

Madison County Board of Elections

Absentee Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2020

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, November 2, 2020. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; Brian Ball, Member; Jacob Ray, Deputy Director; and one member of the public.

Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes Approval:

Motion, Second (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve the October 30, 2020 absentee session meeting minutes.

Members Reports:

Member Smathers complimented the move from Room 26 and the Mars Hill Public Library to the larger venues.

Member Ball reported that he has also received positive feedback regarding the use of the larger venues.

Member Smathers complimented the professional cleaning services at the polling sites.

Secretary Lewis added that poll workers are doing an excellent job.

Member Ball requested public comments be moved to precede the Director' Report.

Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to move public comment before the Director's Report.

Public Comment:

A volunteer with Democracy NC commented that he has been assigned to Madison County for the canvass meeting and decided to attend the absentee meeting and see how the process works.

Director's Report:

No comments were made.

Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:

The voting equipment was reconciled with the chain of custody.

Absentee Ballots' Approval:

Civilian (CIV) Ballots

1. Beech Glen Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 14 absentee ballots.
2. Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots.
3. Grapevine Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 5 absentee ballots, 1 with cure letter.
4. Hot Springs Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 5 absentee ballots.
5. Laurel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 9 absentee ballots.
6. Mars Hill Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 13 absentee ballots, 2 with cure letters.
7. North Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 10 absentee ballots, 1 with cure letter.
8. Revere Rice Cove Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 1 absentee ballots.
9. Sandy Mush Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 2 absentee ballots, 1 with cure letter.
10. South Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 3 absentee ballots.
11. Spring Creek Precinct: Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 2 absentee ballots, 2 with cure letters.
12. Walnut Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 6 absentee ballots.

Military (MIL) and Overseas (OVR) Ballots' Approval:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 2 OVR and 2 MIL ballots.

Ballot Duplication:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to go into closed session to duplicate 2 CIV ballots.

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

One Stop Ballots' Approval:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve 991 one stop absentee ballots.

The duplicated ballot log was created and original ballots were sealed for storage.

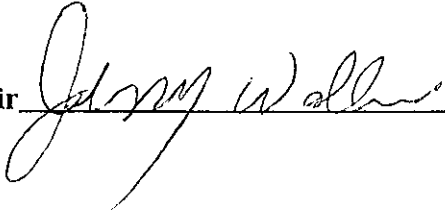
The Board recorded the ending ballot count of **1,693** ballots and sealed the machine for storage.

Other Matters:

The certified lists of Executed Absentee Ballots were prepared for the precincts and distributed among Board members for delivery to the Chief Judges.

Adjournment:

Motion, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (5,0) to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Chair 

Secretary 