Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

Regular Session - March 20, 2019

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 in the Board of Elections Office, Room 16. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; Brian Ball, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; and Wade Gahagan, Deputy Director.

Call to Order:

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

Agenda:

Moved, Seconded (RL, DS) and Carried (5,0) to approve the agenda.

Minutes:

Moved, Seconded (ST, BB) and Carried (5,0) to approve the March 1, 2019 meeting minutes.

Chair's Report:

Chair Wallin updated the Board on the current status of the Photo ID Law.

Member's Reports:

Member Smathers reported on the agenda for the upcoming NCADE Conference. He also expressed gratitude the conference was in Hickory.

Member Ball expressed concerns to the Board over potential complications of a longer ballot style and the potential for voter fatigue. He offered several suggestions to the Board for poll booth purchase.

Director's Report:

No budget report was currently available for February 28, 2019.

The Director provided the Board with the submitted 2019-2020 fiscal year budget proposal.

The Director provided an update on the purchase of new voting equipment.

The Director provided an update on the 2010 Precinct Project, Photo ID Requirements, and State Certification as per a SBOE training video earlier that day.

The Director requested the Board provide input on the required two Photo ID seminars to occur between May 1 and September 1, 2019. After discussion, the Board suggested both sessions be held on the Saturday afternoon that coincides with the annual French Broad Electric Co-op Meeting.

The Director provided an update on the upcoming summer State Board of Elections conference and NCADE conference.

Old Business:

Member Ball asked about the carts that were previously used to transport the iVotronic voting equipment. After discussion, the Board requested the Director to donate the carts to the Madison County Public School System.

The Board witnessed a demonstration of the PrintElect Voter's Choice Classic Voting Booth. A discussion ensued over voting booths.

Moved, Seconded (DS, ST) and Carried (5,0) to purchase 80 Voter's Choice Classic Voting Booths as recommended by the staff.

New Business:

The Board reviewed the municipal election agreements received from the Town of Hot Springs and the Town of Marshall.

Moved, Seconded (ST, DS) and Carried (5,0) to approve the municipal election agreements from the Town of Hot Springs and the Town of Marshall.

Other Matters:

The Deputy Director provided the Board with an updated 2019 Election Calendar.

Announcements:

Next Regular Meeting: April 17, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Moved, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to adjourn.

Ray Lewis, Secretary

Jorry Wallin, Chair

Kathy Ray, Director