

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2020 Meeting

The Madison County Board of Elections held a telephonic meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 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 2 members of the public.

Call to Order:

Following a brief pause to adjust the audio settings, Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to approve the March 3(amended), March 4, March 12, and March 13 meeting minutes.

Director's Report:

The Director reported on the following:

- The February 2020 revenue and expenditure report;
- The COVID 19 Office Plan; and
- The 2020 2nd Primary Election Calendar.

A discussion ensued regarding the meeting schedules during the months of April and May.

Moved, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to move the regularly scheduled Wednesday, April 15 meeting to Tuesday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Moved, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to move the regularly scheduled Wednesday, May 20 to Friday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m.

New Business:

The Director presented the May 12, 2020 Second Primary One-Stop Plan. The plan proposed one site at the Board of Elections Office beginning Thursday, April 23 and ending Saturday, May 9 to be

staffed by 3 experienced poll workers and to operate during regular office hours during weekdays (8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.) and the final Saturday (8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.)

Moved, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (5,0) to approve the one-stop plan as presented by the Director.

Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (5,0) to approve Dean Benfield (Dem), Dave Goforth (Dem), and Dennis McMahan (Rep) as the one stop staff for the 2nd primary election.

Moved, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (5,0) to approve 1 poll worker assistant at each of the following precinct polling sites during the 2nd primary election: Mars Hill Elementary School, Madison Early College High School, Hot Springs Elementary School, and Madison Middle School.

Moved, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (5,0) to approve Doris Capps as a replacement judge in the Beech Glen Precinct during the 2nd primary election.

Moved, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (5,0) to approve Betty Jane Ramsey as a replacement judge in the Revere Rice Cove Precinct during the 2nd primary election.

Citizens Comments:

A citizen expressed appreciation for all the Emergency Management personnel. She also expressed appreciation for the opportunity to join the meeting telephonically but indicated it was more difficult to follow.

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic, a citizen asked if poll workers were expressing concern about serving at the polls and suggested there might be an increase of absentee voting by mail.

Adjournment:

Motion, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (5,0) to adjourn at 3:55 p.m.

Approved April 21, 2020.