

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ABSENTEE SESSION  
Board of Elections Conference Room  
Monday, June 13, 2016  
9:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance were two members of the public; Dyatt F. Smathers, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; and Wade Gahagan, Deputy Director.

AGENDA

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the agenda as amended to add recount requests.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Chair observed that the meeting minutes for June 7<sup>th</sup> were not in the meeting packet. The Director printed the June 7<sup>th</sup> Election Day meeting minutes.

The Chair reported on his observations at the precincts on Election Day, and overall things went smoothly. There were a few issues with provisional ballots that were resolved with a phone call, and the electricity issues at Laurel were resolved by Member Wallin and Poll Worker Sylvia Riddle. He also reported that one voter at Sandy Mush objected to the placement of the voting machines. The Chair asked the Director to contact the Sandy Mush voter, follow up on her objection, and invite her to come before the Board to express her concerns.

The Chair complimented the Laurel Precinct voting site as the perfect place to hold an election.

A discussion ensued regarding the placement of the voting equipment during the November election. The Board requested that the discussion be added to the August Board meeting agenda.

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve the June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> absentee meeting minutes.**

The Director reported on the Fair Standards Labor Act webinar. Base salary calculation do not include FICA or any other benefits other than non-discretionary bonuses can be factored into the base salary, but under conditions of quarterly payment and not in excess of 10 percent of the base salary calculation. Compensatory time accrual is not to exceed 240 hours. Compensatory time in excess of 240 hours is to be paid in cash. A discussion ensued regarding current compensatory time accrual and potential solutions. The Chair requested a recommendation to the Board at the July meeting on how we can best utilize an additional staff member for the November election.

The Director presented the annual performance evaluation for the Deputy Director.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION REVIEW

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to deny the provisional application of Elizabeth Darlene Lipe.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to deny the provisional application of Sylvanus Lipe.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve the provisional application of Linda Campbell.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to deny the provisional application of Durcille Gillen.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (2,0) to approve the provisional application of Dyatt Smathers. Chair Smathers recused himself from the approval process.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (2,0) to approve the provisional application of Robin Smathers. Chair Smathers recused himself from the approval process.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve the provisional application of Kay Kent.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to deny the provisional application of Joseph Long.**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the provisional application of Leigh Rhodes.**

(See attached Provisional voter report)

#### PROVISIONAL BALLOT TABULATION

Five (5) Provisional ballots were tabulated using the M100 voting equipment.

The potential recount in the US House of Representation District 11 contest prompted the Director to present the Board with a snapshot of recount procedures.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ABSENTEE APPLICATION REVIEW

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to spoil one absentee ballot application that was returned undeliverable (see attached report).**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (2,1) to spoil two absentee ballot applications as returned late (see attached report). Member Lewis voted opposed the motion.**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (3,0) to open the spoiled absentee ballot containers to check for completed Absentee Ballot Request Forms for November. Two request forms were retrieved from the ballot containers.**

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

A citizen commented about her personal experience with post office delivery issues. She further commented about the registration process in Oregon. Voters are initially registered as unaffiliated and sent notices that confirm the registration and ask if they wish to change their registration status to a political party. Many of the unaffiliated voters do not wish to affiliate with a party and come election time are stuck with their choice. She expressed that perhaps all voters should be registered as unaffiliated and choose the political party ballot on Primary election day.

A citizen suggested the Board invite the Sandy Mush voter that was displeased with the election equipment placement to a Board meeting to discuss her concerns. He suggested the county conduct an employee overtime study. A discussion of voter registration laws ensued with the example of an elderly patient with an expired driver's license and her attempt to register to vote.

#### PROVISIONAL BALLOT TABULATION


Provisional ballot results were read into the Unity Reporting System.


#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Canvass Meeting June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m.**

  
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Kathy Ray, Director

  
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Wyatt Smathers, Chair

  
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Ray Lewis, Secretary