

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE SESSION
Board of Elections Conference Room
March 21, 2016
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dyatt Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 9:00 AM at the Madison County Administrative Offices Building Board of Elections Office. In attendance were Dyatt Smathers, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; Donald Wade Gahagan II, Elections Specialist; and 3 members of the public.

AGENDA

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

ABSENTEE MAIL IN BALLOTS

The Director reminded the Board that 2 civilian and 1 overseas supplemental absentee ballots were approved on Election Day, March 15th, and must be entered manually into the Unity Election Reporting software.

The Board was presented one spoiled absentee civilian ballot that displayed a late postmark of March 16th.

The Board was presented 10 civilian supplemental absentee ballots for approval.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 6 civilian supplemental absentee ballots.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 1 civilian supplemental absentee ballot. Husband and wife were witnesses and share the same residential address. The address was missing from the husband's signature information.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 2 civilian supplemental absentee ballots. The three witnesses signed on the first block and provided the address on the second.

The Director presented the Board with one spoiled civilian supplemental absentee ballot that did not bear required witness signatures and addresses.

Counted and manually entered the 12 approved absentee ballots into the Unity Election Reporting software (3 approved election day and 9 approved at this meeting).

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to remove 1 voter from the in person voters and approve the provisional application instead. She was voted provisionally because of a printer jam.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve 1 reasonable impediment provisional application. The voter provided all the necessary information (last four of social security number and date of birth) for a reasonable impediment declaration but the appropriate forms were not generated by the OVRD operator.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve 1 reasonable impediment provisional application. The voter provided a copy of his vehicle registration card to the Board of Elections prior to CANVASS.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to reject an 17 year old voter that pre-registered prior to the opening of the 17 year old registration window. She did not re-register as instructed by the Board of Elections. Chair Smathers remarked that the US Citizenship checkbox on the provisional application was unmarked. Elections Specialist informed the Board regarding the US Citizenship checkbox in the OVRD software. OVRD operators must check the box for an "add new" provisional or the system will automatically default to "no", meaning not a US citizen. The Elections Specialist opined that the unmarked checkbox was likely due to a data entry error.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to reject one provisional application in which the voter was not registered to vote, and that indicated no party but the voter was issued a Republican ballot upon request.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to retrieve the unaffiliated coded ballot of one one-stop voter and approve the provisional application and partisan ballot. The registration desk poll worker indicated that he failed to offer the unaffiliated voter the option to choose a partisan ballot.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 6 one-stop reasonable impediment provisional applications.

Meeting recessed at 10:26 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve cancelling one provisional application from the system for a previously removed voter. The voter chose not to execute a ballot.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 25 provisional applications.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the partial counting of 4 provisional applications.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to table the approval of the partial counting of 3 provisional ballots where voters requested an incorrect party ballot. The only contests the voters are qualified to vote for are the non-partisan contests.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to reject 48 provisional ballot applications.

The Elections Specialist presented one unidentified curbside ballot that was contained within a provisional ballot container. The SBOE advised the Board to move to open the ballot container to see if there was anything within to identify the ballot. **Moved, Seconded (RL, DS) and Carried (3,0) to open the curbside ballot container.**

Following some research, the curbside ballot was found to reconcile with the Beech Glen Election Day curbside count. **Moved, Seconded (RL, DS) and Carried (3,0) to fully count the identified Beech Glen Precinct curbside ballot.** The ballot will be hand counted.

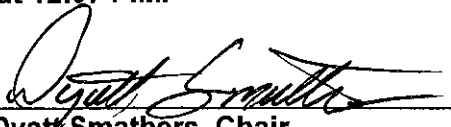
Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to correct the needed provisional voting reasons as determined by the Elections Specialist.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 12:07 P.M.



Kathy Ray, Director



Dyann Smathers, Chair



Ray Lewis, Secretary