

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 8, 2017

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 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 website. The following Commissioners were present at the beginning of the meeting:

District One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale
District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy

Also present were IT Director Duane Thompson, Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard and Lisa Williams. Circuit Clerk Anita Wray was unable to attend due to illness.

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

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its October meeting. Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that the minutes from the October meeting be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy.

The Commission approved the minutes, voting as follows:

District One Commissioner Timothy Jenkins-"Aye"
District Two Commissioner Julia Hodges-"Aye"
District Three Commissioner Pat Truesdale-"Aye"
District Four Commissioner Jackson-Adams-"Aye"
District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy-"Aye"

The Commissioners next submitted their individual lists of names to be purged from the voter rolls for voters who were deceased or who had moved. Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of nine (9) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of fifty-two (52) names, and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of thirty (30) names and Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of eleven (11) names. 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 Truesdale, a second by Commissioner Hodges 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.

Commissioner Jenkins submitted a list of sixteen (16) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of forty-six (46) names and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of six (6) names. 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 Hodges, a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Under Old Business, Commissioner Hodges inquired as to the status of Gus Allen, Jr., whose voting records appear to show that he re-registered to vote after being purged for committing a disenfranchising crime. The Commission Attorney advised that he had submitted the matter to the District Attorney's office.

Under New Business, the Commission acknowledged the Voter Movement Report which is available for public inspection is in the Circuit Clerk's Office. The Commission also acknowledged a letter from the Secretary of State's office regarding citizens shown as deceased in the Department of Health and Vital Statistics database. The Commission has already purged those names if they were included on the Madison County voter rolls.

The Commission Attorney gave his report, reminding the Commissioners of a motion hearing to be held on November 16, 2017, with the new judge in the election contest. He also noted how well the recent election had gone with the new equipment and how nice it was to have the full Commission in attendance at the meeting, recovered from knee surgeries. The Commission reviewed its attorney's bill and Commissioner Truesdale made a motion to approve it which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy, and approved by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

During Commissioner Comments, Commissioner Jenkins reported there were three (3) more affidavit ballots to process from the election held the day before and one (1) voter identification ballot remaining before the Canton Public School District results could be certified and determined whether a run-off election was necessary.

Commissioner Truesdale suggested the Commission communicate better in the future on getting machines to the polls and engage in further discussions for improving logistical issues for elections, including the IT Department in the planning.


Commissioner Lacy expressed disappointment that the full Commission and County employees weren't included in the decision-making on the deployment of machines for the Canton Public School District election. Commissioner Jenkins offered to work with the full Commission on an improved plan going forward to have equipment in place for elections. Commissioner Truesdale also suggested developing a plan and checklist for additional helpful election night procedures. Commissioner Jackson-Adams agreed the Commission should work together and suggested temporary worker help on election night. Commissioner Lacy offered that the equipment keys for the scanners should be placed in the poll manager's plastic bag returned to the Courthouse.

The Commission concluded its consideration of its agenda items and adjourned the meeting to reconvene at its next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hodges, provided a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and was adopted by a unanimous vote.

WITNESS OUR HANDS, this the 13th day of December, 2017.


TIMOTHY JENKINS
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY