## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION OCTOBER 12, 2022

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on October 12, 2022, 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 Two Commissioner Lauren Payne District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

District One Commissioner Helen Carney was unable to attend the meeting due to an out of state conference with her church. Circuit Clerk Anita Wray and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present.

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

The Commission next reviewed the proposed minutes of its September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and its September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Commissioner Payne made separate motions that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motions were seconded by Commissioner Dickinson.

The Commission approved its minutes of both meetings, voting as follows:

District Two Commissioner Lauren Payne-"Aye" District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye" District Four Commissioner Dan Dickinson-"Aye" District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

Circuit Clerk Wray provided the VR-001 Voter Movement Reports detailing the movement of 358 voters in the County since September, which the Commission acknowledged and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office. She offered the Resolution Board to meet in Courtroom #2 in the Courthouse on November 8, 2022. She reported that ballots had been ordered, L&A testing was set for October 19-21, and absentee voting is available with her office open on Saturdays with 154 ballots cast. Commissioner Truesdale asked her to report on her successful voter registration effort with seniors at Canton Academy and at the Waterford, also assisting voters at the facility in applying to be on the permanent absentee ballot list.

The Commissioners next 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 1-25, District 2-53, District 3-28, District 4-10 and District 5-24. 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.

In Old Business, the Commission considered and coordinated routes for delivery of equipment to the polling locations for each precinct.

The Commission also reviewed the poll worker lists submitted for Districts 1 through 4 with the list for District 5 to be submitted following the final poll worker training for that district's poll workers. Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that the Commission approve the poll workers which was adopted by unanimous consent.

## In New Business:

- The Commission approved the request of Coyt M. Sanders to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list for District 2 upon a motion by Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission approved the request of Mary Elizabeth Callegari and Lucille Packer Grantham to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list for District 3 upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission approved the request of Joyce W. Smith to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list for District 5 upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission approved the removal of Perry Nations from the permanent absentee ballot list upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.
- The Commission approved an agreement for the continued employment of its counsel at a rate of \$250.00 per hour to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors.
- Commissioner Truesdale offered the reminder that the Commission will not hold its normal monthly meeting in November as it will be conducting the election and processing the results.

## **During Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioners Payne reported that she and Commissioner Dickinson conducted poll worker training the previous evening which engaged the participants by incorporating a power point presentation, and commended Commissioner Dickinson. [Commissioners Lacy and Truesdale also assisted with the training.]

Commissioner Truesdale offered a helpful sheet Commissioner Carney prepared to include in poll managers materials listing "Things to bring back outside of the Red Bag"

and "Things to leave at the precinct." She also suggested that the Secretary of States Training Video called "Tovuti" might be able to be modified to train poll managers in February. Commissioner Lacy offered that the Secretary of State's office has noted a few items need to be updated to reflect changes in the law and distinctions in Madison County's practices.

Commissioner Dickinson complimented the team effort to improve training of poll workers through printer materials, power point presentations and programs which will help convey a professional image to the voters.

Commissioner Lacy reported that he had recently had meetings with ECAM to prepare for the Convention in January and to transition to a new President. Commissioner Truesdale noted the Board of Supervisors had approved the Commissioners' registrations to attend the Convention which they are looking forward to attending.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next regular monthly meeting to be held on December 14, 2022, upon a motion from Commissioner Dickinson, a second from Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the  $6^{th}$  day of December, 2022.

PAT TRUESDALE CHAIRMAN

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