

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
JUNE 9, 2021**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 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 was also present.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its May 12th 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 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 – 18, District 2 – 27, District 3 - 62, District 4 – 20 and District 5 – 28. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne 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 Reports included the following totals of voters in each District: District 1 – 12, District 2 – 91, District 3 - 3, District 4 – 28 and District 5 – 39. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business, the Commission:

- The Commission Attorney reported that the agreements with the municipalities were executed and filed with the SOS office, as required by statute. He also commended on how the support of the Commission helped with well run municipal elections.
- Commissioner Truesdale suggested the Commission develop a policy for allowing poll workers to work a half day and submit it to the BOS. Commissioner Lacy noted that the Commission would need to make sure the mid-day transition was smooth and contemplated handling the situation if the second shift didn't arrive. Commissioner Dickinson added that the Poll Manager should be at the poll all day.
- The Commission agreed on encouraging a more aggressive strategy in the future for municipalities to communicate their polling locations before their elections.

In New Business, the Commission:

- Approved the request of Kathleen Ann Hutchinson (Precinct 111) to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list. The motion was made by Commissioner Carney, seconded by Commissioner Lacy and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission acknowledged by unanimous consent the purging of Brandy Lynn Ladet for the disenfranchising crime of burglary committed in Jefferson Davis County in March of this year.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and 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 acknowledged a letter received from a City of Canton alderman and directed counsel to respond with explanations as to how the municipalities control the precinct lines and where their voters vote. The Commission is also glad to receive any information about changes in a voter's status. The Chairman also requested input on the Commission's budget request by the end of the month as she prepares the Commission's submission to the BOS. She reported that at the last BOS meeting the grant to purchase 173 tablets was explained and that they would request budgeting of the purchase of more.

Commissioner Payne commended the Commissioners for improving the accuracy of the voter rolls with the number of registered voters declining to 97.738% of Madison County's voting age population under the 2019 Census, as it previously was above 100%. She also thanked Mississippi Highway Patrol Trooper John Martin Harris for his service

to the State. Trooper Harris tragically lost his life in the line of duty. She expressed that the Commissioners' thoughts and prayers were with his family, and led the Commission in a moment of silence.

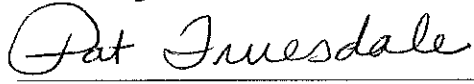
Commissioner Dickinson thanked voters for doing a better job of informing the Commission if they had moved or to follow up on a deceased voter. That has been key in the Commission's progress in cleaning up the voter rolls.

Commissioner Lacy announced the next ECAM meeting would be held on June 28th in Biloxi.

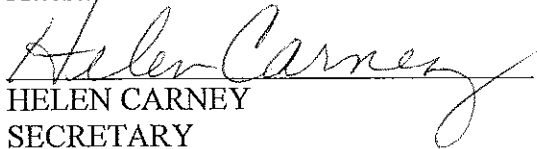
Commissioner Truesdale asked the Commission if a work session after their July 14th meeting would be possible to clean up the Commission office, and the Commission agreed.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on July 14, 2021, upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second from Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 14 day of July, 2021.


PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY