

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON  
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
AUGUST 11, 2021**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on August 11, 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 (participated *via* telephone due to illness)  
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.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its July 14<sup>h</sup> meeting. Commissioner Carney 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"

Commissioner Dickinson made a motion for the Commission to go into executive session to discuss the pending litigation involving the City of Canton municipal elections. Commissioner Lacy seconded the motion and it was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission. The Commission went into executive session and following the discussion of the litigation, Commissioner Dickinson made a motion to end the executive session, which was seconded by Commissioner Carney and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commission. Chairman Truesdale announced that the Commission solely discussed the litigation while in executive session and took no action.

Deputy Circuit Clerk Speaks reported on the recent VR-001 Voter Movement Report which included the movement of 164 voters in the County 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 – 14, District 2 – 17, District 3 - 23, District 4 – 17 and District 5 – 15. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Carney 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 – 4, District 2 – 45, District 3 - 23, District 4 – 17 and District 5 – 25. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business:

- Commissioner Truesdale conveyed that she had communicated with the Board of Supervisors regarding requesting Madison County schools to consider scheduling teacher work days on election days to allow the County to use schools as polling locations again. It was suggested that she put the request in a letter to the Superintendent. Commissioner Truesdale asked Commissioners to identify by the next Commission meeting which schools in their districts should be included in the request.
- Commissioner Truesdale reported that the Commission's budget request for the next fiscal year had been submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

In New Business the Commissioner discussed packing bags to determine supply needs to be fulfilled in the next fiscal year.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and then submitted his legal bill for the Commission's consideration. The Commission reviewed his bill and approved it upon a motion from Commissioner Carney, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Truesdale noted that she appreciates every Commissioner's work to help organize the office and inventory needed supplies.

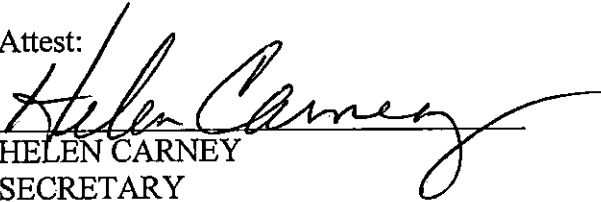
Commissioner Dickinson reported on efforts to secure documentation of Madison County voters being convicted of disenfranchising crimes in other counties as reported in the AOC report provided by the Secretary of State's office. The Commission will review those names and documentation at its next meeting. He also updated the Commission on the progress in improving forms to make them more user friendly and effective and implementing a more efficient electronic document control system.

Commissioner Lacy reported that ECAM has been busy this summer with quarterly meetings, training and considering appropriate adjustment in their fall activities as they monitor the evolving covid situation.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on September 13, 2021, upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second from Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
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PAT TRUESDALE  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:  
  
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HELEN CARNEY  
SECRETARY