

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
CANVASS / REGULAR SESSION
Board of Elections Conference Room
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
11:00 AM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance were 3 members of the public; Dyatt F. Smathers, Chair; Ray Lewis Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Wade Gahagan, Elections Specialist; and Kathy Ray, Director.

The Chair called for a recess to allow Secretary Lewis time to arrive. A family medical issue delayed his arrival.

The meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to set the agenda as amended to add “The Counting of One North Marshall Curbside Ballot” under CANVASS of November 3, 2015 Election Results and “A Discussion of the 2016 Primary Election One-Stop Plan” under Other Matters.

CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015 ELECTION RESULTS

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to deny the provisional ballot application of Jennifer Lamb.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the provisional ballot application of Trena Thomas.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the provisional ballot application of Crystal Dawn Brown.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve the provisional ballot application of Matthew Wayne Norton.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the provisional ballot application of Tiffany Nix.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to approve the provisional ballot application of Anthony Dunkinson.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to deny the provisional ballot application of Tina Shelton.

Moved, Seconded (DS, RL) and Carried (3,0) to deny the provisional ballot application of James Tibbetts.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the Hand-Eye Sample Audit.

The Board reviewed the Reconciliation of the Election Day votes cast spreadsheet.

The Director presented the Election Day voting and non-voting incidents reports.

The Board members counted the 5 approved provisional votes cast for manual entry into the election results.

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to remove the curbside ballot totals for North Marshall and South Marshall from the curbside administrative precinct and place the results in the respective precincts to protect voter secrecy.

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to hand count one machine counted North Marshall curbside ballot and add it to the election totals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve the October 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair remarked that the public and poll workers were very pleased with the Mars Hill Public Library polling place.

The Chair expressed concern that the train may impede voting by 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS' REPORTS

Member Wallin commented on Judge Shroeder's decision regarding Photo ID, Same Day Registration, and Out-of-Precinct voting.

Secretary Lewis complimented the elections staff for their performance during the town elections. He also complimented the newspaper articles that have been published regarding election activities.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The October 31, 2015 budget and expenditure report was presented.

The Director complimented the Elections Specialist for his exemplary performance during the town elections.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding proposed new rules to the Fair Standards Labor Act. The implementation of the proposed new overtime rules will likely impact budgets across the county during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The Board of Elections has one exempt staff member and will need to consider the proposed overtime rules as it builds next year's budget.

OTHER MATTERS

A discussion ensued regarding the one-stop plan submission. Numbered Memo 2015-07 instructs counties to maintain specific attributes within the plans unless the county can show good reason to request exceptions. The plan will be submitted to the State Board of Elections as approved at the October 14th, 2015 meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

A citizen suggested that the Board make personal contacts to provisional voters regarding the Board's decision to approve or deny applications. The citizen also requested that the Board work with the local newspaper to inform the public regarding the new rules for voting that will be implemented during the 2016 elections.

A citizen submitted an emailed comment to the Chair and urged the Board to educate the commissioners for additional elections staff rather than spending time on discussions about how to reduce the number of one-stop sites.

The Elections Specialist expressed his appreciation to those present at the meeting and to specific State Board staff members for their assistance and confidence in him.

The Chair recessed the meeting for lunch at 1:51 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:25 p.m.

CANVASS OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015 ELECTION RESULTS

The Board entered the five (5) approved provisional ballots count into the election results of their respective precincts to protect voter secrecy.

The Board entered the curbside votes for the North Marshall and South Marshall precincts into the Election Day precinct totals to protect voter secrecy.

The election results were reported to the State Board of Elections.

The Certified Abstract of Election Results was prepared and uploaded to the State Board of Elections.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved, Seconded (JW, RL) and Carried (3,0) to adjourn at 3:05 P.M.



Kathy Ray, Director



Dyatt Smathers, Chairman



Ray Lewis, Secretary