

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
REGULAR SESSION  
Board of Elections Conference Room  
Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
3:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance were 3 members of the public; Dyatt F. Smathers, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Wade Gahagan, Elections Specialist; and Kathy Ray, Director.

AGENDA

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to set the agenda as amended to add to "Other Matters" the approval of the February 8, 2016 special session.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the January 13, 2016 meeting minutes.**

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Smathers complimented the local elections' staff trainings as being well organized and comprehensive. He added that all three Board members attended all the trainings.

Upon return from the SBOE Conference, the Board met with key county personnel. The purpose of the meeting was to let the group know that the Board of Elections may need their help, to request information about available services, and to develop a phone calling tree in the event voting services are interrupted during early voting and Election Day. The Emergency Management Director informed the group that all fire departments have wired in generators, and the county has a solar powered message board for use during emergencies.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Member Lewis also complimented the local elections' staff trainings.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The January 31, 2016 budget and expenditure report was presented. A brief discussion ensued regarding the potential for additional elections. The Chair commented that the March 15<sup>th</sup> election will happen, but the county may have to spread another primary, dependent upon the judicial hearing and court rulings that are currently taking place.

The Director reported on the status of security plan for one-stop voting equipment at the Beech Glen Community Center. The Director and Lead Judge Neil Willis will have the only keys to the supply closet at Beech Glen Community Center. Voting equipment will be locked in the supply closet each night of early voting.

NEW BUSINESS

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to pay the county mileage rate to one-stop staff who are transporting election supplies to and from the one-stop sites and election day judges who are traveling out of their home precincts.**

The Director informed the Board that election equipment assignments will be presented after Logic and Accuracy Testing is completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Election assistants are still needed at Sandy Mush (R), Ebbs Chapel (R), and Walnut (D) Precincts.

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to accept the resignation of Vernon Goodwin as lead judge at the Hot Springs Community Center one-stop site and approve Charles Glenn Peterson as the replacement judge and Dennis Capps as an election assistant at that site.**

OTHER MATTERS

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the meeting minutes of the February 8, 2016 special session.**

The Director presented Board members with an updated Emergency Planning Phone Tree.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

A citizen requested information regarding the past election experience of a particular Election Day judge.

A citizen emphasized the importance of having cash on hand in the event of power outages and other events that may impact banking access, ATM services, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smathers gave some county statistics regarding unaffiliated voters.

Chair Smathers informed the group that he would attend the next Commissioners' meeting to provide an update on the March 15<sup>th</sup> Primary.

The Elections Specialist announced important dates for the upcoming March 15 Primary.

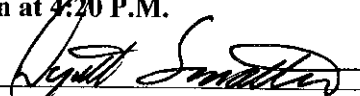
**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to move into closed session to discuss an elections personnel issue.**


The next Board meeting is Tuesday, February 23, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 4:20 P.M.**

  
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Kathy Ray, Director

  
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Dyatt Smathers, Chairman

  
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Ray Lewis, Secretary