

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**CANVASS SESSION**  
**Board of Elections Conference Room**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2014**  
**11:00 A.M.**

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Andy Gibson called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 11:35 A.M. at the Board of Elections Office Conference Room 26. Board and staff members in attendance were Andy Gibson, Chairman; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Shirley Ponder, Deputy Director; and Kathy Ray, Director.

Canvass of Votes Cast

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the agenda as presented.**

The Director defined the term "canvass" as stated in G.S. 163-182.5.

The Director presented the Board with a packet of data for the Board to review to determine that data collected from the iVotronic machines, SEIMS database, M100 optical scan tabulators, and the number of Applications/Authorizations to Vote forms from the precincts and one-stop sites all balanced. The precinct data form includes curbside paper ballots in the total ballots cast and Authorization to Vote forms.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of one-stop votes cast and the need for five (5) sites.

The absentee by mail reconciliation data was presented. Absentee ballots counted in the M100 optical scan tabulator and the hand counted absentees reconciled. The form's data was amended to reflect the two supplemental ballots counted at the May 12, 2014 5:00 p.m. absentee meeting.

The provisional data reflects the provisional review and approvals that were executed at the May 12, 2014 5:00 p.m. absentee meeting. The two approved provisional ballot results were entered into the absentee administrative precinct totals to protect voter secrecy.

Comments were made regarding poll worker assistants that are working out of their home precincts on Election Day and the need to emphasize that they need to vote absentee or early vote prior to Election Day.

Discussion ensued that computers with the On Site Voter Registration Database software must be put in place to assist election staff and poll workers with Election Day tasks such as updating addresses, processing transfers for voters with unreported moves, assigning the correct ballot style and precinct, etc. Human error would be greatly reduced and efficiency greatly increased if the proper equipment was put in place at the precincts and early voting sites.

The sample hand-eye audit data was presented for the Grapevine and Revere Rice Cove precincts iVotronic machines. Two Republicans and two Democrats must conduct the hand-

eye audit. The Director explained to the Board how the hand-eye audit is conducted. The machine counts matched the hand-eye paper ballot counts of the hand-eye audit team.

An unofficial canvass block report was presented to the Board. The report gives the total for each of the candidates. A statistics report was also presented that gives the election results for the Board to reconcile the total ballots cast with the number cast that the data collection forms indicate was cast at early voting, Election Day, provisional, curbside, and mail-in absentee so that we can make sure that every ballot cast is counted in the election results. There were 5,236 ballots cast.

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the canvass of election results.**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to recess the meeting until the Execution of Official Abstracts of Elections and Reports could be prepared for the Board to sign.**

**Moved, Seconded (AG, JW) and Carried (2,0) to call the meeting back into session at 1:10 p.m.**

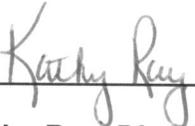
Board Chairman Andy Gibson and Member Jerry Wallin signed the Official Abstracts of Elections and Reports.

**Moved, Seconded (AG, JW) and Carried (2,0) to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.**

Secretary Smathers had to excuse himself during the recess for a doctor's appointment, but returned at 2:10 p.m. to sign the Official Abstracts of Elections and Reports.

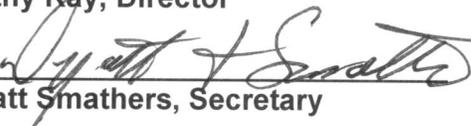
#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2014



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**Kathy Ray, Director**



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**Dyatt Smathers, Secretary**



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**Andy Gibson, Chairman**