

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
DECEMBER 13, 2017**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 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 website. The following Commissioners were present at the beginning of the meeting:

District One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were IT Director Duane Thompson, Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard and Lisa Williams.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its November 8th and November 29th meetings. Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that the minutes from the November 8th meeting be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy.

The Commission approved its November 8th minutes, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins-"Aye"
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye"
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that the minutes from the November 29th meeting be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Jenkins.

The Commission approved its November 29th minutes, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins-"Aye"
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye"
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

The Commissioners next submitted their individual lists of names to be purged from the voter rolls for voters who were deceased or who had moved. Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of seven (7) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of forty-six (46) names, and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of twenty-eight (28) names and

Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of forty (40) names. Each of these Commissioners also offered the required supporting documentation for their respective lists for the Commission's review. The Commission approved the purges upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission next considered Commissioner requests to acknowledge the appropriate change of status from active status to inactive status for names on the voter rolls. Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of forty-four (44) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of three (3) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twenty-five (25) names. Each of these Commissioners also offered the required supporting documentation for their respective lists for the Commission's review. The Commission approved the purges upon a motion by Commissioner Hodges, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Under Old Business, the Commission discussed the logistics of election night given their first opportunity to use the new equipment in the recent election and the best approach going forward. Commissioner Truesdale received approval to get quotes on printing onto envelopes a listing of information for ballot box contents. Commissioner Lacy stated he wants to use the scanners in each election to count ballots and Commissioner Hodges suggested better positioning of tables and people in the Courthouse to prevent people from being backed up in lines.

Under New Business, the Commission acknowledged the Voter Movement Report which is available for public inspection is in the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Jenkins opened the floor for nominations of officers for 2018. Commissioner Hodges nominated Commissioner Truesdale for the office of Chairman. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion and elect Commissioner Truesdale as Chairman.

Commissioner Truesdale nominated Commissioner Lacy for the office of Vice Chairman which was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to close nominations which was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the motion and elect Commissioner Lacy as Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Lacy nominated Commissioner Hodges for the office of Secretary. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion to close nominations which was adopted by unanimous consent, thereby electing Commissioner Hodges as Secretary. All newly elected offices will take effect January 1, 2018.

The Commission next reiterated the need to enter voter history for affidavit votes. Commissioner Lacy suggested each Commissioner do so for affidavit voters in their respective districts.

Commissioner Truesdale asked each Commissioner to review the permanent absentee ballot list and then, at the next meeting, vote to remove from the list any voters who are deceased.

The Commissioner set its calendar for meetings in 2018, attached hereto, upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission Attorney gave his report. He provided a responsive letter to an out of state group asking for action on the County's voter rolls while inaccurately stating the facts and law on the issues. He also suggested his first reviewing the list of felons to analyze whether any had committed disenfranchising crimes, before submitting them to the Commission for review and a final vote. The new approach should save valuable Commission meeting time.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Jenkins wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Hodges outlined her plan of action to create a new precinct at Vertical Church for the next election. She made a motion for Commission approval which was seconded and approved by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Truesdale reminded the Commissioner of their plan to update precinct names to more accurately reflect their current polling location. She also asked the Commission to inventory election supplies and bags to help in ordering the right amount of new materials at its next meeting.

Commissioner Lacy raised the issue of the Commission asking the County to credit its account when reimbursed by the Canton Public School District for its election. Commissioner Truesdale will make that request of the County in her new role as Chairman.

Commissioner Lacy noted the Commission needed to ensure each polling location had power close to election equipment. Commissioner Truesdale asked the Commission Attorney to draft a letter to send to polling locations.

Commissioner Truesdale cited a notice the Commission receives when a Mississippi voter registers in another state. She asked the Commission Attorney to research whether that notice is sufficient to purge a voter from the County's rolls.


The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting to reconvene at its next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2018. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Jenkins, provided a second by Commissioner Hodges and was adopted by a unanimous vote.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 9 day of January, 2018.



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY