

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ABSENTEE SESSION  
Board of Elections Conference Room  
May 13, 2024  
5:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wallin called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order on May 13, 2024, at Suite E, Room 16, 5707 US 25-70 Hwy, Marshall, 28753. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Brian Ball, Member, Member; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; and one member of the public.

**Agenda:**

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

**Minutes Approval:**

Motion (JW, DS) to approve the April 16, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**Members Reports:**

- Member Lewis commented on the voter turnout and cost of the Second Primary Election
- Secretary Smathers complimented Board of Elections staff and early voting poll workers.

**Director's Report:**

The director presented April's budget reported and answered questions from the board regarding this year's budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Motion (JW, RL) to approve three absentee ballots. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

**Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:**

The Board verified the contents of each ballot container, and the director stored the absentee ballots to be scanned the next day.

**Other Matters:**

Motion (DS, RL) to approve David Goforth as a temporary Democrat Judge at Hot Springs precinct and Jessica Creech as Republican Judge at Hot Springs precinct. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

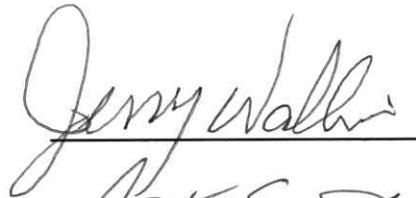
**Public Comment:**

Cheryll Williams complimented the board on their thorough procedures used during the review and approval process of the mailed absentee ballots.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Absentee Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. (DS, JW) and motion carried (5-0)**

 , Chair

 , Secretary