

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
February 8, 2023**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on February 8, 2023, 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 Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale participated telephonically as she recovers from surgery. Circuit Clerk Anita Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its January 10th meeting. Commissioner Payne 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"

Circuit Clerk Wray gave her report including providing the VR-001 Voter Movement Reports detailing the movement of one hundred and eighty-six (186) voters in the County since the last Commission meeting, which the Commission acknowledged and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. Clerk Wray reported that the qualification period for candidates to file for county office had ended at the deadline of February 1st.

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 – 12, District 2 – 20, District 3 - 16, District 4 – 19 and District 5 – 28. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, 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 – 13, District 2 – 9, District 3 - 7, District 4 – 5 and District 5 – 15. 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 New Business, the Commission added Elizabeth M. Watts to the permanent absentee ballot list upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission discussed the possibility of contracting to handle the primary elections in August. Commissioner Dickinson proposed being proactive with an offer to conduct all of the primary election for the parties. Commissioners Truesdale and Carney proposed conducting all of the primary election or letting each party conduct it entirely. Commissioner Payne agreed and added each party should have the same agreement with the Commission. Commissioner Lacy agreed the agreement should be the same for both parties and they should meet with the Commission to discuss the arrangement. The Commission directed its attorney to follow up with each party chair given the input they had provided and request their coming to its April meeting.

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 Payne, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Dickinson encouraged the Commission to consider using Viloti, the Secretary of State's computer training program for poll managers, in poll manager training.

Commissioner Lacy thanked the Commission and County for its support during his Presidency of ECAM. The Commission thanked him for his service and congratulated him on being selected to represent Mississippi on the United States Election Assistance Commission.

The Commission then went into executive session to discuss pending litigation upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.


The Commission came out of executive session upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Attorney Flatgard announced that the Commission took no action while in executive session.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on March 8th, upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second from Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 8th day of March, 2023.


PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY