

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes – Regular Session

August 17th, 2021, Meeting

The Madison County Board of Elections held a meeting on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021. in attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers via telephone, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; Brian Ball, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; Elizabeth Madorin, Deputy Director; and 1 member of the public.

Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Motion, seconded (ST, BB) and Carried (5,0) to approve the July 20th, 2021 meeting minutes.

Members' Report:

Member Tolley reported on the quality of the conference that board members and staff attended. Member Tolley mentioned the cyber security and how detailed and informative the presentation was.

Chair Wallin stated that each board member should begin to consider options for early voting in the Marshall area.

Member Smathers reported to the board he was present for the wellness check visit by State Board of Elections. He complimented the staff on a job well done and that he was proud to be a member of this board. He mentioned that staff has taken notes from the visit and will address the feedback from the state officials.

New Business

- Motion to approve the recommended list of Chief judges and Democratic judges submitted by the Madison County Democratic Party Chair (BB, ST) motion carried (5-0)
- Motion to approve the recommended list of Republican judges submitted by the Madison County Republican Party Chair (DS, RL) motion carried (5-0)
- Motion seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to pass a resolution that the voters of the North Marshall Precinct that lie within the Town of Marshall Municipality be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the South Marshall Precinct for the 2021 Municipal Election.
- Motion seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) that the voters of the Hot Springs Precinct that lie within the Town of Hot Springs Municipality be transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the Hot

Springs (Bill Whitten) Community Center, 43 Andrews Ave N , Hot Springs, NC for the 2021 Municipal Election.

- Motion seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (5,0) that the voters of the North Marshall Precinct that lie within the Town of Marshall Municipality be transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the Marshall Community Center, 145 Blannahassett Island Road, Marshall, NC for the 2021 Municipal Election.
- Motion seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) that the voters of the Mars Hill Precinct that lie within the Town of Mars Hill Municipality be transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the Mars Hill Public Library, 25 Library Street, Mars Hill NC for the 2021 Municipal Election.
- Motion seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) that the voters of the Beech Glen Precinct that lie within the Town of Mars Hill Municipality be transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the Mars Hill Public Library, 25 Library Street, Mars Hill, NC for the 2021 Municipal Election.
- Motion to use ExpressVote equipment for all voters in the 2021 Municipal Election (DS, JW) motion carried. (5-0)

Director's Report:

- The Director provided updates as follows:
 - Reviewed the State Board of Elections Conference.
 - Wellness Check visit by the State Board. Addressed the feedback from the State Board officials.
 - PrintElect visited to install ExpressVote software.


Citizens Comments:

- A citizen told the Board to "keep on keeping on."

Other Matters

Secretary Lewis expressed concerns over the lack of polling locations available in the county. Secretary Lewis would like the board to brainstorm for potential polling locations across the county.

Motion to adjourn seconded (DS, JW) and carried 5,0 to adjourn 3:38 p.m.

Chair 

Secretary 