Madison County Board of Elections Meeting Minutes

Absentee Board Meeting – May 7, 2018

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Monday, May 7, 2018 in the Board of Elections Conference Room, Room 16. In attendance were: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Vice-Chair; Sandra Tolley, Secretary; Ray Lewis, Board Member; Kathy Ray, Director; and Donald Wade Gahagan II, Deputy Director.

Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Setting the Agenda:

Member Lewis made a motion: *To approval the agenda*. Vice-Chair Smathers seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Member Reports:

Member Lewis reported he was very pleased with One-Stop voting for the election.

Vice-Chair Smathers reported he visited the former Madison County High School building in Mars Hill. The Vice-Chair reported that the building is currently fully occupied by various entities.

Other Matters:

A discussion ensued about currently used one-stop sites and precinct locations.

Vice-Chair Smathers made a motion: To approve using Kristi Lusk (Sandy Mush) and Cheryl Ramsey (Revere-Rice Cove) as poll worker assistants for the May 8th, 2018 primary. Chair Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Member Lewis made a motion: *To approve 6 civilian absentee ballots*. Secretary Tolley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve 540 one-stop absentee applications*. Chair Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Smathers made a motion: *To spoil 4 civilian absentee ballots*. Chair Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Wallin and Vice-Chair Smathers publicly thanked Joe Davis for his work in preparing the Laurel Elementary School for the election.

Vice-Chair Smathers made a motion: To instruct the Director of Elections to send letters of appreciation to the Madison County Board of Education care of Joe Davis. Chair Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Smathers made a motion: To certify the list of absentee voters for the May 8th, 2018 Statewide Primary. Member Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Director Ray gave an overview of the duties of the board on election night and requested their services for when materials are returned to the board.

The Board took all necessary preparatory steps to count the absentee ballots on May 8th, 2018 at 2:00pm.

Announcements:

Regular / Supplemental Absentee Meeting: Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 3:00pm.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Chair Wallin made a motion: *To adjourn the meeting*. Secretary Tolley seconded, and the motion passed 3-0. Vice-Chair Smathers was absent for the vote.

Minutes Approved

Kathy Ray, Director

Sandra Tolley, Secretary