

Madison County Board of Elections

Absentee Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2020

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Tuesday, October 27, 2020. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; 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.

Minutes Approval:

Motion, Second (ST, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve the October 23, 2020 regular and absentee session meetings minutes.

Members Reports:

Member Smathers commended the election board, office staff, poll workers, and cleaning staff for doing an excellent job and working so well as a team.

Chair Wallin added that he is also continuing to receive positive comments from the public.

Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:

The voting equipment was reconciled with the chain of custody.

Absentee Ballots' Approval:

Civilian (CIV) Ballots

- 1. Beech Glen Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 12 absentee ballots.**
- 2. Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 5 absentee ballots.**
- 3. Grapevine Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 5 absentee ballots.**
- 4. Hot Springs Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 2 absentee ballots.**
- 5. Laurel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 7 absentee ballots.**
- 6. Mars Hill Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 33 absentee ballots, 2 with cure letters.**

7. North Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 20 absentee ballots.
8. Revere Rice Cove Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 2 absentee ballots.
9. Sandy Mush Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 4 absentee ballots.
10. South Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 13 absentee ballots.
11. Spring Creek Precinct: No ballots to approve.
12. Walnut Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 8 absentee ballots.

Military (MIL) and Overseas (OVR) Ballots' Approval:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 4 MIL and 2 OVR absentee ballots.

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to go into closed session to duplicate 2 OVR and 2 MIL ballots.

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

One Stop Ballots' Approval:

Motion, Seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 1,407 one stop absentee ballots.

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

The counted ballots were removed from the DS200 tabulator bin and sealed for storage.

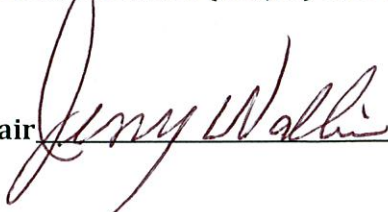
The Board recorded the ending ballot count of **1,508** ballots and sealed the machine for storage.

Other Matters:

Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve moving Stephen McConnell to Mars Hill Precinct and Lisa Norton Hicks (D-Hot Springs) as a poll worker assistant for the Hot Springs Precinct.

Adjournment:

Motion, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (4,0) to adjourn at 4:10 p.m.

Chair 

Secretary 