

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ABSENTEE SESSION  
Board of Elections Conference Room  
October 25, 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 a.m. In attendance were one member of the public; Dyatt Smathers, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; and Wade Gahagan, Deputy Director.

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

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the October 18, 2016 Absentee and Closed Meeting Sessions.**

Madison County IT Coordinator Phil Presnell reported the results of the North Carolina State Board of Elections security scan that was conducted on the local Board of Elections network. The Coordinator is working with State Board of Elections IT staff to ensure the network and server is secure. Mr. Presnell finalized his report by assuring the Board that the IT Department will be available to the Board on Election Day.

NEW BUSINESS

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 1878 One Stop Absentee Applications (see attached Executed Absentee Ballots report).**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 3 military absentee applications (see attached Executed Absentee Ballots report).**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 5 overseas absentee applications (see attached Executed Absentee Ballots report).**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 51 civilian absentee applications (see attached Executed Absentee Ballots report).**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to duplicate absentee ballots: MIL-15 and OVR-26 (Federal Write In Ballots), and electronically transmitted ballots OVR-15, OVR-14, OVR-12, MIL-6, and OVR-1. The ballot duplication team was comprised of Board members, the Director, and the Deputy Director (Wallin, caller; Smathers, Supervisor; Lewis, Marker; Gahagan, Reviewer; and Ray, Tabulator).**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to move into closed session to protect voter secrecy to duplicate the military and overseas absentee ballots.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to accept 5 spoiled absentee ballots (see attached Absentee Status Exception report).**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to move into closed session to protect voter secrecy to duplicate civilian absentee ballots CIV-273 and CIV-132. The ballots had been marked with a permanent marker which bled through.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to accept the absentee ballot numbered CIV-159 as CIV-264.**

All approved paper ballots were scanned into the m100 tabulators. The absentee ballot machine counts at the end of the meeting were 95 and 68 for a total of 163 tabulated ballots.

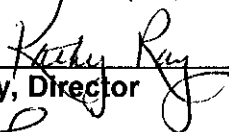
**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve poll worker assistants Linda Franklin (D-Laurel) and Mary Dalton (D-South Marshall).**

The Board postponed the site visit to the Sandy Mush Precinct Building. The visit will take place during the Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> absentee meeting.

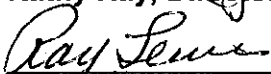
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next absentee meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 12:05 p.m.**

  
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Kathy Ray, Director

  
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Dyatt Smathers, Chair

  
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Ray Lewis, Secretary