

Madison County Board of Elections

Absentee Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Thursday, November 12, 2020. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; Brian Ball, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; Jacob Ray; Deputy Director; and two members of the public.

Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Supplemental Ballot Approval:

There were no additional supplemental absentee ballots to approve. The DS200 machine chain of custody was reconciled; and the ballots were tabulated, removed, and sealed for storage. Supplemental absentee results were uploaded to the State Board of Elections.

Preparatory Steps Approve and Count Provisional Ballots:

The voting equipment was prepared and a zero tape was produced for Board verification and the provisional ballot count.

Provisional Ballots Approval:

The Board of Elections reviewed a total of 108 provisional ballot applications from the one stop and precinct sites.

Three (3) provisional ballot applications and voted ballots were received from the Hot Springs Precinct on Election Day. The applications were stored separated from the ballots with no way to match the applications to the corresponding ballots. Two of the applications met criteria for approval, and one (1) did not. State Board of Elections guidance was to approve all three (3) applications so none of the three (3) voters would be disenfranchised.

Motion, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (5,0) to approve the three (3) provisional ballot applications from the Hot Springs Precinct with corresponding incident report.

The Board reviewed provisional applications individually that were recommended for approval according to the research.

Motion, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (5,0) to approve 38 provisional ballot applications. Three (3) were partially counted ballots.

The Board reviewed the remaining provisional applications individually that were recommended for denial according to the research.

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to deny 66 provisional applications.

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to go into closed session to duplicate 16 provisional ballots.

Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to return to open session.

Motion, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (5,0) to approve one (1) one stop provisional application.

The duplicated provisional ballot log was created and sealed for storage.

The provisional ballots were tabulated and the results were uploaded to the State Board of Elections.

The Board recorded the ending ballot count of 42 provisional ballots and sealed the DS200 tabulator.

Other Matters:

The Director informed the Board that \$17,500.00 has been deposited in the county's account and can be used for COVID hazard pay and the Election Day poll worker bonus pay. The Board will decide how to disperse the funds.

Adjournment:

Motion, Seconded (ST, DS) and Carried (5,0) to adjourn at 12:01 p.m.

Minutes Approved December 16, 2020

 _____, Director