

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JULY 13, 2022**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on July 13, 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

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

Commissioner Truesdale called the meeting to order and Commissioner Dickinson began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Payne led the pledge of allegiance.

The Commission next reviewed the proposed minutes of its May 3rd 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"

Circuit Clerk Wray provided the VR-001 Voter Movement Reports detailed the movement of voters in the County from March through July, which the Commission acknowledged and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. She noted the Secretary of State's office forwarded information on the Mississippi Modernization Act Grant Program. She also explained her discussion with Commissioner Truesdale regarding the need to update and renew the agreement regarding voting machines with ES&S.

District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy joined the meeting *via* telephone.

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 – 34, District 2 – 40, District 3 - 24, District 4 – 46 and District 5 – 37. 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.

In Old Business, the Commissioner debriefed the primary election. The Commissioners agreed that the primary elections went relatively smoothly with the new equipment, noting areas in poll worker training to improve upon to ensure that the poll workers are well versed in using the new electronic poll books and affidavit balloting. Commissioner Truesdale suggested providing training specific to each poll workers role on election day which was well received. Commission Payne commended Arlette Thompson for her survey of poll workers during the primary election and providing the Commission with extremely helpful feedback.

In New Business:

- The Commission added Elizabeth East to the permanent absentee ballot list for District 2 upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission added Mary Sullivan to the permanent absentee ballot list for District 3 upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission added Shellye Prim to the permanent absentee ballot list for District 4 upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Commissioner Dickinson explained the usefulness of a red flag system for damaged election equipment. The Commission appreciated the suggestion and Commissioner Truesdale made a motion to table the issue to further discuss its implementation with Circuit Clerk Wray. The motion to table was seconded by Commissioner Lacy and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Commissioner Payne made a motion to declare surplus a number of items which was seconded by Commissioner Dickinson and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commission. The items declared surplus are : 3 shelf bookcases, 2 two-drawer red secured files, a rolling file stand, a wooden shelf, a large wooden shelf top, four drawer metal files, assorted metal file holders, a wire basket, 23 assorted red bags, 158 assorted three ring binders, 40 assorted bags and a box of ballot pencils.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and 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 Carney thanked her fellow Commissioners for their work to clean and organize the Commission office, noting that it is the first step of many.

Commissioner Payne agreed with Commissioner Carney's observation and noted that it will make packing bags for the election much easier.

Commissioner Truesdale announced that she would be engaged in budgeting for the next year with a request to the county at an upcoming budget hearing.

Commissioner Dickinson observed that the new electronic poll books were an improvement and additional training on those devices for poll workers would be helpful.

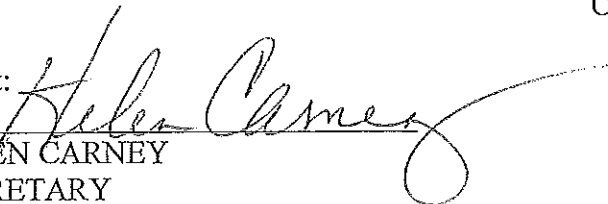
Commissioner Lacy reminded the Commission of the upcoming ECAM meeting and that per diem payments enacted by the Legislature would go into effect October 1st.

Clerk Wray added that she would be receiving qualifying papers for candidates for Districts 1 and 2 of the Madison County School Board beginning August 1st.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on August 10, 2022, upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second from Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 10th day of *AUGUST*, 2022.


PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest: 
HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY