

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**ABSENTEE SESSION**  
**Board of Elections Conference Room**  
**October 14, 2014**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 3:00 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Dyatt Smathers; Secretary Ray Lewis; Member Jerry Wallin; and Director Kathy Ray.

Chairman Smathers reviewed the process for reviewing, approving, and tabulating the absentee ballots. Discussion ensued regarding the process that will be used to open the ballot application envelopes and feed the ballots into the M100 tabulator.

Member Wallin indicated that the Director should notify the Board immediately if there is a voter concern regarding Board of Elections activities.

The M100 tabulator will be available to accept ballots at the October 21<sup>st</sup> absentee meeting. The M100 machines will be involved in logic and accuracy testing through Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the mail-in absentee ballot applications of:**

- 1. Beverly Hunsucker (CIV-15)**
- 2. Robert Howard Riddle (CIV-64)**
- 3. Kyle Matthew Ellison (CIV-4)**
- 4. Margaret Elizabeth Edwards (CIV-8)**
- 5. Neva Mclean (CIV-24)**
- 6. Lee Edward Mclean (CIV-25)**
- 7. Frances Laws (CIV-17)**
- 8. Claude Price (CIV-26)**
- 9. Juanita Price (CIV-20)**
- 10. Muncie Gosnell (CIV-27)**

11. Diana McRae (CIV-34)
12. Ina Moxley Paris (CIV-36)
13. Carolyn Lee Rice (CIV-62)
14. Harry D. Rice Jr. (CIV-60)
15. Deborah Britt (CIV-38)
16. Claude Cody (CIV-16)
17. Phyllis Nivens (CIV-78)
18. Coleen Ball (CIV-79)
19. Theresa Easterbrooks (OVR-2)
20. Roger Easterbrooks (OVR-1)

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve the absentee ballot applications of:**

1. Joyce Burns (CIV-1)
2. Alexander Sewell (CIV-41)
3. Fern Delores LaMonte (CIV-59)
4. Jeffrey Lowe (CIV-44)
5. Debra Newell (CIV-32)
6. Mildred Anders (CIV-39)
7. Vickie Sealock (CIV-40)
8. Rebecca Gahagan (CIV-28)
9. Mary Frances Hensley (CIV-37)
10. Sandra Franklin McDevitt (CIV-3)
11. Oscar Ricky McDevitt Jr. (CIV-2)
12. Helen Ponder (CIV-42)
13. Robert Zady Ponder (CIV-43)
14. Sonnie Louise Gosnell (CIV-29)
15. Harry D. Rice Sr. (CIV-61)
16. Ocean Shackleton (CIV-77)

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve Maryanne Hyder for the vacancy at the Board of Elections one-stop site.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve Betty Dean Benfield for the vacancy at the Marshall Community Center one-stop site.**

Seal Number 55438508 was placed on the envelope containing the approved absentee applications. Members of the Board and public also signed the envelope. The envelope will remain sealed until the October 21<sup>st</sup> absentee meeting.

Chairman Smathers commented that the Mars Hill University chapter of the NAACP is anticipating a March to the one-stop polling place. There could be as many as 100 voters present at the Mars Hill Town Hall. Discussion ensued regarding the need for additional poll

workers. Due to the limited size of the voting enclosure, the Board determined to maintain the current staff.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

A citizen asked if the election’s staff can observe emailed ballot choices of overseas and military voters.

Chairman Smathers presented the privacy sleeve to carry the paper ballots from the booth to the tabulator that will be available to voters at the Board of Elections one-stop site.

Member Wallin informed the public that the Board’s Resolution to input the ballots into the M100 machine during each absentee meeting was made because of the amount of time it takes to feed the ballots into the machine.

Chairman Smathers commented that the absentee count will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Election Day but the results will not be available until the polls close.

Chairman Smathers emphasized the “no electioneering” zones (areas) at the polling locations.

A citizen complimented the Board for the attention to detail that is being given to its procedures and processes.

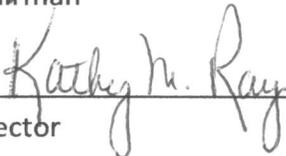
ADJOURNMENT

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

  
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Chairman

  
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Secretary

  
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Director