

# Madison County Board of Elections

## Meeting Minutes –Monthly Meeting

**December 13, 2023**

The Madison County Board of Elections held a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday December 13, 2023, at Suite E, Room 16, 5707 US 25-70 Hwy, Marshall, 28753. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Brian Ball Member (via telephone); Ray Lewis Member; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; and two members of the public.

### Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### Agenda:

Motion (DS, DP) to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0)

### Minutes:

Motion (DS, RL) to approve November 16, 2023 meeting minutes, November 17, 2023 meeting minutes, and November 17, 2023 executive meeting minutes as presented.

### Members' Report:

Member Lewis commented on the recent court decision on Senate Bill 749.

Secretary Smathers expressed condolences to the chair over the loss of his sister. Secretary Smathers spoke about candidate filing effecting Dr. Banks's ability to serve as a chief judge and expressed his gratitude to Dr. Banks's service as a chief judge.

Member Ponder expressed her appreciation to the rest of the board and staff for their assistance during her first year as a board member.

Chair Wallin thanked everyone for their support during this difficult time.

### Director's Report:

The director presented the idea of using ExpressVote Ballot marking device as the primary voting method during early voting. Discussion by the board and staff about the potential benefits of using ExpressVote ensued. **Motion (DS, JW) to permit the use of the ExpressVote ballot marking device as the primary voting method during the 2024 primary election. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

The director informed the board he has begun the process of receiving a quote from a local moving company to move supplies during the 2024 primary election.

The director presented the budget and answered questions from the board.

The director informed the board that he had pass the director's certification exam.

**New Business:**

Motion (DS, JW) to approve a resolution to establish a polling site outside of Sandy Mush precinct at Addison Farms Vineyard. The motion pass unanimously (5-0).

Motion (JW, DS) to approve Kent Self and Laurie Pedersen as temporary office staff for the 2024 primary election.

**Public Comment:**

Cheryl Willaims applauded the board on their thorough decision-making process.

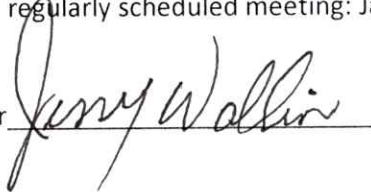
**Adjournment:**

Motion (DS, JW) to adjourn at 3:58 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

**Announcement:**

Next regularly scheduled meeting: January 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair



Secretary

