

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON  
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
JULY 8, 2020**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 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 Leroy Lacy

Board Attorney Spence Flatgard had previously notified us he would be out of town.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its June 10, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Carney made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacy.

The Commission approved its minutes of its June 10th 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 Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

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 dated 06/04/20 – 06/30/20, included the following totals of voters in each District as follows: District 1 – 13; District 2 – 25; District 3 – 21; District 4 – 21; and District 5 – 34. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner Carney, and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The list of inactive names were presented on SEMS VR-007 for the period 06/04/2020 – 06/30/2020 with these totals: District 1 – 337; District 2 – 716; District 3 – 115; District 4 – 33; and District 5 – 32. Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner Truesdale, and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business the following items were discussed:

- Commissioner Lacy noted that the Canton Separate School Board has not made any decision yet on filling their vacancy.
- Commissioner Truesdale noted the spreadsheet prepared for the SOS detailing our PPE needs.
- Commissioner Truesdale noted MS Prison Industries has provided a quote for green ballot bags and we need to order 50 bags. After discussion it was concluded that we also need 50 red supply bags and need a quote for those too.
- Commissioner Hodges reported that our budget request has been submitted and she is waiting for a scheduled time to present to the board.
- A copy of the signed Republican Party Contract for the recent Run-Off was submitted.

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray joined the meeting by telephone since she was ill and unable to meet with us today. Commissioner Azzie Jackson Adams also joined the meeting at this time.

In New Business, the following business was discussed and acted upon:

- The Commission acknowledged the approval by the Board of Supervisors to move Precinct 521 to Goodloe-Porter Elementary School during the construction at Canton Parish Center and keep the same precinct number 521.
- The Commission considered the request of Mary Grace Yarborough (Precinct 315), Mary VanLandingham (Precinct 315), and David Jennings Van Landingham, Jr. (Precinct 315) to be added to the permanent absentee list. After reviewing the required documentation, Commission Lacy made a motion to add them to the list which was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission also acknowledged the Official Recapitulation Primary Run-Off Election on June 23, 2020.

Circuit Clerk Wray reported by telephone that the Legislature has a new absentee voting category label of COVID 19 as a reason for Absentee Voting. Also there will be four (4) initiatives on the November ballot so it will be a very long ballot. She reported that the Appeal of the Banks/Bishop Election has been settled, and she has a Supreme Court Order advising that she no longer needs to hold in evidence those materials.

She then reported that the VR-001 Voter Movement Report for last month's voter movement will be available for inspection in her office.

The Commission Attorney had previously submitted his legal bill for the Commission's review by email. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to approve the Commission Attorney's bill which was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:


- Commissioner Hodges reported that we have 7 sandwich boards available to have new lettering or directional wording to help distinguish new precincts. Commissioner Lacy said he would need some of them too.
- Commissioner Carney had no comments.
- Commissioner Truesdale reported that the Commission needs to begin planning the training for new poll workers and refresher training for others. Commissioner Lacy mentioned that he could help secure the Multi-Purpose venue when we decided on dates. The BOS room could also be used for 24 managers and we could do Manager Training twice to cover everyone. Commissioner Truesdale also asked the pleasure of the Commission as to ordering red supply bags and was requested to secure a quote.
- Commissioner Jackson-Adams reported that she is working with Supervisor 4 Banks to relocate the people in Precinct 408 to a new precinct location. She is considering the Pine Lake Church building on Old Jackson Road as the possible new location.
- Commissioner Lacy stressed that we will all need protective gear like shields, gloves, etc. at our precincts and for training purposes. He also looked at the funds allocated to Madison County in the HAVA and CARES Funds. He and Commissioner Truesdale and Circuit Clerk Wray plan to address the BOS on July 20, 2020. He further reported that he was going to explain to the BOS that legislation was passed that at their discretion they may increase the pay for the poll workers and commissioners on Election Day by \$50.00. He suggested hiring an RN for temperature checks of people on training days and that we need to submit our tentative training dates at our August meeting. He said he planned a meeting with the County Administrator regarding the voting equipment deliveries since the van line does nothing to assist with setting up the equipment inside the 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, August 12, 2020.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 12 day of August, 2020.

  
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JULIA HODGES  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

  
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HELEN CARNEY  
SECRETARY