

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON  
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MAY 15, 2019

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 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 Pat Truesdale (participated *via* telephone)  
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges

Circuit Clerk Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present. Chairman John Taylor and Renee Lambert were in attendance on behalf of the Madison County Republican Executive Committee and Chairman Howard Brown and James Powers were in attendance on behalf of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee.

Commissioner Hodges called the meeting to order and Spence Flatgard began the meeting with a prayer. Commissioner Hodges led the pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Carney made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale.

The Commission approved its minutes of its April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"Aye"  
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye"  
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"

Circuit Clerk Wray gave her remarks, including:

- Recognizing Madison County's appreciation for our men and women in law enforcement during Officer Appreciation Week.
- Distributing a copy of the permanent absentee ballot list for the upcoming elections.
- Reminding everyone that she needs the number of ballots per precinct that the parties are requesting for their primary elections.
- Distributing a letter from the Secretary of State's Office that SEMS access is limited to officials in the Circuit Clerk's office and Election Commission, advising that parties should make plans accordingly for accessing SEMS in the processing of affidavit ballots.
- Providing the VR-001 Voter Movement Report which was acknowledged by

the Commission and is available for public inspection in the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Lacy joined the meeting and the Commissioners submitted their individual lists of names to be purged from the voter rolls for voters who were deceased or who had moved. Commissioner Carney submitted a list of twenty (20) names for District 1, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of thirty-one (31) names for District 2, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of twenty-five (25) names, Commissioner Jackson Adams submitted a list of twenty-one (21) names, and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twenty-five (25) names for District 5. Each of these Commissioners also offered the required supporting documentation for their respective lists for the Commission's review. The Commission approved the purges upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission next considered Commissioner requests to acknowledge the appropriate change of status from active status to inactive status for names on the voter rolls. These inactive voter changes were made through May 8, 2019, as allowed by law. Commissioner Carney submitted a list of forty-three (43) names for District 1, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of twenty-six (26) names for District 2 and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of fifty-five (55) names for District 3. Each of these Commissioners also offered the required supporting documentation for their respective lists for the Commission's review. The Commission approved the purges upon a motion by Commissioner Carney, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

At the beginning of Old Business, Commissioner Truesdale made a motion to approve an agreement with the Republican Party to handle their elections upon their acceptance of the Commission's offer. Commissioner Carney seconded the motion. Commissioner Lacy offered an amendment to the motion for the Commission to do the same activities it did for both parties in their agreements last year. The motion to amend died for lack of a second. Commissioner Jackson-Adams joined the meeting during the discussion and Commissioner Carney called for a vote on the motion.

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The Commission approved an agreement with the Madison County Republican Executive Committee to handle all of the duties which they are allowed to administer for their primary elections, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"Aye"  
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye"  
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"  
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams-"No"  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-Abstained

Democrat Executive Committee Chairman Howard Brown was recognized and spoke to the Election Commission concerning the problems encountered with his party in prior years' primary elections. Executive Chairman Brown stated that he would not concede control of his party's primary election. Commissioner Lacy made a motion to offer the same agreement to the Democrats as was entered into the previous year. i.e."The Democrat Executive Committee will be responsible for hiring their poll workers and scheduling training with no more than 25 attendees except at the Madison Library which will only accommodate 20 trainees. They will pack their supply bag and all appropriate Forms, Reports, 3-Ring Binders, etc. A representative from the Party will attend each training and certify their workers." Commissioner Jackson-Adams seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted with the Commissioners voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Helen Carney-"No"  
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye"  
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"No"  
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams-"Aye"  
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

The Commission next discussed and approved training dates for poll workers, attached hereto, upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, seconded by Commissioner Lacy and accepted by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Hodges reported quotes for three (3) desktop computers (\$1,067.98 each/\$955.70 total) and three (3) scanners (\$318.56 each/\$955.70 total) to allow them to process affidavit ballots. Commissioner Hodges also reminded the Commission of the need for HAVA status reports and ADA Compliance Reports.

Under New Business, the Commission took the follow actions:

- Commissioner Hodges made a motion to remove Kinwana L. Moncure from the permanent absentee ballot list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Carney and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- Required poll worker lists to be submitted by May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Set L&A testing dates for July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 26, 2019
- Discussed need to provide poll receipt books by precinct, delivering the Commissioner's pollbook tablets for updating during L & A Testing, delivery routes for voting equipment, supply orders for seals, "I VOTED" stickers and other needs.

Commissioner Lacy next made a motion to forward a Request for Contract with ES&S and Madison County for all upcoming 2019 elections and L & A Testing to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Carney. Motion accepted by unanimous consent of the Commission.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and offered to immediately draft the agreements with the parties for the primary elections. 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 Jackson-Adams and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments:


Commissioner Truesdale requested contact information from the Democrat Executive Committee for Election Day.

Commissioner Lacy stated he will work for unity and the people, not parties. He also thanked the Commission for their consideration during his wife's illness.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting upon a motion from Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission. The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is to be held on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

  
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JULIA HODGES  
CHAIRMAN

Attest:  
  
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PAT TRUESDALE  
SECRETARY