

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020, 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 Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

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 Carney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its August 12th meeting. Commissioner Carney made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Truesdale.

The Commission approved its minutes of its August 12th 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 Azzie Jackson-Adams-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

The Commission performed 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.

The Commission Attorney had reviewed the list provided by the Circuit Clerk generated by SEMS of names who had committed disenfranchising crimes listed by the Mississippi Attorney General's Office to be considered to be purged from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The Commission reviewed the list and asked counsel questions then voted to purge nineteen (19) names from the voter rolls, should they be found to be registered voters. The action was taken upon a motion by Commissioner Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Helen Carney and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioner Hodges then volunteered to research the nineteen (19) names and purge if they were Madison County voters.

Circuit Clerk Anita Wray reported on the following items:

- Reminded the Commission of several other items related to the handling of absentee ballots this election, and that gatherers of petition signatures must stand 150 feet from a polling location.
- Presidential Only ballots would be available at each precinct. This type ballot is for someone who has moved from Madison County in last 30 days and has not had the opportunity to register in their new county of residence. They may return to Madison County and vote a Presidential Only Ballot.
- Applications for absentee ballots are available and absentee ballot voting can begin on September 21st.
- In addition to the list of requests of additional voters to be added to the permanent absentee ballot list, she offered the requests of *Shirley Alexander White* and *Shirley Buckley*.
- The VR-001 Voter Movement Reports from June through August included the movement of 755 voters and is available for inspection in her office.

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 – 40, District 2 – 26, District 3 - 39, District 4 – 34 and District 5 – 35. The names to be purged on the VR-007 Reports were approved upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy, a second by Commissioner Truesdale and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

In Old Business, the Commission reviewed the qualification papers for candidates for school board elections. The Commission reviewed Dr. Pollia F. Griffin's Qualifying Statement of Intent for the Office Madison County Board of Education, District 5, and the accompanying Circuit Clerk certification of the required number of petition signatures. The Commission made a finding that Dr. Griffin had qualified for said office and Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that she be placed on the general election ballot. Commissioner Lacy seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission reviewed Peter Brown's and Ollie L. Linson's Qualifying Statements of Intent for the Board of Trustees for the Canton Public School District, and the accompanying Circuit Clerk certifications of the required number of petition signatures. The Commission made a finding that both candidates had qualified for said office and Commissioner Lacy made a motion that they be placed on the general election ballot. Commissioner Truesdale seconded the motion which was approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Truesdale also updated the Commission on their red bag repair by Mississippi Prison Industries. Only four (4) bags are in good enough condition to be fixed. The Commission will get a report on the green bags in the upcoming week.

In New Business, Commissioners Carney, Hodges and Truesdale offered their list of poll workers for their respective districts to be approved by the Commission. Commissioner Lacy reported that he still had poll workers requesting to be removed or included for this election so he would have a final list at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Hodges then reviewed the times for poll worker training.

The Commission then discussed the possibility of the County providing four (4) of its employees to assist with the carrying of bags on election eve and night at the Courthouse. The Commission Attorney was directed to inquire with the County.

The Commission approved the following thirty-six (36) voters' requests to be added to the permanent absentee list:

1. Anne Owen Baskin – District 1
2. Ernestine Becker – District 1
3. Jean Bulloch – District 1
4. Stella C. Busbee – District 1
5. Westley F. Busbee – District 1
6. Cecil G. Jenkins – District 1
7. Marie Felps McGrew – District 1
8. Patsy Jenkins – District 1
9. Jane R. Magee – District 1
10. Elizabeth Ann McGee – District 1
11. Clarice Mooney – District 1
12. Virginia N. Shaw – District 1
13. Mary F. Taylor – District 1
14. Peggy J. Borromeo – District 1
15. Shirley Waters – District 5
16. Alton Waters – District 5
17. Teresser Hentz Bass – District 5
18. Ervin Bass – District 5
19. Arlene Bills – District 3
20. Warden Kastner – District 3
21. Mary F. Keady – District 3
22. Wanza Broome – District 3
23. Nancy P. Crane – District 1
24. Roger W. Hudson – District 1
25. Margaret M. Larue – District 1
26. Anne S. McKeown – District 1
27. Virginia Salter – District 1
28. Jane C. Welch – District 1
29. Nevis Guy – District 3
30. Samuel Messina – District 3
31. Hazel Strong – District 3
32. Eileen Clayton – District 3
33. Janet Green – District 3
34. Melissa O. Ridgway – District
35. Shirley Alexander White
36. Shirley Buckley.

The Commission will entertain further requests for the general election until 5:00 p.m. on October 13th which is the day before their next meeting. The deadline will provide enough time to ensure that the process for a permanent absentee vote can be completed by election day for final voters added to the list.

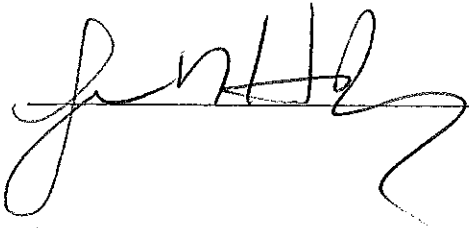
Clerk Wray requested each Commissioner's ballot request order for the District's precincts.

The Commission Attorney gave his report and 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, the Commission engaged in a full discussion of the logistics of the election, including ballot ordering, precinct contacts, Sunnybrook's accommodations, cards for affidavit voters, and approval of delivery vans by the Board of Supervisors. The Commission also inventoried and reviewed the safety protocols for poll workers and voters which must not infringe upon the right to vote.

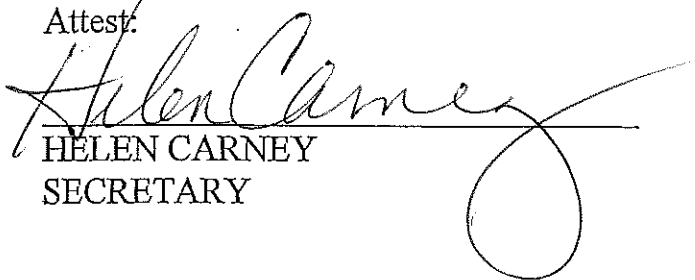
The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting upon a motion by Commissioner Lacy which was seconded by Commissioner Carney and approved by a unanimous vote of the Commission. The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 14th day of
October, 2020.



JULIA HODGES
CHAIRMAN

Attest:



HELEN CARNEY
SECRETARY