

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

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

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

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its August 11th 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"

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 determine whether they had committed a disenfranchising crime. The Commission Attorney had reviewed the list provided by the Circuit Clerk and highlighted recommended names to be purged from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The Commission reviewed the list, finding additional names to be highlighted, asked counsel questions and then voted to purge thirty-four (34) names from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The action was taken upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission. 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.

Next, Commissioner Dickinson explained that he had analyzed the report from the

Secretary of State's SEMS database of voters residing in Districts of Commissioners who requested it of those who had previously committed disenfranchising crimes in other counties. He then contacted the Circuit Clerk's office in those respective counties to obtain sentencing orders or disposition orders to provide documentation that the voter had committed a disenfranchising crime. He conferred with counsel and provided that supporting documentation to the Commission. The Commission voted to purge those nine (9) voters from the voter rolls upon a motion by Commissioner Payne, a second by Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Circuit Clerk Wray gave her report including the following items:

- VR-001 Voter Movement Report included the movement of 204 voters in the County and is available for inspection in the Circuit Clerk's office.
- 2022 Election dates are June 7th primary, June 28th runoff (if necessary), November 8th general and November 29th runoff (if necessary).
- No candidate submitted qualification papers by the deadline for a Canton Separate School District Board election this year. The Commission Attorney advised the CSSD's counsel of the need for a candidate prior to the deadline in an attempt to avoid the need for a special election again.
- New electronic pollbooks will be calibrated and ready for training for the Commission to be scheduled in early 2022.

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 – 17, District 2 – 19, District 3 - 12, District 4 – 21 and District 5 – 23. 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 – 4, District 2 – 33, District 3 - 8, District 4 – 6 and District 5 – 24. 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.

In Old Business:

- Commissioner Truesdale asked Commissioners for their report on which schools in their districts could serve as polling locations. This would help focus the Commission's request for the respective school districts to consider scheduling teacher work days on election days to allow the County to use more schools as polling locations again. Schools identified were Madison Avenue and Mannsdale Elementary (District 2), Madison Crossing (District 1/5) and Goodloe Elementary School (District 5).
- Commissioner Truesdale invited discussion on covid 19 protocols.

Commissioner Dickinson offered the current CDC and OHSA public health guidance and Commissioner Lacy encouraged the Commission to stay safe and love their neighbor. The Commission agreed with all of these approaches.

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:

Commissioner Carney reported that Mississippi Van Lines could provide trucks to deliver the election equipment with a 2 month notice and noted prices were increasing. The Commission discussed soliciting quotes from other companies and requesting a minimum of four or five County employees to help move and protect the equipment.

Commissioner Payne announced that the Secretary of State's records show that Madison County has 97% of its voting age population registered to vote. This number is based upon the 2010 census population, so once the 2020 census results are applied the percentage will be lower. Counsel added that Madison County had over 100% for many years so this downward trend is significant and a testament to the Commission's hard work in maintaining accurate voter rolls.

Commissioner Truesdale noted that the Board of Supervisors had adopted next year's budget.

Commissioner Dickinson reported that he had attended his first national Election Center program and thought it was excellent with good ideas and information. He will explore applying several ideas involving the use of technology to help keep voters informed on items from election day wait lines to answering routine FAQs.

Commissioner Lacy reported that he would meet with the Secretary of State this week in his role as ECAM President to hear about his upcoming agenda and priorities.

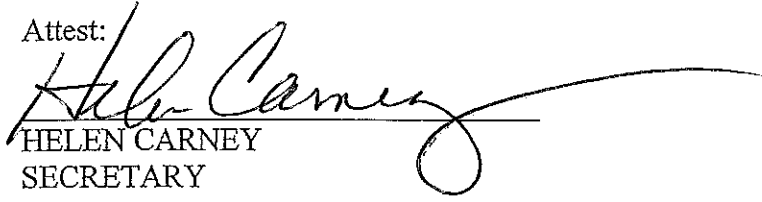
The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting, with its next meeting to be held on October 13, 2021, upon a motion from Commissioner Lacy, a second from Commissioner Dickinson and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 13th day of OCTOBER, 2021.



PAT TRUESDALE
CHAIRMAN

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen Carney". The signature is written over a horizontal line that extends to the right. The final stroke of the signature is a long, sweeping flourish that extends further to the right.

HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY