

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
REGULAR SESSION  
Board of Elections Conference Room  
Wednesday, December 11, 2013  
4:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Gibson called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 4:30 P.M. at the Board of Elections Office Conference Room. Board and staff members in attendance were Andy Gibson, Chairman; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Shirley Ponder, Deputy Director; and Kathy Ray, Director.

AGENDA

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to add the item "Precinct Boundaries" to the agenda to address information provided to the Board of Election members by State Board of Elections General Counsel Don Wright.**

**Moved, Seconded (AG, JW) and Carried (3,0) to add a personnel session to the agenda.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the meeting minutes from the November 11, 2013 provisional ballot meeting as amended.**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the meeting minutes from the November 12, 2013 CANVASS / Regular Meeting.**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the closed session meeting minutes from the November 12, 2013 CANVASS / Regular Meeting.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No Report

MEMBERS' REPORT

Member Wallin reported that there was some misinformation printed in the local newspaper regarding the Town of Marshall Municipal Election.

Secretary Smathers reported on the Precinct Official training. He complimented the training session presentation and the precinct officials for their dedication and commitment to do a good job.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The October and November, 2013 Budget Revenue and Expenditure Reports were presented. The Director reported that careful monitoring of each line item is necessary. Funds for salary and benefits line items cannot be moved without the consent of the commissioners.

The State Board of Elections is recommending the use of electronic poll books on Election Day. The Board discussed costs for purchasing and the need to use electronic poll books on Election Day in light of the recent legislation that voters must vote within their precincts beginning January 2014.

Invoices for the 2013 Municipal Elections have been mailed. The use of plain paper ballots saved the Towns of Hot Springs and Mars Hill approximately \$1500.00 each since they did not have to incur any costs for election equipment.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Moved, Seconded (JW, DS) and Carried (3,0) to establish five (5) one-stop voting sites across Madison County by adding an additional site in the Mars Hill area and an additional site in the Marshall area.** The Director will discuss the use of Mars Hill Town Hall with Town Manager Daryl Boone and will select between Marshall Community Center Room A and Asheville Buncombe Technical College Madison Campus, based upon availability.

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the 2014 Primary and General Election Calendars as amended.**

The Board discussed the addition of a one-stop site at the new Mars Hill Town Hall. The facility will likely meet all ADA requirements for polling places.

North Marshall Democratic Judge Norris Gentry has submitted his statement of resignation. Democratic Party Chairman David Wyatt has been notified.

County board members discussed the precinct boundaries and concluded that it does appear that the boundaries currently used by the Madison County Voting Precincts are incorrect and are in need of modifications.

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) that the Director and Deputy Director take the steps necessary to immediately correct the precinct boundaries as described in the letter dated May 28, 2009 and in consultation with General Counsel Don Wright, Chief Information Officer Marc Burris, and the General Assembly's Dan Frey. The Director will report the corrections to both the local and State Board of Elections as soon as they are started and upon their completion. Corrections must be completed prior to the beginning of candidate filing in February 2014.**

The Madison County Board of Elections will revisit the issue should any voters have to be re-assigned to another precinct as a result of the precinct boundary corrections.

#### OLD BUSINESS

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to appoint Fay Ball as the Republican Judge at the South Marshall Precinct.**

Sandy Mush Precinct continues to need a replacement Republican Judge. Republican Party Chairman Matt Wechtel has been notified.

#### OTHER MATTERS

**Moved, Seconded (AG, DS) and Carried (3,0) to go into closed session for personnel discussion.**

**Moved, Seconded (AG, DS) and Carried (3,0) to return to regular session.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

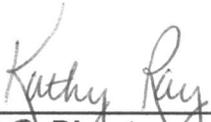
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2014

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, AG) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 7:20 P.M.**



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Kathy Ray, Director



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Dyatt Smathers, Secretary



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Andy Gibson, Chairman