

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MAY 13, 2020**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, in the Board Room of the Madison County Chancery and Administrative Building in the City of Canton, Mississippi. The scheduled meetings to be held on March 18 and April 8 were not held due to the circumstances caused by Covid-19. 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 (*via telephone*)

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

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its February 4th meeting. Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carney.

The Commission approved its minutes of its February 4th 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"

Circuit Clerk Wray discussed with the Commission the beginning of absentee voting for the Republican primary runoff election to be held in the 2nd Congressional District on June 23rd, and preparations to conduct the election to be held in twenty (20) polling locations. The discussion included deciding on one truck to deliver election equipment, the availability of Ballot on Demand printers, Logic & Accuracy testing by ES&S to be held on June 15th, ordering PPE through the Secretary of State's bulk purchase at a lower cost, inventorying PPE needs for each District.

The Clerk suggested the need for an order from the Canton Public School District to have a special election this fall to replace Board Member Courtney Rainey. She then reported that the VR-001 Voter Movement Report for the past three (3) months including the movement of 1507 voters and is available for inspection in her office. The reports were

acknowledged by the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk's Office.

The Commission adopted the Secretary of State's recommended procedure for the approval of purging voters. The Commission will generate a VR-007 Report which shows voters purged in the SEMS system for their review, consideration and vote on the approval of the report. The Chair will sign reports approved by the Commission. The Commission decided that names for the report need to be entered one week before a meeting in order to be considered at the meeting, to allow for time to generate the report and distribute it to the Commissioners to consider in their meeting materials. The procedures were adopted upon a motion from Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Carney and the unanimous vote of the Commission.

Consistent with the new procedure, 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 as follows:

12/11/2019 – 1/13/2020

District 1 – 12 District 2 – 20 District 3 – 32 District 4 – 24 District 5 – 15

1/14/2020 – 2/3/2020

District 1 – 33 District 2 – 29 District 3 – 34 District 4 – 34 District 5 – 33

2/4/2020 – 3/17/2020

District 1 – 19 District 2 – 31 District 3 – 22 District 4 – 12 District 5 – 23

3/18/2020 – 4/01/2020

District 1 – 0 District 2 – 1 District 3 – 7 District 4 – 1 District 5 – 0

4/2/2020 – 5/9/2020

District 1 – 23 District 2 – 135 District 3 – 53 District 4 – 33 District 5 – 46

The reports were approved by unanimous consent.

In Old Business, Commissioner Hodges noted that of the eight (8) felons the Commission voted to purge from the voting rolls at its last meeting, none were registered voters.

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

- The Commission considered the request of Jessie Anna Puryear (Precinct 315), George C. Hamilton (Precinct 315), Martha Callegari (Precinct 315), Eula Ivy Hawkins (Precinct 207) and Martha Mansell Bradley (Precinct 315) to be added to the permanent absentee list. After reviewing the required documentation, Commissioner Lacy made a motion to add him to the list which was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

- The Commission approved a request to purchase of twenty-five (25) green voting bags with the expectation that the County could be reimbursed by the State from its allotment of HAVA funds.
- Acknowledged and made part of these minutes the official recapitulation of the Democratic and Republican Executive Committees for their respective March 10, 2020 presidential primaries upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Discussed a potential agreement with the Madison County Republican Executive Committee (“GOP”) to assist with their runoff election to be held on June 23rd. The suggestion was made to handle their entire primary election. Commissioner Lacy stated that the GOP started the primary and should finish it themselves. He then offered a motion to contract with the GOP to pack their bags, supply materials and assist with poll workers. Commissioner Truesdale seconded the motion to allow for further discussion. The Commission debated whether it was better to handle all of the election duties or the more specific duties contained in the pending motion. The motion failed with Commissioners Lacy and Truesdale voting in favor and Commissioners Hodges and Carney voting opposed. Upon further discussion, Commissioner Truesdale made a motion to offer the GOP an agreement to conduct the runoff election similar to the handling of the first election, with assistance packing bags, preparing binders, distributing machines, recommending poll workers and delivering election bags to the Courthouse. The GOP would pack ballots and handle election eve, day and night duties, and the resolution board, hiring of poll workers and counting of all ballots. The Commission would again offer its service in looking up affidavit voters in SEMS while the GOP would still decide which affidavit votes would be counted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carney and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Assessed the need for additional election equipment, including red bags, precinct scanners and ballot marking devices to be requested from HAVA funds, quotes from ES&S and to request MPIC to repair red bags after the runoff election.
- Reviewed recommendations from the Secretary of State’s office for election protocols, preparations and precautions to deal with Covid-19.

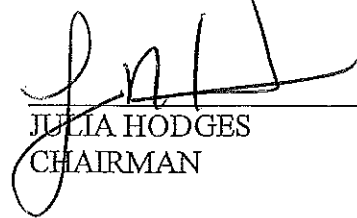
The Commission Attorney gave his report, including a reminder of the June 1st deadline to file qualifying papers to run for Election Commission with all 5 Districts to be elected in 2020 under a new law. He then submitted his legal bill for the Commission’s review. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to 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 the Canton Boys & Girls Club facility had cleaned out its tables and other items used in elections, requiring a plan to make that precinct function on election day. This precinct is in Commissioner Lacy's district and he is aware of this and will make arrangements for election day.
- Commissioner Truesdale reminded the Commissioners of the need to file periodic campaign finance reports for their campaigns.
- Commissioner Lacy reported the ECAM summer training was on hold due to Covid-19.

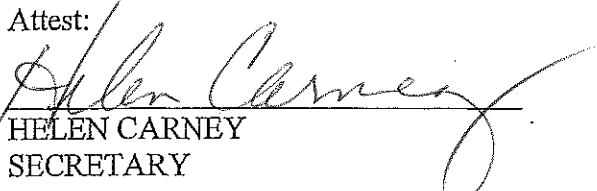
The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent. The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 10 day of June, 2020.



JULIA HODGES
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY