

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ABSENTEE SESSION  
Board of Elections Conference Room  
March 8, 2016  
9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dyatt Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 9:04 a.m. at the Madison County Administrative Offices Building Board of Elections Office. In attendance were Dyatt Smathers, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; and Kathy Ray, Director.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Smathers commented that Early Voting was off to a smooth start. The implementation of Voter ID has not been an issue. The Beech Glen Community Center security plan has been addressed by the Director and the Beech Glen Early Voting staff.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Member Wallin commented that good weather is forecasted for the next week. Secretary Lewis expressed some disappointment with the low voter turnout. The Director commented that the turnout thus far was comparable with the Primary 2012 voter turnout.

NEW BUSINESS

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 19 civilian applications, 694 one stop applications, and 1 military application and to spoil 3 applications that had incomplete witness information.**

The Director provided Board members with a report of the absentee register and daily list of civilian, military, and overseas requests.

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to delay tabulating absentee ballots until the March 15<sup>th</sup> Election Day meeting at 2:00 p.m.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the March 1, 2016 absentee meeting minutes for both regular and closed sessions.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the rotation of one-stop staff for Friday March 11<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> as follows: Steven McConnell to Beech Glen Community Center, Barbara Shelton to the Board of Elections, and Hot Springs Community Center to continue with three staff members.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the recommendation of Republican Poll Worker Assistant William Briggs III at the Ebbs Chapel Precinct.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve Jewel Olvera as the temporary replacement Republican Judge at Ebbs Chapel Precinct for the March 15, 2016 Primary Election.** Mrs. Olvera is temporarily replacing Republican Judge Appointee Robert Briggs.

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve Melissa Bigg (UNA-Laurel) as a Democratic assistant at Hot Springs Precinct.** Poll worker assistants continue to be needed at Walnut, Ebbs Chapel, and South Marshall Precincts. All will need to be from within the precinct to maintain precinct representation. If political party recommendations are made, the Director will notify Board members.

The Director informed the Board that the State Board of Elections is going to provide procedures and guidance for maintaining confidentiality of election results regarding the US House of Representatives contest.

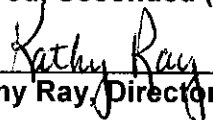
The Chair asked that specified areas of the office be designated and marked for elections staff only on Election Day.

The Chair announced severe weather awareness week and the tornado drill scheduled for Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. He provided guidance for one-stop staff participation and asked the Director to inform and instruct one-stop staff accordingly.

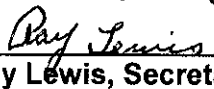
#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next absentee meeting: Monday, March 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.**

  
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Kathy Ray, Director

  
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Dyatt Smathers, Chair

  
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Ray Lewis, Secretary