

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MADISON
COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 11, 2017**

A public meeting of the Madison County Election Commission was noticed and duly held and conducted at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 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 (*via telephone*)

Also present were Circuit Clerk Anita Wray, IT Director Duane Thompson, Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard and Lisa Williams.

Commissioner Jenkins called the meeting to order and Commissioner Jenkins began the meeting with a prayer and Commissioner Truesdale led the pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Sheila Jones, District Four Commissioner Azzie Jackson-Adams and District Five Commissioner Leroy Lacy joined the meeting.

The Commission reviewed the proposed minutes of its September meeting. Commissioner Hodges made a motion that the minutes from the September 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"

Clerk Wray gave her report announcing that her office was open the previous Saturday morning until the registration deadline at noon to vote in the November election. Preparation for the election was underway with voting machines labeled and assigned to precincts. She submitted a request from Elizabeth Johnson to be included on the permanent absentee ballot list. The Commissioners reviewed the supporting affidavit and voted unanimously to approve her request following a motion by Commissioner Truesdale and a second by Commissioner Hodges.

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 forty-six (46) names, and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of thirteen (13) names,

Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of fifteen (15) names and Commissioner Lacy submitted a list of twenty-five (25) 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.

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 seventy-five (75) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of thirty (30) names and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of seven (7) 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 Jackson-Adams, a second by Commissioner Hodges and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Under Old Business, Commissioner Lacy submitted his list of poll workers for the upcoming election. The Commission approved the list upon a motion by Commissioner Hodges, a second by Commissioner Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission. Commissioner Jackson-Adams stated she would give her list to the Commissioners for review that afternoon.

Under New Business, the Commission acknowledged the Voter Movement Report which is available for public inspection is in the Circuit Clerk's Office.

The Commissioner made plans for poll worker training to be held on November 17th and 24th in the Board Room with registration at 5:30 and training beginning at 6:00 p.m., with updated training materials for the new machines.

Commissioner Jenkins announced the new scanner was working and his appreciation for Duane Thompson installing it. Commissioner Jenkins noted the Commission plans to order more scanners. Commissioner Hodges explained the scanner allows Commissioners to scan into a voter's profile documents triggering changes to a voter's status, such as including an obituary.

The Commission reviewed the new opening and closing report form offered by Commissioner Truesdale to match the new equipment and simply the form. The new form was approved upon a motion by Commissioner Hodges, a second by Commissioner Jackson-Adams and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Hodges raised the issue of Gus Allen, Jr., apparently registering to vote after having been purged for a disenfranchising felony. The Commission Attorney will refer the matter to the District Attorney's office. Commissioner Hodges also announced that six (6) voters registered to vote with their residence at a UPS store, which was their mailing address and not their residence. The handling of such situations was referred to the Commission Attorney for a procedure for the Commission.

For the November election, Logic & Accuracy (“L&A”) testing will be held on October 17th. ES&S will provide floaters on election day to help with the new equipment.

The Commission Attorney gave a brief report noting the Judge in the election contest had recused himself and a new Judge was appointed. He also discussed issues related to the November election, including the Canton Public School District paying for the expense of the election. He also reiterated the need for everyone to stay in touch as the County prepares for and executes a Canton Public School Board election for the first time to be held under new laws with new machines. The Commission reviewed its attorney’s bill and Commissioner Hodges 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 Hodges discussed the possibility of new precincts voting at Vertical Church on Gluckstadt Road and in Reunion Subdivision, and a move of the voting location entrance at Highland Chapel.

Commissioner Truesdale reported that the State of Virginia contacted the Commission about a voter as being registered in two places, with the need for additional paperwork to be executed to address the situation.

Commissioner Lacy asked Clerk Wray if the polling locations for the November had been notified and she replied that they had been notified.

Commissioner Jenkins showed the Commission a letter request from the Election Commission of Pike County, requesting Madison County’s give them the County’s used TSX machines. Commissioner Jenkins planned to forward the request to the Board of Supervisors.

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, November 8, 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 7 day of Nov, 2017.


TIMOTHY JENKINS
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY