

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**ABSENTEE SESSION**  
**Board of Elections Conference Room**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 3:01 p.m. In attendance were Chairman Dyatt Smathers; Secretary Ray Lewis; Member Jerry Wallin; and Director Kathy Ray.

AGENDA

The Director requested the addition of a Personnel session to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the October 14, 2014 absentee session minutes.

APPROVAL OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve twenty (20) civilian absentee ballot applications as presented.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to spoil seven (7) civilian ballots that were returned to the Board of Elections without witness signatures.**

The Director reported that contacts are being made with absentee voters with spoiled ballots and new ballots are being issued.

There was one voter intent ballot rejected by the M100 voting machine to hand eye count at a later date.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve moving the Citizens Comments item to this point in the meeting.**

Ricky Seay of the local WHBK radio station expressed concern that the county courthouse countout is not being held this election and that many elderly and citizens that do not have internet depend upon the radio to broadcast election results. The Board of Elections will work with WHBK radio and provide the radio station with the media links to the State Board of Elections Election Night Reporting website.

Zero tapes were run for both M100 machines, seal numbers were recorded, and seals placed on the doors of the two M100 machines. Fifty three ballots were read into the M100 tabulators including the absentee mail-in ballots that were approved on October 14, 2014.

#### OTHER MATTERS

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the lists of voting equipment for the one-stop sites.**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve switching one-stop poll worker assistants Jacob Ray (to Board of Elections site) and Maryanne Hyder (to Hot Springs site) pending the approval of County Democratic Chair David Wyatt.**

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve Robin Kraft as a Democratic poll worker assistant at the Spring Creek Precinct.**

**Moved, Seconded (DS, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve Mary Ruth Fowler as a Democratic poll worker assistant at the Spring Creek Precinct.**

#### MEMBERS' REPORT

Secretary Lewis reported that he has spent the past five days with the Board of Elections staff, and he has witnessed how hard they work and is satisfied with the work they are doing up to this point.

#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Printelect's Chris Andrews will be one-site at the Board of Elections on Election Day from 2:00 p.m. until Election Results are obtained from the DS200 voting system. He will also be on site on the first day of one-stop voting for any needed technical assistance that may be needed with opening the DS200 machine at the Board of Elections one-stop site.

Poll workers will be reminded via a memo regarding cell phone use within the voting enclosure. Chief Judges will designate an area outside the voting enclosure for personal use by poll workers and observers.

South Marshall, Walnut, and Sandy Mush precincts continue to need one Republican poll worker assistant each.

PERSONNEL

**Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to move into closed session for personnel discussion.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to return to open session.**

**Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) based upon Democratic Party Chairman David Wyatt's recommendation to replace Eugenia Buckner as a poll worker assistant at the Spring Creek Precinct.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Chairman *David Wyatt* Secretary *Ray Lewis* 11-12-14

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Director *Kathy M. Ray*