

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE SESSION
Board of Elections Conference Room
January 30, 2024
3:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wallin called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 3:00 p.m. In attendance were Jerry Wallin, Chair; Dyatt Smathers, Secretary; Brian Ball, Member; Debbie Ponder, Member; Jacob Ray, Director; and one member of the public.

Agenda:

Motion (DS, BB) to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Members Reports:

Secretary Smathers reported on the North Carolina State Board of Elections/North Carolina Emergency Management tabletop exercise that he attended with the director at the Sheriff's office. Discussion ensued about Board of Elections emergency planning.

Director's Report:

No director's report.

Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:

The voting equipment was not opened during this Absentee Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Absentee Ballots' Approval for January 30, 2024, Meeting:

Civilian (CIV) Ballots:

- Hot Springs Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **one** CIV Absentee Ballot. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

BALLOT DUPLICATION

No ballots were duplicated.

PREPARATORY STEPS TO SECURE COUNTED BALLOTS

The voting equipment was not opened during this Absentee Meeting.

Other Matters:

Motion (DS, BB) to approve the following poll-workers as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

- Beech Early Voting Site:
 - Linda Campbell
 - Terry Hopkins
 - Laurie Pedersen
 - Cheryl Williams

- Election Day:
 - Cheryl Williams Democrat Assistant at Ebbs Chapel.
 - Terry Hopkins Democrat Assistant at Sandy Mush.

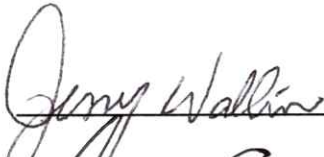
Public Comment:


Cheryl Williams complimented the Board on their thorough Absentee Board Meeting procedures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Absentee Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 11:15 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 3:55 p.m. (DS, BB) and motion carried (4-0)


_____, Chair


_____, Secretary