

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 10, 2021**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 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
District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray and counsel were also present.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its January meetings. Commissioner Lacy made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Payne.

The Commission approved its minutes of its January 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 Anita Wray reported on the recent VR-001 Voter Movement Report which included the movement of voters in the County and is available for inspection in her office. She informed the Commission of municipalities requesting the use of the County's voting machines, tablets and ballot boxes. She reported that out of 21 tablets sent for repairs, thirteen (13) tablets were unrepairable and therefore to be declared surplus. . She and Commissioner Truesdale discussed procedures to help prevent damage to the tablets by improving accountability, such as assigning them to polling locations and having them inspected at check in and check out.

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 – 26, District 3 - 51, District 4 – 32 and District 5 – 44. The names to be

purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Dickinson 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 – 298, District 2 – 198, District 3 - 89, District 4 – 217 and District 5 – 106. 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.

In Old Business, Commissioner Truesdale noted of the twenty-five (25) citizens identified at the last Commission meeting as having committed disenfranchising crimes, only one (1) was found to be a registered voter and was purged.

The Commission discussed municipal elections, offering its assistance to municipalities in a manner consistent with past election years to municipalities who request it. Two Canton citizens requested the Commission strongly consider assisting the City of Canton: John Scanlon who informed the Commission that he is the Chair of the Democratic Committee for the municipality and Republican mayor candidate Chip Mathews. Counsel recommended further discussion and Commissioners Lacy and Dickinson offered to be part of those conversations.

In New Business, the Commission removed three (3) voters from the permanent absentee list because they are deceased or have moved from Madison County: Willie Omerea Austin, (Dist 3) Evelyn Guess (Dist 3) and Jane Magee (Dist 1). These voters were removed upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission acknowledged that “Mac Computer, Madison Co Inventory #7191” was declared surplus and removed from the inventory list, and that the new IRS mileage rate for 2021 is 56 cents per mile.

The Commission Attorney gave his report, including pending election legislation and the offer to follow up on the Commission’s involvement in the Canton municipal election. He then submitted his legal bill for the Commission’s review. Upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy and second by Commissioner Carney, his bill was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Payne reported that she is reaching out to high schools to educate juniors and seniors about registering to vote.

Commissioner Truesdale announced that she is putting together a voter registration information packet for voters who move to or within Madison County. She provided a sheet of streets with apartment complexes to highlight the need for apartment numbers.

Commissioner Dickinson focused the Commission's attention on the opportunity that returned mail offered for helping with the County's voter rolls through following up to correct voter information or changing voters to inactive status where appropriate.

Commissioner Lacy informed the Commission of ECAM's legislative efforts to move the qualifying deadline for Election Commission up to April.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 10th day of MARCH, 2021.



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY