

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

Regular Session – May 3, 2017

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 in the Board of Elections Conference Room, Room 16. In attendance: Dyatt Smathers, Board Chair; Ray Lewis, Board Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Board Member; Wade Gahagan, Deputy Director; and three members of the public.

Call to Order:

Chair Smathers called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Chair Smathers announced to the Board and Public that Director Ray had personal business and had to be absent for the meeting.

Agenda:

Secretary Lewis made a motion: *To set the meeting agenda.* Member Wallin seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were read from the Regular Session meeting on April 19, 2017. The closed session minutes were reviewed from the April 19, 2017 meeting.

Secretary Lewis made a motion: *To Approve the Regular and Closed Session Minutes from the April 19, 2017 meeting.* Member Wallin seconded and motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report:

Chair Smathers reported on the apparent failure of House Bill 655, which would provide for a matching grant to purchase new voting equipment.

Chair Smathers also reported on the April 20th, 2017 League of Women Voters meeting in which Director Ray and Chair Smatehrs were featured speakers. The presentation detailed the efforts the Board of Elections use to guarantee the Elections are held fairly.

Chair Smathers also reported on the current legal status of Senate Bill 68, whose implementation is currently stayed while the courts review the law.

Chair Smathers also reported on the implications of Senate Bill 655, which moves the date of the primary in even numbered years to March.

Members' Reports:

Secretary Lewis reported his concerns over the apparent failure of House Bill 655.

Member Wallin reported on the status of House Bill 265, which changes the method of Election for the Madison County Board of Education.

Director's Report:

Deputy Gahagan presented the April 30, 2017 budget report.

Deputy Gahagan presented the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Survey for the Hot Springs Welcome Center, and the required mitigations needed to bring the site into compliance.

Deputy Gahagan presented the board requested information dealing with Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) compliance, and comparative research done with seven similar counties.

Deputy Gahagan updated the board on the process to approve the purchase of new voting equipment.

Old Business:

Chair Smathers requested to review exemption status for permanent BOE employees at a later board meeting.

Other Matters:

Deputy Gahagan informed the Board that a scheduled record disposal date will occur on May 09, 2017.

Deputy Gahagan informed the Board on topics discussed at the May 1, 2017 North Carolina Association of Directors of Election (NCADE) district meeting.

Citizen Comments:

A citizen commented various issues concerning the bureaucratic process.

A citizen expressed concern on the process of certification of election equipment.

A citizen asked the board about the status of remaining HAVA funds.


Announcements:

Chair Smathers announced the next regular scheduled meeting will occur on June 14, 2017 at 3:00pm


Adjournment:

With no further business, Member Wallin **moved to adjourn the meeting.** Secretary Lewis seconded and motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.


Minutes Approved June 21, 2017



Kathy Ray, Director



Dyatt Smathers, Chair



Ray Lewis, Secretary