

Madison County Board of Elections

Absentee Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2020

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; Brian Ball, 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.

Agenda:

Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve the agenda as amended to reflect Number 4 Public Comment and Number 5 Wellness Center Polling Site Report.

Minutes:

Motion, Seconded (ST, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve the October 2, 2020 meeting minutes.

Members' Reports:

The Director provided the Board with Numbered Memo 2020-28 and a related email message from North Carolina State Board of Elections Associate General Counsel Kelly Tornow.

Director's Report:

No Report.

Public Comment:

No Public Comments were made.

Wellness Center Polling Site Report:

Member Smathers provided an update on the Madison Wellness Center polling site and a visit with Madison County Schools Superintendent Will Hoffman. Discussion ensued regarding the voter traffic pattern, the entrance to the polling place, the political signage stopping at the guard shack, and designating an electioneering area that will not interfere with school and student activities at Madison Early College High School.

Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:

The voting equipment was reconciled with the chain of custody, ballot count from the previous meeting, and the zero results tape.

Absentee Ballots' Approval:

Civilian (CIV) Ballots

1. **Beech Glen Precinct: Motion, Seconded (BB, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 10 absentee ballots.**
2. **Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots.**
3. **Grapevine Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 3 absentee ballots.**
4. **Hot Springs Precinct: Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots.**
5. **Laurel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 5 absentee ballots.**

One Laurel Precinct voter was issued an Ebbs Chapel ballot style. Afterwards, the voter updated the voter registration which required duplication on the Laurel Precinct ballot style.

6. **Mars Hill Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (4,0) to approve 15 absentee ballots.**
7. **North Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 11 absentee ballots.**
8. **Revere Rice Cove Precinct: Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 2 absentee ballots.**
9. **Spring Creek Precinct: Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 1 absentee ballots.**
10. **Walnut Precinct: Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots.**

Overseas (OVR) Ballots:

Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 2 overseas ballots.

Military (MIL) Ballots:

Motion, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (4,0) to approve 1 military ballot.

Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (4,0) to go into closed session to duplicate 2 civilian ballots, 1 mil ballot, and 2 overseas ballots.

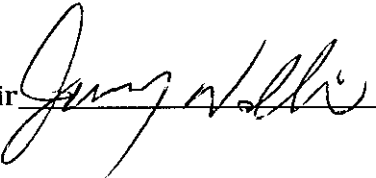
Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to return to open session.

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

Board members sealed the DS200 machine, completed the chain of custody, and recorded the ending Public Count of 798 ballots.

Adjournment:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Chair 

Secretary 