

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes – Provisional/Monthly Meeting

November 16, 2023

The Madison County Board of Elections held a special meeting on Thursday November 16, 2023, at Suite E, Room 16, 5707 US 25-70 Hwy, Marshall, 28753. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Brian Ball Member; Ray Lewis Member; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; and one member of the public.

Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda:

Motion (DP, DS) to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

Members' Report:

Member Ball complimented the staff for the job done during the Municipal Election and reported that the election went smooth and has not heard of any complaints.

Secretary Smathers spoke about his experience at the appreciation dinner hosted by the Democrat Women's club and the State Board of Elections public comment period on permanent photo ID rules.

Member Ponder thanked the staff for their guidance for her first election as a board member and reported that the only complaint she was made aware of was Spring Creek precinct voters were being informed they did not have an eligible ballot style for this election.

Chair Wallin thanked the staff for their hard work and commented on the Blannahassett Island being available for this election and upcoming elections.

New Business:

Provisional Ballot Approval/Denial for November 16, 2023 Meeting:

The Board reviewed a total of eight provisional applications:

- Motion (DS, JW) to deny two provisional applications based on staff recommendations that these two provisional voters did not reside within the municipality limits. The Motion passed unanimously (5-0).
- Motion (DS, RL) to deny six provisional applications based on staff recommendations that four of provisional applications had no record of registration and two provisional applications had been previously removed/denied. The Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Motion (DS, RL) to allow the Director to conduct manual edits based on the counting of write-in ballots. The Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The board reviewed three early voting plans and discussed each plan.

Motion (DS, BB) to approve the following 2024 Primary Election early voting plan. The Motion passed unanimously (5-0.)

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING PLAN

Locations:

Beech Glen Community Center Gymnasium 2936 Beech Glen Road Mars Hill NC, 28754	Hot Springs Community Center 43 N Andrews Avenue Hot Springs NC, 28743
Madison A-B Tech Campus 4646 US 25-70 Hwy Marshall NC, 28753	

Date & Time:

Day	Date	Open Time	Close Time
Thursday	February 15	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Friday	February 16	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Saturday	February 17	Closed	Closed
Sunday	February 18	Closed	Closed
Monday	February 19	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Tuesday	February 20	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Wednesday	February 21	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Thursday	February 22	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Friday	February 23	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Saturday	February 24	Closed	Closed
Sunday	February 25	Closed	Closed
Monday	February 26	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Tuesday	February 27	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Wednesday	February 28	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Thursday	February 29	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Friday	March 1	8:00 am	7:30 pm
Saturday	March 2	8:00 am	3:00 pm

Other Matters:

Motion (DS, JW) to reschedule December's monthly meeting from Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. to Wednesday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Public Comment:

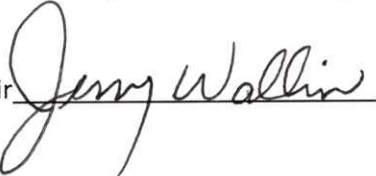
Graeme Frelick congratulated the Board on coming to a unanimous decision on an early voting plan expressed the concerns that some voters may have and the importance of communicating with the public.

Adjournment:

Motion (DS, JW) to adjourn at 4:08 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Announcement:

Next regularly scheduled meeting: December 13, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair 

Secretary 