 30 and District 5 – 11. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne 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 – 17, District 2 – 34, District 3 - 21, District 4 – 9 and District 5 – 14. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Carney, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business:

- Commissioner Payne informed the Commission that she would live outside of her district after redistricting was complete so she contacted the Secretary of State's office who forwarded her Attorney General Opinions that opined that, in such circumstances, elected officials may complete their term. The Commission acknowledged the AG Opinion issued on February 14, 1989 and attached it to these minutes.
- Commissioner Truesdale asked the Commissioners to let her know what office and election supplies were needed to order.

In New Business:

- The Commission had reviewed the permanent absentee ballot lists in preparation for the upcoming election and acted on the recommendation of Commissioner Carney to remove eight (8) deceased voters from District 1 and of Commissioner Truesdale to removed one (1) deceased voter from District 3. The removals were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission added Kathy Reeves and James Reeves to the permanent absentee ballot list for District 1 upon a motion by Commissioner Carney, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Circuit Clerk Wray reported that the VR-001 Voter Movement Report detailed the movement of 393 voters in the County for from February through March and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. She also informed the Commission that the Secretary of State loaded the election the previous day and there are just two split precincts at Colonial Heights Church and Canton National Guard. She also created a defined municipality in the database for the new city of Gluckstadt for their next election which will have one polling location. She anticipated the County implementing new precinct lines after the November election. The Circuit Clerk and Commission discussed the need to advertise those changes in addition to the normal mailings to voters.

The Commission Attorney gave his report, noting how well the poll worker training has gone for the primary elections. The Commission reviewed his bill and approved it upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Truesdale agreed that poll worker training has gone very well and how voters and poll workers are excited about the new tablets.

Commissioner Dickinson added that the poll workers in training like the new tablets, and he believes the voters will like them as well as they should result in shorter lines and improved security.

He also noted that Madison County's maintaining of its voter rolls is continually improving with voters at a number which is 96% of the total number of adults of voting age living in the County.

Commissioner Lacy reported that ECAM was successful at the Capitol this legislative session in raising Commissioner's per diems to \$110 per day and \$165 for election work days, effective July 1, 2022. ECAM also defeated an effort to require unnecessary testing every year for Commissioners. He announced ECAM will provide continued training for Commissioners in August in three (3) areas of the state.

The Commission discussed attending their national convention with the necessary approvals.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on May 3, 2022, upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second from Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this *the 3rd day of MAY, 2022.*



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY