

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
APRIL 14, 2021**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 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 (*via telephone*)
District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray was also present. Counsel was in court and unable to attend.

Commissioner Lacy called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dickinson began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Payne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its March 10th meeting. Commissioner Dickinson made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne.

The Commission approved its minutes of its 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 Dan Dickinson-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray reported on the recent VR-001 Voter Movement Report which included the movement of 665 voters in the County and is available for inspection in her office.

She also reported:

- Municipal elections. The City of Madison general election was approved and its request for voting equipment was approved by the BoS. The City of Canton held its primary election April 7th and its runoff will be April 27th for an Alderman's race in Ward 4. The City of Ridgeland's request for voting equipment was approved by the BoS. Also, she has moved the newly annexed voters onto Ridgeland's Ward 1's voter rolls.
- Voter roll maintenance. Following SOS guidance and the federal law on voter

roll maintenance, she is providing the Commission a list of voters who have been inactivated and not voted in the past two (2) federal elections who are now eligible for purging from the voter rolls. Also, she requested the Commission handle cancellations from a few state agencies, DOH and AOC, and she would handle other state agencies with her system in place.

- Permanent absentee voter lists. She provided lists of voters who moved to Madison County and may have had permanent absentee ballot status but still need to fill out an application and provide a physician's excuse as those items do not transfer from another county. Commissioner Truesdale offered for the Commission to draft a letter to help with that request.

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 – 37, District 2 – 21, District 3 - 43, District 4 – 28 and District 5 – 14. 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 – 154, District 2 – 103, District 3 - 167, District 4 – 39 and District 5 – 61. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Carney thanked and congratulated Commissioner Lacy for the outstanding ECAM session he led as President of ECAM.

Commissioner Payne also thanked and complimented Commissioner Lacy and wished him a happy birthday.

Commissioner Truesdale mentioned the need for the Commission to be provided more clarity on removing voters from the AOC report as it is presented in a confusing format.

Commissioner Dickinson also thanked Commissioner Lacy. He noted that Madison County had finally dropped below the line of having more voters on the rolls than adult residents in the County, so that trend was positive and the Commission should continue down that path.

Commissioner Lacy also praised the State of Mississippi's progress in voter roll maintenance with only ten (10) counties remaining with more voters on the rolls than adult residents. He also announced that the next ECAM meeting would be June 28th for additional training.

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The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on May 12, 2021, upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second from Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 12th day of MAY, 2021.


PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY