

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON  
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
AUGUST 10, 2022**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on August 10, 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

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

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

The Commission next reviewed the proposed minutes of its July 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Lauren Payne-"Aye"  
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"  
District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson-"Aye"  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

Circuit Clerk Wray provided the VR-001 Voter Movement Reports detailed the movement of approximately 290 voters in the County from March through July, which the Commission acknowledged and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. Commissioner Truesdale observed that some of the names on the computer generated list may be listed twice which the Circuit Clerk offered to review. Clerk Wray reported that no candidates for School Board had filed petitions with signatures to review and the deadline is September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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 – 30, District 2 – 15, District 3 - 37, District 4 – 10 and District 5 – 33. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne, and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commissioners submitted their list of names to be made inactive thru August 2, 2022, by district on a SEMS VR-007 Report showing voters who had been sent confirmation cards to verify addresses. The Reports included the following totals of voters in each District: District 1 – 147, District 2 – 225, District 3 – 186, District 4 – 86, and District 5 – 67. A motion to approve these inactive statuses was made by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy, and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business, the Commission discussed the red flag system for election equipment proposed by Commissioner Dickinson with Clerk Wray. Clerk Wray expressed her view that the ES&S techs typically fix machines at the polling locations or bring them to her directly. Commissioner Dickinson withdrew his proposal while emphasizing his main emphasis is to ensure that broken equipment is documented to ensure problems are addressed.

In New Business:

- The Commission removed JoAnn Warren Cote from the permanent absentee ballot list for District 4 upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission added Audine Culberson Ware and Jerry M. Blakeney 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.
- The Commission added Mary Joyce Sumners and James Pierce to the permanent absentee ballot list for District 3 upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and the Commission reviewed his bill. Upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission; the Commission approved this bill.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Carney announced poll managers training to be held on September 15 at 9:00 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. at the Canton Multi-Purpose Building.

Commissioner Payne congratulated the Commission on its successful efforts in voter roll maintenance with the percentage of registered voters in relation to the County's 2020 census population. Madison County's percentage fell from 101.47% to 96.25% from January of 2021 to May of 2022.

Commissioner Dickinson stated that he took the Secretary of State's on-line training for poll managers and it was a good comprehensive overview in preparing for election day.

Commissioner Truesdale agreed and recommended, along with Commissioner Dickinson, that all poll managers take the on-line training.

Commissioner Lacy thanked the Commission for their support and prayers. He then suggested the Commission focus its poll worker training on new poll workers after training poll managers. Commissioner Truesdale added that tailoring training for poll workers as to the specific tasks required for their assigned role on election day would be helpful.

Commissioner Lacy requested the Commission's counsel send a letter to Grace Crossing Church asking that they reconsider allowing their property to be used as a polling location.

Commissioner Lacy reminded the Commission of the upcoming ECAM meeting at the end of the month, his last as President and thanked the Commissioners for their support. The Commissioners thank him for his service and successful tenure.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on September 12, 2022, upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second from Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

**WITNESS OUR HANDS**, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of **September**, 2022.



PAT TRUESDALE  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



HELEN CARNEY  
SECRETARY