

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 in the Board of Elections Office, Room 16. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; Wade Gahagan, Deputy Director; and Brian Ball, Member participated by telephone.

Call to Order:

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

Agenda:

Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to approve the amended agenda to add Precinct Official Appointments to Other Matters.

Minutes:

Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to approve the October 4, November 15, and December 4, 2019 meeting minutes.

Board Member Reports:

Chair Wallin commented that Voter Photo ID will not be required during the March 3, 2020 primary election. He finalized his report with an update on the Sandy Mush Precinct Building improvements.

Director's Report:

The Director provided an update on the November and December, 2019 budget reports. A discussion ensued regarding the current budget and the need to request additional funds from the commissioners.

Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to request additional funds as presented by the Director with the exception of the ExpressVote Ballot Markers.

New Business:

The Director presented the poll worker assistants recommendations as submitted by the two major political party chairs.

Moved, Seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (5,0) to go into Closed Session for a poll worker assistant discussion.

Moved, Seconded (DS, ST) and Carried (5,0) to approve the list of poll worker assistants (Addendum 1).

Moved, Seconded (DS, ST) and Carried (5,0) to approve the list of one-stop poll workers (Addendum 2).

Moved, Seconded (DS, ST) and Carried (5,0) to approve the lead one-stop poll workers (Addendum 2).

Moved, Seconded (DS, ST) and Carried (5,0) to approve the temporary office staff (Addendum 1).

The Director presented the poll worker training schedule.

Moved, Seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (5,0) to adopt a Resolution to Count Absentee Ballots at 2:00 p.m. on election day and to have an additional absentee meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2020.

Other Matters:

Moved, Seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (5,0) to accept the resignations of Ebbs Chapel Precinct Chief Judge Rebecca Hamlin, Democratic Judge Deanna Ponder, Grapevine Precinct Chief Judge Beverly Bruce, and Hot Springs Democratic Judge Jewell Hensley and approve the appointments of Ebbs Chapel Precinct Chief Judge Deanna Ponder, Ebbs Chapel Precinct Democratic Judge Maranda Plummer, Grapevine Precinct Chief Judge Betty Dean Benfield, and Hot Springs Precinct Democratic Judge Jacob Ray.

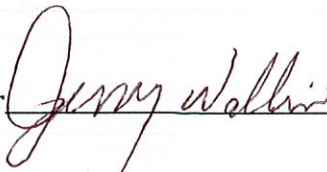
Moved, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (5,0) to move the regularly scheduled meeting for Wednesday, February 19 to Tuesday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Announcements:

North Carolina State Board of Elections Conference: February 3 and 4, 2020.

Adjournment:

Motion, Seconded (DS, ST) and Carried (5,0) to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Chair  _____

Secretary  _____