

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes – Regular Session

May 17th, 2023

The Madison County Board of Elections held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday May 17th, 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; and two members of the public.

Call to Order:

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

Agenda:

Motion (RL, DS) to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Minutes:

Motion (DS, DP) to approve April 19, 2023 meeting minutes and executive session meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed (5-0).

Members' Report:

The board discussed photo ID implementation for upcoming elections and an update to NC House Bill 264 that would delay the Town of Hot Springs conducting municipal elections on a partisan basis until 2025.

Director's Report:

The Director updated the board on Kathy Ray's training ; office schedule of staff; scheduled record destruction; summer conference registration; and the preparation that the office is doing for photo ID implementation.

The director presented FY24 budget request and went over changes that were made due to suggestions by members of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Director presented the Budget Expenditure Report and answered board members questions.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the recommended precinct voter transfers and polling sites changes for the upcoming 2023 Municipal Elections.

Motion (DS, BB) to pass resolutions that would alter polling sites for voters that reside within towns of Hot Springs, Mars Hill, and Marshall for Municipal Elections held in 2023. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

****See attached for resolutions authorizing polling site changes. ****

Motion (DS, DP) to pass resolutions that the voters of the South Marshall Precinct that reside within the Town of Marshall Municipality be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the North Marshall Precinct for 2023 Municipal Elections and; that the voters of the Beech Glen Precinct that reside within the Town of Mars Hill Municipality be temporarily transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the Mars Hill Precinct for 2023 Municipal Elections. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

****See attached for resolutions authorizing transfer of voters. ****

Motion (BB, DS) to approve the lease agreement for storage room 212B at the Laurel Community Center. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Public Comment:

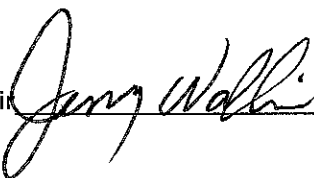
Cheryl Williams commented on announcements being made by the State Board of Elections concerning the NC photo ID law.

Graeme Frelick commented on the NC photo ID law.

Motion (BB, DS) to adjourn at 3:37 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Announcement:

Next regularly scheduled meeting: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair 

Secretary 



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2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CYCLE

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING POLLING SITE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections deems it appropriate and beneficial that the voters of the Beech Glen Precinct that lie within the Town of Mars Hill Municipality be temporarily relocated, for the purpose of voting, from the precinct polling place located at Beech Glen Community Center, 2936 Beech Glen Road, Mars Hill, NC to the Mars Hill Public Library, 25 Library Street, Mars Hill, NC for 2023 Municipal Elections; and

WHEREAS, this relocation of polling place will impact three (3) voters; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 permits the Madison County Board of Elections to change, for the purpose of voting, voters to a new location. Such relocation of the voters shall be for 2023 Municipal Elections only. The Board of Elections shall also maintain separate registration and voting records, consistent with the procedures prescribed by the State Board of Elections; and

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED 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 2023 Municipal Elections.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was regularly introduced and passed by a unanimous vote at a meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections on this 17th day of May 2023.

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NOVEMBER 7, 2023, MUNICIPAL ELECTION

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING POLLING SITE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections deems it appropriate and beneficial that the voters of the Hot Springs Precinct that lie within the Town of Hot Springs Municipality be temporarily relocated, for the purpose of voting, from the precinct polling place located at Hot Springs Elementary School, 63 N Serpentine Avenue, Hot Springs, NC to the Hot Springs (Bill Whitten) Community Center, 43 Andrews Ave N, Hot Springs, NC for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Elections; and

WHEREAS, this relocation of polling place will impact four hundred eighteen (418) voters; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 permits the Madison County Board of Elections to change, for the purpose of voting, voters to a new location. Such relocation of the voters shall be for the November 7, 2023, Municipal Election only. The Board of Elections shall also maintain separate registration and voting records, consistent with the procedures prescribed by the State Board of Elections; and

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED 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 November 7, 2023 Municipal Election.

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WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections deems it appropriate and beneficial that the voters of the Mars Hill Precinct that lie within the Town of Mars Hill Municipality be temporarily relocated, for the purpose of voting, from the precinct polling place located at Mars Hill Elementary School, 200 School House Road, Mars Hill, NC to the Mars Hill Public Library, 25 Library Street, Mars Hill, NC for 2023 Municipal Elections; and

WHEREAS, this relocation of polling place will impact one thousand four and forty four (1,444) voters; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 permits the Madison County Board of Elections to change, for the purpose of voting, voters to a new location. Such relocation of the voters shall be for 2023 Municipal Elections only. The Board of Elections shall also maintain separate registration and voting records, consistent with the procedures prescribed by the State Board of Elections; and

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED 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 2023 Municipal Elections.

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WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections deems it appropriate and beneficial that the voters of the North Marshall Precinct that lie within the Town of Marshall Municipality be temporarily relocated, for the purpose of voting, from the precinct polling place located at Madison Wellness Center, 5734 US 25-70 Hwy, Marshall, NC to the Marshall Housing Authority, 630 North Main Street, Marshall, NC for 2023 Municipal Elections; and

WHEREAS, this relocation of polling place will impact five hundred seven (507) voters; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 permits the Madison County Board of Elections to change, for the purpose of voting, voters to a new location. Such relocation of the voters shall be for 2023 Municipal Elections only. The Board of Elections shall also maintain separate registration and voting records, consistent with the procedures prescribed by the State Board of Elections; and

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED 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 Housing Authority, 630 North Main Street, Marshall, NC for 2023 Municipal Elections.

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WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections deems it appropriate and beneficial that the voters of the South Marshall Precinct that lie within the Town of Marshall Municipality be temporarily relocated, for the purpose of voting, from the precinct polling place located at Marshall Community Center, 145 Blannahassett Island Road, Marshall, NC to the Marshall Housing Authority, 630 North Main Street Marshall, NC for 2023 Municipal Elections; and

WHEREAS, this relocation of polling place will impact one hundred forty five (145) voters; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 permits the Madison County Board of Elections to change, for the purpose of voting, voters to a new location. Such relocation of the voters shall be for 2023 Municipal Elections only. The Board of Elections shall also maintain separate registration and voting records, consistent with the procedures prescribed by the State Board of Elections; and

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that the voters of the South Marshall Precinct that lie within the Town of Marshall Municipality be transferred, for the purpose of voting, to the Marshall Housing Authority, 630 North Main Street Marshall, NC for 2023 Municipal Elections.

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WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Elections deems it appropriate and beneficial that the voters of the Beech Glen Precinct that lie within the Town of Mars Hill Municipality be temporarily transferred to the Mars Hill Precinct and allowed to vote at the Mars Hill Precinct voting place on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 163-128 permits the Madison County Board of Elections to temporarily transfer voters for the purpose of voting, to an adjacent precinct. Such transfer of Beech Glen Precinct voters shall be for 2023 Municipal Elections only. The Board of Elections shall also maintain separate registration and voting records, consistent with the procedures prescribed by the State Board of Elections;

WHEREAS, this transfer of voters will impact three (3) registered voters; and

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED 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 Precinct for 2023 Municipal Elections.

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