

Madison County Board of Elections

Absentee Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2020

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Friday, October 16, 2020. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Sandra Tolley, Member; 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:

Motion, Seconded (ST, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve the October 13, 2020 meetings minutes.

Members' Reports:

Chair Wallin commented regarding political party observers within the polling sites, the electioneering zones, and first day early voting start up.

Member Smathers provided information regarding the political party observer appointment process. Discussion ensued regarding allowed activity of political party observers within the voting enclosure.

Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:

The voting equipment was reconciled with the chain of custody.

Absentee Ballots' Approval from the Cancelled October 6th Meeting:

Civilian (CIV) Ballots

1. **Beech Glen Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve 28 absentee ballots.**
2. **Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve 8 absentee ballots.**
3. **Grapevine Precinct: Motion, Seconded (ST, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 15 absentee ballots.**
4. **Hot Springs Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (4,0) to approve 8 absentee ballots.**
5. **Laurel Precinct: Motion, Seconded (ST, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 6 absentee ballots.**

6. Mars Hill Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 36 absentee ballots.
7. North Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (ST, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 25 absentee ballots.
8. Revere Rice Cove Precinct: No Ballots to approve.
9. Sandy Mush Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 5 absentee ballots.
10. South Marshall Precinct: Motion, Seconded (ST, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve 12 absentee ballots.
11. Spring Creek Precinct: Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to approve the absentee ballot of Charles Irvin Stoops, Jr. that was returned by an unauthorized person. Motion, Seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 7 absentee ballots.
12. Walnut Precinct: Motion, Seconded (ST, DS) and Carried (4,0) to approve 13 absentee ballots.

Overseas (OVR) Ballots:

Motion, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (4,0) to go into closed session to duplicate 4 overseas and 1 military ballot.

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

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

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

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to table the FWAB ballot submitted by Ebbs Chapel Precinct voter Philip Jonas Rembert pending further review.

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

The Board recorded the ending ballot count of **1,127** ballots and sealed the machine for storage.

Other Matters:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JS) and Carried (4,0) to appoint Ruby Payne (D-Mars Hill) as the replacement judge for the North Marshall Precinct.

Public Comment:

No comments were made.

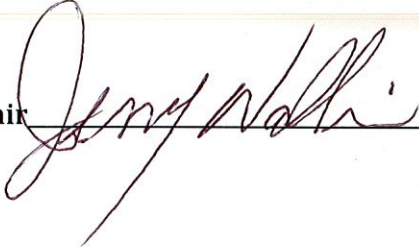
Director's Report:

No comments were made.

Adjournment:

Motion, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (4,0) to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

Chair



Secretary