

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

Regular – December 13, 2017

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. in the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; Donald Wade Gahagan II, Deputy Director; and one (1) member of the public.

Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Agenda:

Member Smathers made a motion: *To approve the agenda.* Secretary Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Ray requested the October 11, 2017 meeting minutes be reviewed and approved as corrections were needed to the minutes approved at the November 17, 2017 meeting. Secretary Lewis made a motion: *To approve the November 17, 2017 and October 11, 2017 meetings minutes.* Member Smathers seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair's and Members' Reports:

Chair Wallin referenced pending legislation regarding the voting equipment and requested an update from the Director.

Director Ray reported that Representative Brian Turner's office and the NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) have responded to the Board of Elections resolution to delay the decertification deadline for the DRE voting equipment.

Member Smathers commented that the elected representatives have heard our grievances and are going to respond fittingly during the upcoming legislative sessions in January.

Secretary Lewis indicated that his communication with state representatives and senators has been positive regarding the county's financial struggle to replace its voting equipment.

Member Smathers commented that the State Board of Elections and Ethics Commissions guidance has provided guidance on vendor gifting.

Director's Report:

The Director presented the November 30, 2017 budget report.

The Director reported on PEB battery, relay switch, and mother board battery replacement. Of the 90 PEBs, 73 received the replacements in December 2015. The remaining 17 will receive the battery replacements prior to the 2018 primary election.

Old Business:

Member Smathers commented on the approaching deadline to replace the DRE voting equipment and recommended a 2018-2019 budget planning session for the January 2018 meeting. The Director will prepare the budget planning documents for the board.

New Business:

The Board members prepared the November 7, 2017 duplicated provisional ballot for storage.

Member Smathers made a motion: *To accept the resignation of Hot Springs Democratic Judge Elizabeth Staude.* Secretary Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters:

Member Smathers requested an update on accrued compensatory time for office staff.

Citizens Comments:

A citizen asked if all boards of elections are uniform in number. He further inquired regarding the replacement procedure for resigning board members.

Announcements:

Next meeting: January 10, 2018

Durham School of Government Conference: January 28-30, 2018

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 3:40 p.m.

Minutes Approved _____ *1/10/2018*

Kathy M Ray

Kathy Ray, Director

Jerry Wallin

Jerry Wallin, Chairman

Ray Lewis

Ray Lewis, Secretary