

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON  
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MAY 12, 2021**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 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

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray was also present.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Dickinson 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 Julia Hodges-"Aye"  
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"  
District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson-"Aye"  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray reported on the recent VR-001 Voter Movement Report which included the movement of 361 voters in the County and is available for inspection in her office.

She also reported:

- Municipal elections. The municipalities general elections had been loaded into SEMS and databases complete.
- Express Pollbooks. She was ordering 173 Express Pollbooks using \$225,700 in grant money she had received at no expense to taxpayers. A motion by Commissioner Payne was made to notify the BOS, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

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 – 13, District 2 – 55, District 3 - 45, District 4 – 27 and District 5 – 7. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Carney, 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 – 18, District 2 – 215, District 3 - 150, District 4 – 171 and District 5 – 54. 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.

The Commission also noted that since its last meeting, Circuit Clerk Anita Wray had purged 9,104 inactive voters who had not voted in the previous two (2) federal elections. The motion was approved by a motion made by Commissioner Truesdale and a second by Commissioner Payne.

In Old Business, the Commission:

- Decided to keep 5 blue and 5 red metal boxes and declare the remainder surplus by unanimous consent.
- Declared metal voting booths as surplus by unanimous consent.
- Commissioner Payne made a motion to pay St. Joseph's church \$3,000 in back payments for the ten (10) elections under the standard polling location fee of \$300 per election. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Lacy and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In New Business, the Commission:

- Approved the request of Lucille Sutton (Precinct 419) to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list. The motion was made by Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Approved an agreement with the City of Madison to authorize the Election Commission to perform demonstrations with voting equipment which will remain under the Commission's control. The motion was made by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Dickinson, and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission. A similar motion was made for the City of Canton by Commissioner Lacy, seconded by Commissioner Dickinson and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission Attorney reported to the Commission that he would follow up on

drafting the agreements with the cities of Canton and Madison, follow up with the BOS on the request for payment to St. Joseph church and continue working on several public records requests. The Commission reviewed his bill and approved it upon a motion from Commissioner Carney, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Carney thanked the Commission for its hard work on the voter maintenance program involving postcards.

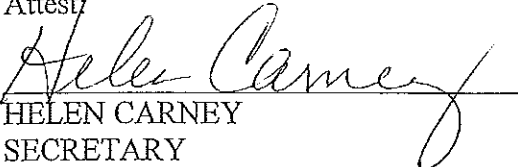
Commissioner Dickinson expressed his enthusiasm for the positive direction the Commission was on to clean up the voter rolls and use improved technology. He also explained the advantages of using a new shared document control system that should be ready by the end of the summer.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on June 9, 2021, upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second from Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
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PAT TRUESDALE  
CHAIRMAN

Attest/

  
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HELEN CARNEY  
SECRETARY