

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
REGULAR SESSION  
Board of Elections Conference Room  
Wednesday, September 10, 2014  
3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smathers called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Board and staff members in attendance were Dyatt Smathers, Chairman; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Shirley Ponder, Deputy Director; and Kathy Ray, Director.

AGENDA

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the agenda as requested by the Director.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the August 13, 2014 meeting minutes as presented.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Smathers reported that there is a lot of interest in the upcoming Senate race as well as the DS200 test that will be conducted by the County Board of Elections. He also presented a newspaper article that highlighted the difference that one vote can make in determining the outcome of an election.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

No reports

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The budget report through August 31, 2014 was presented. Building utilities are prorated by the amount of square footage a particular department occupies. Election equipment and supplies companies are being very generous and cooperative. Inclusion Solutions, Inc. is loaning the Board a Franklin voting booth to use at the DS200 test site. The NC School of Government was paid approximately \$400 for the 2014 Precinct Manual Manuals.

The arrival of the DS200 voting system is expected at any time. The break room has been converted to a storage closet for the DS200 voting machines, the M100 voting machines, and a locking fireproof cabinet to store official paper ballots. A new deadbolt locking system has been added to the entrance door. The break utilities and additional staff station has been moved into the conference room area.

Training events began on September 9<sup>th</sup>. A training calendar has been issued with training dates for each category of election officials, one-stop workers, and assistants. The Director has received her State Board of Elections Administrators Certification.

The Director updated the Board regarding the Precinct Verification Project and voters that are located in the disputed tax area between Buncombe and Madison Counties. Some voters located in this area are being reassigned to Madison County for voting purposes because their houses are geographically located in Madison County. County Attorney Laws has advised the Director to go ahead and register the voters that have been transferred to Madison County from Buncombe County Board of Elections and tell voters who question the transfer that they will have to consult with Buncombe County Board of Elections and Buncombe County's attorney regarding the disputed tax area and voting rights.

The Director presented the privacy sleeves that have been purchased to carry the voted paper ballots from the voting booth to the DS200 machine in the one-stop test site. The Franklin voting booth was also on display for the Board and meeting attendees.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the amended version of the one-stop plan that includes the DS200 test at the Board of Elections one-stop site.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve Robert Briggs as the Republican Judge at the Mars Hill Precinct.**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to accept the resignation of Dale Keener and appoint Maxine Dalton as his replacement as the Democratic Judge at the Spring Creek Precinct.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to accept the resignation of Amanda Riddle as the Republican Judge at the Ebbs Chapel Precinct.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to amend the Resolution to Count Absentee Ballots on Election Day at 2:00 p.m. to include the supplemental absentee meeting dates.** The Chairman noted for those in attendance at the meeting that the results of the absentee meeting count cannot be released until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve poll worker assistants Patsy Frisby (D-Walnut Precinct), Ann Johnston (R-South Marshall Precinct), Ray Moore (R-Ebbs Chapel), Christopher Ward (R-Laurel Precinct), Carolyn Franklin (D-Mars Hill Precinct), and Marie McMahan (R-South Marshall Precinct).** The Director informed the Board that at least two poll worker assistants must be identified from within the South Marshall Precinct in order to comply with G.S. 163-42.(b). She is working on this with the political party chairmen.

**Moved, Approved (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve paying poll workers and officials \$10.00 per hour for required trainings.**

The Director will order signs to place on the corner in the town of Marshall and at the end of the Blannahassett Island Bridge that will direct voters to Marshall Community Center one-stop voting site.

The Director will supply the Board members with the serial numbers of all election media and voting machines that will be used in trainings. The election definition from the Primary election will be used in the training sessions. The Chairman requested that all Board members be present and open the one-stop machines on Election Day. Board members will remove the seals, and the Director will record them as they are called out by Board members.

Chairman Smathers welcomed Fay Ball back to her duties as an office assistant for the upcoming election.

The Director informed the Board that a Flyer is being distributed regarding One-Stop voting sites' dates and times. A Notice of Election that includes the one-stop information will be published in the upcoming editions of the local newspaper.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

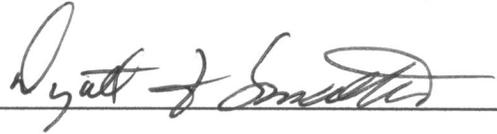
A suggestion was made by a citizen in attendance to place a sign at the Board of Elections one-stop site that there will be no lines at the Marshall Community Center site.

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 3:56 P.M.**



Kathy Ray, Director



Dyatt Smathers, Chairman



Ray Lewis, Secretary