

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2022

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

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 Dickinson led the pledge of allegiance.

The Commission next reviewed the proposed minutes of its January 11th meeting. Commissioner Lacy 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"

Deputy Circuit Clerk Teresa Speaks reported on of behalf of Circuit Clerk Wray that the VR-001 Voter Movement Report detailed the movement of 495 voters in the County for January and February 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 – 72, District 2 – 3, District 3 - 34, District 4 – 46 and District 5 – 20. 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 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 – 130, District 2 – 47, District 3 - 33, District 4 – 184 and District 5 – 33. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business:

- The Commission Attorney reported that he had forwarded contracts to the Republican and Democratic Parties to offer limited assistance for their primary elections which had been well received. They needed more time to gather feedback but he would work towards executing the agreements in February and a meeting with the Party Chairs and Election Commission in March.
- Commissioner Carney reported that the Board of Supervisors had approved the new agreement with LightHouse church to serve as a polling location. She requested the Circuit Clerk's office to send out postcards notifying voters.

In New Business:

- The Commission reviewed the Statements of Intent filed by Staci O'Neal and Ed Hannon to be candidates for County Court Judge. Commissioner Dickinson reported that he had confirmed that they were residents of Madison County. The Commission approved their filing and candidacy for Madison County Court Judge upon a motion by Commissioner Carney and a second by Commissioner Payne.
- Commissioner Truesdale called the Commission's attention to a handout with important dates for elections in 2022 in each Commissioner's packet.
- The Commission discussed inventorying the need for additional supplies, including seals, and ordering them in bulk. The Commission also reviewed the Accountability Sheet for Seals and looked to add additional details.

The Commission Attorney gave his report, noting the March 9th cutoff date for removing voters under the County's voter removal plan, and then submitted his legal bill for the Commission's consideration. The Commission reviewed his bill and approved it upon a motion from Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Truesdale encouraged the Commission that as they pack bags to identify materials belonging to the Circuit Clerk's office and place them in a box on the conference room table.

Commissioner Dickinson congratulated Commissioner Lacy for a successful and informative ECAM Conference. He also endorsed the concept of an audit after elections

which was suggested at the conference to identify what is working and to correct any issues going forward.

Commissioner Lacy raised other issues to discuss with the political parties for their primaries: covid prevention protocols and supplies and which voting equipment to use.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on March 9, 2022, upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second from Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 9th day of March, 2022.

Pat Truesdale

PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

Helen Carney

HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY