

# Madison County Board of Elections

## Meeting Minutes

### Regular / Special Session – August 22, 2017

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at noon in the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Board Chairman; Ray Lewis, Board Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Board Member; Kathy Ray, Director; and three (3) members of the public.

#### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Wallin called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

#### **Agenda:**

Member Smathers requested a discussion of student election assistants under “Other Matters”. Secretary Lewis made a motion: *To set the agenda*. Member Smathers seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Member Smathers made a motion: *To approve the minutes from the July 18, 2017 meeting*. Secretary Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Chairman and Members’ Reports:**

The Chairman and Secretary Lewis commented on Session Law 2017-6 and pending court rulings. Arguments are scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup>. Board Member Smathers commented about the success of the August SBOEE conference and provided information regarding the certified election official assessment. He added that Executive Director Kim Strach notified him that he successfully completed the exam.

#### **Director’s Report:**

The Director presented the July 31, 2017 budget report.

The Director reported that the county commissioners tabled the discussion and decision to purchase the DS200 ballot imagers.

The Director informed the Board that the entrance locks to both Rooms 26 and 16 have been changed.

The Director and Board members discussed the progress toward certification of new voting equipment.

**Other Matters:**

Member Smathers cited General Statute 163.42.1 that allows the appointment of student election assistants who will be 17 years of age at the time of any election or primary in which the student works. The Board requested the Director collaborate with the high schools' civic departments to recruit student assistants.

**New Business:**

Member Smathers made the motion: *To move into closed session for a personnel discussion.* Secretary Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Lewis made the motion: *To approve the list of precinct judges as discussed in closed session.* Member Smathers seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen Comments:**

A citizen commented about the benefits of vote by mail.

A citizen inquired about political party nominations for precinct judges and commented about the media reports of vote machine hacking.

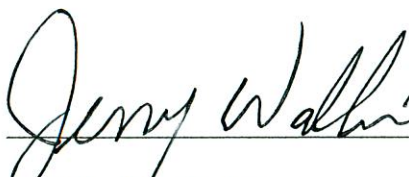
A citizen commented that the Madison County Board of Elections presentation for the League of Women Voters has prompted other organizations to request presentations by local boards of elections.

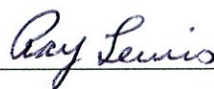
**Adjournment:**

With no further business, Member Smathers made a motion: *To adjourn the meeting.* Secretary Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Minutes Approved 9-20-17

  
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Kathy Ray, Director

  
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Jerry Wallin, Chairman

  
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Ray Lewis, Secretary