

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Pre-Election ABSENTEE SESSION**  
**Board of Elections Conference Room**  
**March 14, 2016**  
**5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dyatt Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 5:00 PM at the Madison County Administrative Offices Building Board of Elections Office. In attendance were Dyatt Smathers, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Jacob Ray, Temporary Office Assistant; and Kathy Ray, Director.

AGENDA

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to set the agenda.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2016 Absentee Meeting.**

CHAIR'S REPORT

Beech Glen one-stop site was running smooth.

The Chair reported that the State Board of Elections emergency meeting resulted in a 3 "for" 2 "against" vote to set up a filing period for the US Supreme Court contest. There will be no retention election for that contest.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Secretary Lewis reported that everything seemed to be running smoothly as he visited one-stop sites. Temporary Office Assistant Jacob Ray reported that some voters presented Photo ID but expressed they did not like it. Additionally, some voters did not have to state their name and address after presenting their Photo ID.

Member Wallin was pleased with the voter turnout during early one-stop voting and predicted a good turnout on Election Day.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director commented that everyone has been very cooperative and willing to help. The office was very busy with voters seeking last minute guidance for Election Day. The Director complimented the job performances and willingness to assist election preparations by Maintenance Director Allan Hunter, Maintenance Assistance Jesse Roberts, and Board of Elections Temporary Office Assistants Jacob Ray and Glenn Peterson. With their help, all elections equipment and media were delivered timely and without issue.

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) approval of 46 civilian absentee ballot and 4 military/overseas applications.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) approve Yvonne Cantrell as the temporary Republican Judge replacement at Laurel Precinct.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) approve Jane Briggs as a Republican assistant at Mars Hill Precinct.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) approve Shirley Ponder as an emergency Democratic assistant at Walnut Precinct.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) approve adding one additional iVotronic machine (V5156159) to the Beech Glen Precinct.**

Discussion ensued about poll worker assistants and the need to identify Election Day substitutes.

CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTED ABSENTEE BALLOT LISTS

Completed certified executed absentee ballots lists for precincts.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 6:25 P.M.**

  
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Kathy Ray, Director

  
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Dyann Smathers, Chair

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Ray Lewis, Secretary