

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 13, 2021**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on October 13, 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

Deputy Circuit Clerk Teresa Speaks and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard were also present. Circuit Clerk Anita Wray participated by telephone.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its September 13th meeting. Commissioner Payne made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dickinson.

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"

Circuit Clerk Wray gave her report including the following items:

- VR-001 Voter Movement Report included the movement of 202 voters in the County and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office.
- The Secretary of State has notified her office that HAVA funds are available.
- The City of Canton special election has concluded with no issues and she has closed the election in the SEMS database.

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 – 29, District 2 – 30, District 3 - 35, District 4 – 21 and District 5 – 48. 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 – 15, District 2 – 3, District 3 - 14, District 4 – 9 and District 5 – 17. The Commission approved the changes and report upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

At its last meeting, the Commission met its statutory obligation to consider the list of citizens who had been convicted of felonies since the last statutory purge date and determined whether they had committed a disenfranchising crime. Each Commissioner then volunteered to take a portion of the list and purge those citizens' names from the voter rolls if they were found to be registered voters. The Commission purged from that list 2 voters from District 1, 3 voters from District 3, 8 voters from District 4 and 3 voters from District 5.

The Commission then reviewed requests for permanent absentee voter status and the supporting physician recommendation from Eleanor Ruth Elam (Precinct 209), Jimmy Bay Elam (Precinct 209), and Yvonne Heath (Precinct 521). These requests were approved by a motion from Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In New Business:

- The Commission reported that it had completed its review of the County's permanent absentee voter list and approved the removal of Nichols (264831).
- Commissioner Truesdale reported that the County has \$302,946 in HAVA funds which will not expire for the County. She solicited ideas on the best use of the funds to enhance elections for Madison County.
- Commissioner Dickinson provided documentation for an additional four citizens who had committed disenfranchising crimes in other counties. The Commission approved the purging of their names if found on the voter rolls through a vote of Commissioner Dickinson, a second by Commissioner Payne and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and then 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:

The Commission decided to have a common time to work together each week on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission office, beginning the first week of November.


Commissioner Dickinson reported that the document control system was up and running with shared files. He also recommended the Commission consider purchasing collapsible bags with the HAVA funds as it replaces older bags. These bags are more durable, easy to use and take up much less shelf space.

Commissioner Lacy announced that everything is on track for ECAM training at its convention on January 18-21, 2022, in Biloxi.

Commissioner Truesdale noted that the recent Census showed 109,145 residents in Madison County, placing it in the top six (6) counties in Mississippi. She encouraged the Commission to provide input on drawing precinct lines to address this growth.

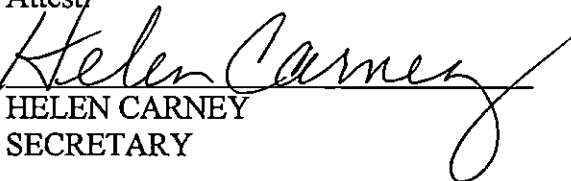
The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on November 10, 2021, upon a motion from Commissioner Payne, a second from Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 10th day of NOVEMBER, 2021.



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest/


HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY