

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
SPECIAL SESSION
Mars Hill Public Library – 25 Library Street, Mars Hill, NC 28754
Monday, December 22, 2014
9:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smathers called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present for the meeting were Chairman Dyatt Smathers, Secretary Ray Lewis, Member Jerry Wallin, and Director Kathy Ray. Also, present for input were Madison County Public Library Director Melanie Morgan and Mars Hill One-Stop Workers David Olvera, Fay Ball, and Peggy McConnell.

AGENDA

To visit the Mars Hill Public Library and discuss its potential as a voting site

DISCUSSION

In its discussion, the Board considered the need for additional space to accommodate the voter traffic generated by the increasing popularity of the Mars Hill One-Stop (Early) voting site, the potential for interference with necessary voting activities and/or fire department services in the event of an emergency on municipal election days, and the space necessary to accommodate paper balloting for all future elections. Mars Hill Town Hall one-stop workers provided information regarding one-stop voting during the 2014 primary and general elections.

Library Director Melanie Morgan provided a tour of the facility and expressed the willingness to work with the Board of Elections in using the library's meeting room as a voting site.

The Board concluded that the relocation of the polling locations from the Mars Hill Town Hall and the Mars Hill Fire Department to the Mars Hill Public Library would not only accommodate the need for additional voting space but also maintain uninterrupted voting and emergency activities.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the Mars Hill Public Library Meeting Room as the polling place for all future Town of Mars Hill Municipal Elections and Mars Hill One-Stop (Early) Voting.

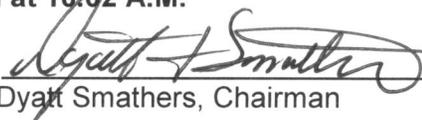
Chairman Smathers asked the Director to compose a letter of appreciation to Mars Hill Town Hall and Mars Hill Fire Department and inform them of the Board's action.

ADJOURNMENT

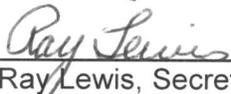
Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 10:02 A.M.



Kathy Ray, Director



Dyatt Smathers, Chairman



Ray Lewis, Secretary