

**Madison County Board of Elections
Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2018**

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Elections Conference Room. The meeting recessed and moved across the street to the Finance Office Conference Room. In attendance: Dyatt Smathers, Chair; Sandra Tolley, Vice Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; and Kathy Ray, Director.

Call to Order

Chair Smathers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (4,0) to set the agenda.

Agenda

Moved, Seconded (ST, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve the October 23, 2018 minutes.

Chair's and Members' Reports

Chair Smathers congratulated the staff on a fantastic job and remarked that the early voting workers were ecstatic about the pay increase. He reported on a complaint that some of the early voting signage posted by local interest groups in the Town of Mars Hill had created some confusion about the early voting schedule. Several voters had gone to Mars Hill Public Library on Saturday and found the site closed.

Vice Chair Tolley commented that she had visited Hot Springs Community Center early voting site and found things running smoothly. The staff had asked if the Community Center could also serve as the precinct's Election Day voting site in future elections.

Secretary Lewis remarked that the Board and staff just keep demonstrating the ability to adjust successfully to any situation that is presented.

Member Wallin added that he had heard no complaints.

The Chair finalized the reports by adding that the two additional early voting workers at the Mars Hill site have been well received by the staff and the split shifts for early voting workers seemed to be working well.

A discussion ensued regarding the appropriate and allowed use of electronic devices in the voting enclosure. The Director will clarify the appropriate use of electronic devices with the poll workers.

Approval of Absentee Applications

The Board reviewed the civilian absentee ballot applications presented for approval. **Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve 26 CIVILIAN absentee applications.**

The Board reviewed the one-stop absentee ballot applications presented for approval. **Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve 1,787 ONE-STOP absentee applications.**

The Board reviewed the UOCAVA ballot applications presented for approval. **Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 1 UOCAVA absentee application.**

The Board reviewed the absentee ballot applications presented as spoiled and reissued. **Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (4,0) to spoil 3 CIVILIAN absentee applications.**

New Business

The Board discussed compensation for mileage for poll workers and increasing the flat rate of pay for Election Day poll workers.

Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve mileage travel payment for lead one-stop workers for the entire one-stop period.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve \$170.00 flat rate of pay for Election Day assistants.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve \$225.00 flat rate of pay for Election Day judges.

Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve mileage travel payment for chief judges for Election Day travel.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve mileage travel payment for Election Day media runners.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve the list of judges for Election Day.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve the list of assistants for Election Day.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve the list of election media and equipment that will be used Election Day.

Other Matters

Discussion ensued regarding the absentee meeting agendas and activities for Monday at 5:00 p.m. and Election Day.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (4,0) to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Minutes Approved November 5, 2018

Kathy Ray, Director

Ray Lewis

Ray Lewis, Secretary

Dyatt Smathers

Dyatt Smathers, Chair