

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes –Absentee/Monthly Meeting

February 20, 2024

The Madison County Board of Elections held a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday February 20, 2024 at Suite E, Room 16, 5707 US 25-70 Hwy, Marshall, 28753. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Brian Ball Member; Ray Lewis, Member; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director.

Call to Order:

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

Agenda:

Motion (DS, BB) to amend and the agenda so that agenda item “FY 25 budget proposal” is completed after agenda item “Poll Worker Approval”. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). Motion (DS, JW) to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Minutes:

Motion (DS, BB) to approve February 13, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Members' Report:

Secretary Smathers reported on the start of Early Voting, ExpressVotes, and the shift schedule at Beech Glen Early Voting.

Director's Report:

- The director reported on the start of Early Voting and the latest training session held.

New Business:

- Motion (DS, RL) to approve the following poll workers:
 - Robin Burnett Republican Assistant at Mars Hill Precinct.
 - Jennifer Green back-up temporary Hot Springs Judge.
 - Issac Harwell back-up Hot Springs Democrat Assistant.
 - Glenn Graves Early Voting substitute.
- The Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- FY 25 Budget Proposal:
 - Motion (DS, JW) to enter executive session to discuss personnel. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).
 - Motion (DS, JW) to return to open session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).
- The Director presented the Board of Elections FY25 Budget proposal, and the following actions were taken by the board.
 - Motion (DS, BB) to set the Director's salary for FY25 be set to 46,215 with a 1,100-longevity bonus. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).
 - Motion (DS, DP) to set the Senior Elections Specialist annual salary to 37,000. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).
 - Motion (DS, JW) to increase Board Member compensation by 25 dollars per month. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

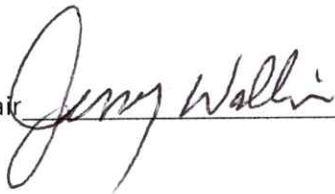
Adjournment:

Motion (DS, RL) to adjourn at 4:07 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

Announcement:

Next Absentee Meeting: February 27, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Chair



Secretary

