

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JANUARY 11, 2022**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on January 11, 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

Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present. Circuit Clerk Anita Wray attended telephonically as she was not feeling well.

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

The Commission began the new year electing its officers for 2022. Commissioner Truesdale was elected Chair by acclamation upon a motion by Commissioner Carney which was seconded by Commissioner Payne. Commissioner Lacy was elected Vice Chair by acclamation upon a motion by Commissioner Payne and a second by Commissioner Dickinson. Commissioner Carney was elected Secretary by acclamation upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale and a second by Commissioner Dickinson.

The Commission next reviewed the proposed minutes of its December 8th meeting. 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 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"

The Commission met its statutory obligation to consider the list of citizens who had been convicted of felonies since the last statutory purge date and determine whether they had committed a disenfranchising crime. The Commission Attorney had reviewed the list provided by the Circuit Clerk and highlighted eighteen (18) recommended names to be purged from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The

Commission reviewed the list, asked counsel questions and it was noted that Commissioner Carney had found that just three (3) of the names who had been found to have had committed disenfranchising crimes were on the voter rolls. The action to purge those three (3) names was taken upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Circuit Clerk Wray gave her report including the following items:

- She donated one hundred and seventy three (173) new electronic pollbooks to the County which were purchased by her office with grant funds. The old electronic pollbooks which they replaced will be disposed of by the County.
- The Clerk's office mailed postcards for voters with new polling locations in Precincts 105 & 314.

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 – 19, District 2 – 15, District 3 - 67, District 4 – 29 and District 5 – 40. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner and Carney 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 – 35, District 2 – 13, District 3 - 16, District 4 – 9 and District 5 – 19. 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 Lacy will coordinate a donated gift from our Commission to ECAM's silent auction at its convention.
- The Commission reviewed the SoS's new sample affidavit envelopes with new colors per our Commission's suggestion.

In New Business:

- The Commission discussed the party primaries in June and directed its Counsel to reach out to the party chairs to begin the discussion on the Commission's role if they are requested to assist. The Commission discussed offering handling the entire election or a limited role such as poll worker training and bag packing. The direction to its Counsel came through a motion by Commissioner Lacy and a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Commissioner Payne discussed efforts to recruit poll workers including reaching out to HOAs and letters to voters. The Commission also discussed

the value of full outreach until after the parties' primary elections.

- The Commission discussed optimum strategies for training poll workers including smaller groups of poll workers with similar tasks and providing specialized training.

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

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Truesdale noted that the County has new payroll dates and has gone back to a system of having two per month.

Commissioner Dickinson mentioned the need to make sure the maps and lines in redistricting are accurate and that all voters will vote in the right polling location under the new plan. The Commission also was concerned about lines which make sense for taxpayers to avoid split precincts and polling locations with as few as ten (10) voters in a special election.

Commissioner Lacy encouraged everyone to continue to be safe, wear masks and protect themselves.

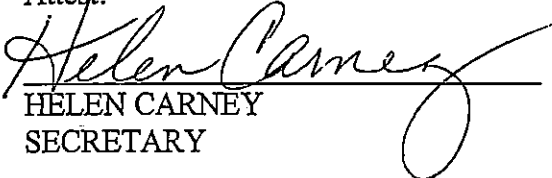
The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on February 9th, upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second from Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

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



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY