

# **Madison County Board of Elections**

## **Regular Session Meeting Minutes**

### **June 16, 2020 Meeting**

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 Paul Moon, Senior Editor of the News Record and Sentinel.

#### **Call to Order:**

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Agenda:**

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

#### **Minutes:**

**Motion, Seconded (ST, BB) and Carried (5,0) to approve the June 9, 2020 meeting minutes.**

#### **Members' Reports:**

Chair Wallin informed the Board of an email request he received for 2016-2018 general elections information. He commented that he has received several comments from the public complimenting the Board's handling of the COVID-19 risks and taking care of the voters and poll workers.

Member Ball thanked the office staff for responding timely to his request for the website to provide a link to DMV's online voter registration application.

Member Smathers said poll workers reported to him that they were paid timely.

#### **Director's Report:**

The Director directed the Board's attention to the poll worker infection protection kits provided by the State Board of Elections. She complimented the State Board's efforts to provide necessary PPE and sanitation supplies for all the poll workers and sites.

Chair Wallin commented on the Sandy Mush Precinct search for a temporary polling site initiated by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The Director provided the May 31, 2020 budget report and indicated that sufficient funds have been added to the current year's budget to carry the Board through the June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election. The Director will work with the State Board of Elections to reimburse the county for the professional cleaning services agreement.

The Director provided information about potential polling sites for each of the precincts and one stop sites during the November 3<sup>rd</sup> General election. Discussion ensued.

**New Business:**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (5,0) to approve Mars Hill Public Library, Hot Springs Community Center, and Board of Elections Room 26 as one stop sites for the November 3, 2020 General Election to be open every weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and only on the final Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The Director provided the Board with State Board of Elections General Counsel Katelyn Love's Summary of HB 1169.

The Director provided statistics for the 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary one stop and Election Day voter turnouts. Very few voters utilized one stop voting in 2016. The current statistics for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Second Primary indicate that voters are responding to the increase in one stop voting hours and sites.

The Director informed the Board that an overflow post office box has been procured due to the anticipated increase in absentee mail-in balloting during the November 3, 2020 General Election. Seventy-five absentee ballot requests have already been received for the fall election.

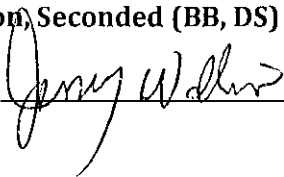
The Director informed the Board that she is delaying the decision to retire until after the November General Election.

The Director informed the Board that CleanWorks Owner Darlene Cody called to express her appreciation for the cleaning services agreement.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion, Seconded (BB, DS) and Carried (5,0) to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.**

Chair



Secretary

