

# Madison County Board of Elections

## Absentee Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2020

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Friday, October 23, 2020. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; Jacob Ray, Deputy Director; and one member of the public.

### Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:

The voting equipment was reconciled with the chain of custody.

### Absentee Ballots' Approval from the Cancelled October 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting:

Civilian (CIV) Ballots

1. Beech Glen Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 18 absentee ballots.
2. Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 16 absentee ballots.
3. Grapevine Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots.
4. Hot Springs Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 2 absentee ballots.
5. Laurel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 3 absentee ballots.
6. Mars Hill Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 46 absentee ballots.
7. North Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 15 absentee ballots.
8. Revere Rice Cove Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots.
9. Sandy Mush Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 3 absentee ballots.
10. South Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 9 absentee ballots.
11. Spring Creek Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 3 absentee ballots.
12. Walnut Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots.

Overseas (OVR) Ballots

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 3 OVR absentee ballots.**

One Stop Ballots' Approval:

**Motion, Seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (3,0) to approve 2,131 one stop absentee ballots.**

**Absentee Ballots' Approval for October 23, 2020 Meeting:**

Civilian (CIV) Ballots

1. **Beech Glen Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 29 absentee ballots.**
2. **Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 14 absentee ballots.**
3. **Grapevine Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 9 absentee ballots, 1 with cure letter.**
4. **Hot Springs Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 3 absentee ballots.**
5. **Laurel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 7 absentee ballots.**
6. **Mars Hill Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 14 absentee ballots.**
7. **North Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 23 absentee ballots, 1 with cure letter.**
8. **Revere Rice Cove Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 1 absentee ballot.**
9. **Sandy Mush Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots, 1 with cure letter.**
10. **South Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 9 absentee ballots.**
11. **Spring Creek Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 7 absentee ballots.**
12. **Walnut Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 11 absentee ballots.**

Overseas (OVR) Ballots

**Motions, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 2 OVR absentee ballots.**



Military (MIL) Ballots

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 1 mil absentee ballot.**

One Stop (OS) Ballots

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 1,787 one stop absentee ballots.**

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to go into closed session to duplicate 2 civilian ballots and 5 OVR ballots.**

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to return to open session.**

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

The Board recorded the ending ballot count of **1,391** ballots and sealed the machine for storage.

**Other Matters:**

The Director presented 1 one stop, curbside voted ballot that would not tabulate at Beech Glen Community Center. The voter left the site before a replacement ballot could be offered.

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve ballot duplication and return the ballot to Beech Glen Community Center for tabulation.**

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to go into closed session to duplicate the one stop ballot.** The ballot was sealed and signed by the board for return to the one stop site for tabulation.

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to return to open session.**

The Director reported a voter concern that her one stop voted ballot did not contain all the contests and candidates.


**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to retrieve the voted ballot for a full review of all the contests and candidates.** The Board review affirmed that the voted ballot did contain all federal, state, and local contests and candidates for the election. The Board asked the Director to contact the voter regarding the Board's action and conclusion.

**Public Comment:**

No comments were made.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.**

Chair 

Secretary 