

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON  
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
JANUARY 15, 2019**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2018, 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 Julia Hodges  
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale  
District Five Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were Circuit Clerk Anita Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard.

Commissioner Hodges called the meeting to order and Commissioner Jackson-Adams began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Truesdale led the pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Lacy made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented with the correction of one date. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackson-Adams.

The Commission approved its minutes of its December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"Aye"  
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye"  
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"  
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams-"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 recommended names to be purged from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The Commission reviewed the list and asked counsel questions then voted to purge twenty-seven (27) names from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The action was taken upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioners Hodges, Jackson-Adams and Carney volunteered to purge the citizens' names from the voter rolls.

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray gave her remarks, announcing that the qualifying period for candidates for elections in 2019 had begun and candidates have begun filing. She will

update the candidates for each office on the County website and bring a written copy of those who had qualified by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, noting that other offices such as board members of school boards had until September 6<sup>th</sup> to qualify to run.

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 Carney was appointed the week before the meeting so had not had time to submit a list, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of twenty-seven (27) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of seventeen (17) names, and Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of sixteen (16) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of eight (8) 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.

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 eighteen (18) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of four (4) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twelve (12) 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 Lacy, a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Under Old Business, the Commission will attend the ECAM Conference to be held in Biloxi on January 23-25<sup>th</sup>. The Commission highlighted that Commissioner Lacy is Chairman of ECAM and will vote for his re-election.

In New Business, the Commission:

- Acknowledged the resignation letter from Commissioner Jenkins.
- Recognized the proclamation that Michael Guest had resigned the office of District Attorney following his election to Congress.
- Welcomed newly-appointed Election Commissioner Helen Carney.
- Reported on the roof leak inside the office.
- Reviewed and approved the requests of Earlyn Carmody and Alfreda Distefano to be added to the permanent absentee ballot list. The action was taken upon a motion from Commissioner Lacy, a second from Commissioner Jackson and a unanimous vote of the Commission. The Commission also voted to remove Evelyn Thompson from the permanent absentee ballot list by unanimous consent, as she is now deceased.
- Noted that the reimbursement rate for mileage has been raised to \$.58 per mile, and that Commissioner Carney has now been assigned a tablet with BOS # 7779.

The Commission Attorney gave his report, including addressing how the County is

gathering documents for the pending public records requests from the ACLU and NAACP. He then submitted his legal bill for the Commission's review. Commissioner Truesdale made a motion to approve the Commission Attorney's bill which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Carney expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve as an Election Commissioner.

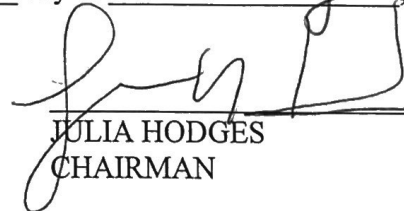
Commissioner Hodges gave the Commission's attorney documentation that Chris Dockery was voting at his old address. She requested that the matter be referred to the District Attorney's office.

Commissioners Truesdale and Jackson-Adams expressed their view that the Commission should only contract with the parties to handle all of the tasks in conducting the elections.

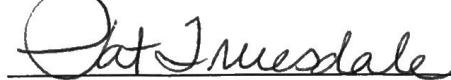
Commissioner Lacy informed the Commission that a new Attorney General's Opinion indicated that the Commissioner could request the Board of Supervisors to approve more than nine (9) poll workers for a polling location. He also suggested that the Commission advise returning managers to put ballot boxes in the trunks of their cars as opposed to the back seat where they could cause damage. He also noted the need to find a few new polling locations this year which is an opportunity to reduce split precincts.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent. The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 13 day of February, 2019.

  
JULIA HODGES  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

  
PAT TRUESDALE  
SECRETARY