

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JUNE 11, 2024

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on June 11, 2024, in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Madison County Chancery and Administrative Building in the City of Canton, Mississippi. The following Commissioners were present at the beginning of the meeting:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney
District Two Commissioner Barbara Gross
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Anthony Denton
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

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

Chairman Carney called the meeting to order and Commissioner Gross began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Denton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its May 8th meeting. Commissioner Lacy made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented with a second by Commissioner Denton.

The Commission approved its minutes of its meeting, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"Aye"
District Two Commissioner Barbara Gross-"Aye"
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"
District Four Commissioner Anthony Denton-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

During public comments, Democratic Party Chairman Howard Brown thanked Commissioner Truesdale for her service and then asked the Commission why it had initially indicated that some Democratic poll workers weren't eligible for payment who were eventually paid for their service. Commissioner Carney referred him to the video discussion at the last Commission meeting where the issue was addressed. Commissioner Truesdale said that those poll workers gave nicknames or not their full legal names as they were listed on the voter rolls so they couldn't initially be confirmed as voters. Also, the names were not submitted early enough to resolve the questions before the election. Commissioner Lacy said he had one poll worker in his district with that situation and she had submitted her married name which was different than her voter registration which had her maiden name. That worker was also ultimately paid. Ms. Jimmie Goodloe asked how deceased voters were removed and the process was explained to her.

Circuit Clerk Wray gave her report detailing the recent VR-001 Voter Movement Report including the movement of 271 voters in the County since the last Commission meeting through June 10, 2024. She also updated the Commission on legislation which simplified the process of voting by

absentee ballot in the circuit clerk's office to have the application printed and filled out on the envelope for the absentee ballot.

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 – 53, District 2 – 46, District 3 – 52, District 4 – 6 and District 5 – 18. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Gross 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 Report included the following totals of voters in each District: District 1 – 60, District 2 – 146, District 3 – 428, District 4 – 149 and District 5 – 229. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Denton and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In New Business, the Commissioner Carney made a motion to approve Charles Barranco, Edith Dillard, and Karen Hill as permanent absentee voter status. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gross and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business, the Commission acknowledged the approved and executed lease agreement for a polling location at Precinct 105 with Old Rice Road Baptist Church. Commissioner Carney thanked Clerk Wray for promptly sending out notice to voters in the precinct of their new polling location.

In New Business, Commissioner Carney stated that she would request that the County pay Lighthouse Church the normal fee of \$300 to lease a polling location since the Commission was not able to give 180 days notice for the lease's termination as required by the lease agreement. She also explained that next year's budget request for the Commission had been drafted using this year's budget as a guide and submitted. She and Commissioner Truesdale also noted poll worker training dates which would be circulated and posted.

The Commission Attorney gave a brief report and offered his legal invoice which was reviewed and approved by the Commission upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Denton and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Truesdale reported that supplies had been ordered and 21 red bags had been identified that would be recommended for surplus to offer to municipalities. She

also reiterated that the Commission must act and approve actions as a group and not as individual Commissioners.


- Commissioner Lacy asked Clerk Wray what must happen as the next step to approve Deerfield as a polling location. Clerk Wray responded that she needs a legal boundary for the precinct, and Commissioner Lacy stated he would follow up on.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on July 10th, upon a motion from Commissioner Denton, a second from Commissioner Gross and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 10th day of July, 2024.


HELEN CARNEY
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


PAT TRUESDALE
SECRETARY