

# **Madison County Board of Elections**

## **Meeting Minutes – Regular Session**

**July 18, 2023**

The Madison County Board of Elections held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday July 18, 2023, at Suite E, Room 16, 5707 US 25-70 Hwy, Marshall, 28753. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Brian Ball, Member; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; The Honorable Larry Leake, Retired District Court Judge; and three members of the public.

### **Call to Order:**

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

### **Minutes:**

Motion (RL, DS) to approve June 21st meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed (4-0).

### **Members' Report:**

Member Smathers presented a letter sent by Bob Hall and discussed the letter that addressed Senate Bill 747 and Senate Bill 749.

### **New Business:**

Motion (DS, JW) to pass a resolution that the voters of the Beech Glen Precinct that lie within the Town of Mars Hill Municipality be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the Mars Hill Precinct for the 2023 Municipal Election. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Motion (DS, JW) to pass a resolution that the voters of the South Marshall Precinct that lie within the Town of Marshall Municipality be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the North Marshall Precinct for the 2023 Municipal Election. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Motion (DS, JW) 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 Community Center, 43 Andrews Avenue N, Hot Springs, NC for the 2023 Municipal Election. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Motion (DS, JW) that the voters of the North Marshall Precinct that lie within the Town of Marshall Municipality be transferred, for the purpose of voting, to Marshall Housing Authority, 630 North Main Street, Marshall, NC for the 2023 Municipal Election. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Motion (DS, JW) that the voters of the South Marshall Precinct that lie within the Town of Marshall Municipality be transferred, for the purpose of voting, to Marshall Housing Authority, 630 North Main Street, Marshall, NC for the 2023 Municipal Election. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Motion (DS, JW) 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 2023 Municipal Election. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Motion (DS, JW) 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 2023 Municipal Election. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**Public Comment:**

Cheryl Williams complimented the board on their willingness to work together and their hard work.

Paula Dempsey, Madison County Democratic Party Chair, introduced herself to the board and spoke about the learning experience as a party chair.

**Oath of Office Board Members & Chair:**

Jerry Wallin, upon appointment by the Governor, was sworn to fill the position of Chair of the Board of Elections. The Honorable Judge Larry Leake administered Jerry Wallin's oath of office.

Dyatt Smathers, upon appointment by the State Board of Elections, was sworn to fill a Board Member's position. The Honorable Judge Larry Leake administered Dyatt Smathers's oath of office.

Ray Lewis, upon appointment by the State Board of Elections, was sworn to fill a Board Member's position. The Honorable Judge Larry Leake administered Ray Lew's oath of office.

Brian Ball, upon appointment by the State Board of Elections, was sworn to fill a Board Member's position. The Honorable Judge Larry Leake administered Brian Ball's oath of office.

Deborah Ponder, upon appointment by the State Board of Elections, was sworn to fill a Board Member's position. The Honorable Judge Larry Leake administered Deborah Ponder's oath of office.

**Election of Board Secretary:**

Motion (DS, JW) to have Ray Lewis serve as Secretary. The motion passed (4-0). However, Mr. Lewis declined the appointment.

Motion (BB, JW) to have Dyatt Smathers serve as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion (DS, JW) to enter executive session to discuss personnel. The motion passed unanimously (5-0.)

**Other Matters:**

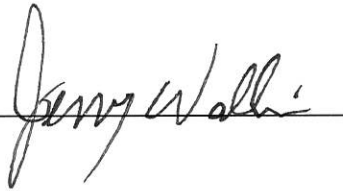
Motion (DS, BB) to suspend, until further notice, advertising and accepting applications for the position of Deputy Director. The motion passed unanimously (5-0.)

**Adjournment:**

Motion (DS, DP) to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**Announcement:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting: August 22, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair 

Secretary 