

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2018

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, July 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Vice Chair; Sandra Tolley, Secretary; Ray Lewis, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; and two (2) members of the public.

Call to Order

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve the agenda as presented and add a closed session for the Director's evaluation and a discussion of one stop staff.* Member Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Tolley made a motion: *To approve the June 13, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.* Vice Chair Smathers seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair's and Members' Reports

Chair Wallin referenced Senate Bill 325 which alters the schedule for early voting in North Carolina.

Vice Chair Smathers commented that he has spoken to a majority of the local candidates and sitting commissioners to field their input for one stop planning.

Director's Report

The Director tabled the June 30, 2018 budget report.

The Director reported on the status of voting equipment certification. The decertification date for the iVotronics is now December 2019, giving Boards of Elections an additional election for testing new equipment. She has been advised to hold off on forwarding purchase and rental requests for voting equipment until the State Board provides further guidance.

New Business

Chair Wallin made a motion: *To approve Jolene Coates as Grapevine Precinct Democratic Judge.* Member Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Smathers provided a report on his search for appropriate early voting sites and planning information and suggested the Board consider having only one early voting site at the Board of Elections for this election. A one-stop planning discussion ensued and included guidance and information from HB 335, SB 325, and Numbered Memos 2018-02 and 2018-06.

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: **To provide three early voting sites, one in the Town of Hot Springs, one in the Town of Mars Hill, and one at the Board of Elections, during the weekdays of October 17-19, October 22-26, October 28-November 2 from the hours of 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. each day, and pending the passage of House Bill 335, that the plan add Saturday, November 3 from 8 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and, the early voting sites specifically be at the Board of Elections Office, Hot Springs Community Center, and Mars Hill Public Library.** Chair Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Member Lewis made a motion: *To elect Dyatt Smathers as Board Chair.* Chair Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Member Wallin made a motion: *To elect Sandra Tolley as Board Vice Chair.* Member Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Smathers made a motion: *To elect Ray Lewis Board Secretary.* Member Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Chair Smathers made a motion: *To go into closed into closed session.* Member Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Comments

A citizen commented that she appreciates the openness of the Board.

Announcements

State Board Conference: August 6-7, 2018

Next Board Meeting: August 8, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Member Wallin made a motion: *To adjourn the meeting.* Chair Smathers seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

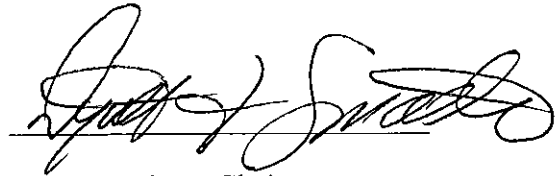
Minutes Approved 8/8/2018



Kathy Ray, Director



Ray Lewis, Secretary



Dyatt Smathers, Chair