

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

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

Also present was Madison County Circuit Clerk Anita Wray, IT Director Duane Thompson and Commission Attorney Spence Flatgard.

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

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

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 Commission next reviewed the proposed minutes of its special meeting held September 8, 2017. The meeting was held for the limited purposes of reviewing the qualifying papers for candidates for the special and general elections for the Board of Trustees for the Canton Public School District. Lisa Williams joined the meeting during review of the minutes. Commissioner Truesdale made a motion that the minutes from the special meeting be accepted as presented which was seconded by Commissioner Hodges.

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 had reviewed the qualifying papers and petitions for five (5) candidates for the above-referenced elections. She offered her certification that the candidates' petitions contained the requisite number of signatures.

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 eleven (11) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of fifty-one (51) names, and Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of eighty-five (85) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of eighteen (18) 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 Lacy 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 two hundred eighty-eight (288) names, Commissioner Hodges submitted a list of twenty-one (21) names, Commissioner Truesdale submitted a list of one hundred ninety-four (194) names, Commissioner Jackson-Adams submitted a list of fifty-four (54) 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 Lacy and a unanimous vote of the Commission.

Clerk Wray provided the Commission with a list of criminal convictions in Madison County which have occurred since the last statutory purge date. The Commission fulfilled its statutory duty by reviewing the list of recent felony convictions to determine whether the citizens had committed disenfranchising crimes warranting their being purged from the voter rolls. The Commission then collectively determined that thirty-six (36) felons should be purged from the voter rolls. Commissioner Hodges made the motion to purge those names which was seconded by Commissioner Lacy and adopted by a unanimous vote. The Commissioners then divided the list of names to purge.

Under Old Business, Commissioner Jenkins inquired as to the status of ECAM's steps to address its tax situation. Commissioner Lacy reported that ECAM is working with a new accounting firm to correct its tax filings with the IRS. Commissioner Jenkins stated that he had withheld his motion in July to notify ECAM that Madison County planned to withdraw from ECAM, and felt that progress had not been made to address his concerns as the accounting firm had not been hired. Commissioner Jackson-Adams excused herself from the meeting. Commissioner Lacy responded that he had recently assumed the Presidency of ECAM and wanted the Board to approve the higher proposed fees of the new accounting firm at its next meeting in October, prior to executing the agreement. Commissioner Jenkins made a motion for the Commission to draft a letter to withdraw from ECAM, which died from lack of a second.

Commissioner Jenkins reported that the County purchasing agent had ordered two (2) scanners which were not the models requested by the Commission and would not perform functions that the Commission needed. Duane Thompson addressed the equipment and offered to help. He also stated that he and his staff would become educated on any new software or equipment they would need to provide service for in an election, requesting advanced notice to allow for that process. Commissioner Jenkins also provided the Commission two (2) outstanding invoices from ES&S in amounts under \$500.00 which the Board of Supervisors would consider at its next meeting.

Under New Business, the Commission acknowledged the Voter Movement Report which is available for public inspection is in the Circuit Clerk's Office. Commissioner Lacy had to leave the meeting due to a previously scheduled meeting on this Monday which is not the Commission's normal meeting day, and Commissioner Jackson-Adams rejoined the meeting.

The Commission discussed training dates for the new equipment for the upcoming election. The Commission made plans to arrange for training with the equipment vendor on September 20th at 8:00 a.m., and to hold poll worker training in the Board Room on October 17th and 24th with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. with training at 6:00 p.m. Chairman Jenkins announced the Commission will consider poll workers appointments at its next meeting, and invited names from each Commissioner to be submitted.

Commissioner Truesdale offered a new opening and closing report form for the new equipment and requested each Commissioner's input before finalizing it. Chairman Jenkins reminded the Commissioners to regularly check their emails each week in their County email inbox.

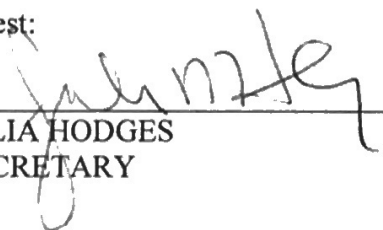
The Commission Attorney gave a brief report noting the election contest motion day had been postponed by the Judge and addressed a few issues for the upcoming election. The Commission reviewed its attorney's bill and Commissioner Hodges made a motion to approve it which was seconded by Commissioner Jackson-Adams, and approved by the unanimous vote of the Commission.

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, October 11, 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 11 day of October, 2017.


TIMOTHY JENKINS
CHAIRMAN

Attest:


JULIA HODGES
SECRETARY