

Madison County Board of Elections

Absentee Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2018

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Vice Chair; Sandra Tolley, Secretary; Ray Lewis, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; Wade Gahagan, Deputy Director; and two (2) members of the public.

Call to Order

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve the April 17, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.* Member Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair's and Members' Reports

Chair commented on the current early voting statistics.

Vice Chair Smathers complimented the quality of our early voting and office staff. He also commented on the current early voting statistics and turnout.

Old Business

Discussion ensued regarding future equipment needs and ES&S Hardware and Software Maintenance contract charges.

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve the revised ES&S Hardware and Software Maintenance Agreement.* Chair Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To accept the resignation of North Marshall Republican Judge Amanda Gunter.* Chair Wallin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve Linda Campbell as the North Marshall Republican Judge.* Chair Wallin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Director reported that early voting poll worker Verna Bradley cannot work during early voting at the Board of Elections site.

Member Lewis made a motion: *To approve Betty Hurst, James Brown, and David Goforth as early voting staff substitutes and used flexibly as needed across the sites.* Vice Chair Smathers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Director reported that North Marshall Precinct Republican Assistant Charles Gardner and Walnut Precinct Republican Assistant Donna Crum have resigned.

Member Lewis made a motion: *To approve Ann Johnston as a Grapevine Precinct Republican assistant.* Chair Wallin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve Jane Overstreet as a North Marshall Precinct unaffiliated assistant.* Chair Wallin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve Ebanie Bailey as a South Marshall Precinct unaffiliated assistant.* Chair Wallin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Tolley made a motion: *To approve Coleson Garrett as an unaffiliated Walnut Precinct Assistant.* Vice Chair Smathers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve Jacob Ray as a Board of Elections office assistant for any hours he can work on Election Day.* Chair Wallin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Smathers made a motion: *To approve Democrats David Goforth and Dean Benfield and Republicans David Olvera and James Brown as Monday, May 7, 2018 voting equipment delivery team members.* Member Lewis seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Wallin made a motion: *To approve 250 early voting applications.* Vice Chair Smathers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Member Lewis made a motion: *To approve 8 civilian absentee ballots.* Vice Chair Smathers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Comments

A citizen inquired regarding any movement on a previous offer by a member of the public to assist with the poll worker search. She also asked for clarification on the use of unaffiliated voters as poll worker assistants and judges.

A citizen inquired if there was a limit on the number of candidates that could file for the upcoming judicial contests.

A citizen commented that it would be easier to recruit election assistants if they could be offered shorter workdays.

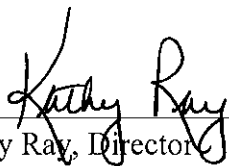
Announcements

Absentee Meeting: May 1, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

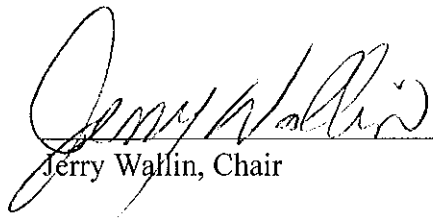
Adjournment

With no further business, Vice Chairman Smathers made a motion: *To adjourn the meeting.* Chair Wallin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

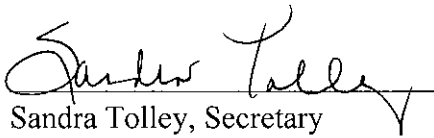
Minutes Approved May 1, 2018



Kathy Ray, Director



Jerry Wallin, Chair



Sandra Tolley, Secretary