

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes – Special Called

December 11, 2018

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance: Dyatt Smathers, Chair; Sandra Tolley, Vice Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; Wade Gahagan, Deputy Director; County Manager Forrest Gilliam; and News Record and Sentinel Senior Reporter Paul Eggers.

Call to Order

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

Agenda

Moved, Seconded (ST, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Moved, Seconded (ST, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve the December 3, 2018 meeting minutes.

Chair's and Members' Reports

Chair Smathers and Secretary Lewis complimented the county's response to the snow storm.

Chair Smathers and Deputy Director Gahagan provided updated information regarding House Bill 1029 and county board membership.

Member Wallin commented that he was pleased with the county board's process for reviewing absentee ballots.

Vice Chair Tolley questioned the cost savings of voting by mail given current investigations surrounding absentee mail-in ballots and photo ID requirements.

Director's Report

The Director provided the November 30, 2018 budget expenditure report and journal update.

The Director commented there will be no UNC School of Government winter conference this year. The NC Association of Directors of Elections (NCADE) Conference will be held this spring in Hickory, NC.

Voting Equipment Budget Proposal

The Director provided a worksheet of voting equipment needs and costs for migration. Discussion ensued.

Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to move forward with the purchase of voting equipment as presented for \$188,000.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (4,0) to allow *Printelect* to pick up the DRE voting equipment as soon as possible.

The County Manager provided an update on the administrative building. The building is ready for displaced departments to return and expressed appreciation for the work done to prepare the budget proposal.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting: January 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (4,0) adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved 3 / 1 / 2019

Kathy Ray
Kathy Ray, Director

Jerry Wallin
Jerry Wallin, Chair

Ray Lewis
Ray Lewis, Secretary