Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes –Monthly Meeting

July 17, 2024

The Madison County Board of Elections held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday July 17, 2024 at Suite E, Room 16, 5707 US 25-70 Hwy, Marshall, 28753. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Brian Ball Member; Ray Lewis; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; and one member of the public.

Call to Order:
Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda:
- Motion (DS, RL) to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Minutes:
- Motion (DS, DP) to approve June 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Members' Report:

- Secretary Smathers spoke about the three political parties attempting to become certified in North Carolina. Discussion by the Board ensued about the current political parties seeking approval and the petition process.

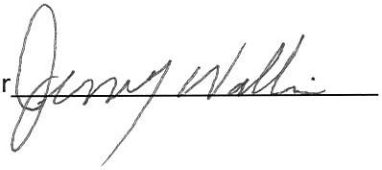
Director's Report:
- The director provided and reviewed the FY 2025 approved budget. The director answered questions about the approved budget.
- The director and board previewed the upcoming State Board of Elections Summer Conference.

Public Comment:
- Cheryl Willaims spoke about the upcoming "Trusted Elections Tour" happening Tuesday, August 20 in Weaverville.

Closed Session:
Motion by (JW, DS) to enter closed session to discuss personnel. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Adjournment:
Motion (DS, JW) to adjourn at 4:07 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Announcement:
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair  Secretary 