

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE SESSION
Board of Elections Conference Room
March 4, 2024
5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wallin called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order on March 4, 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.

Agenda:

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

Minutes Approval:

Motion (JW, DS) to approve the February 27, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Members Reports:

- Member Ball complimented the Board of Elections staff on preparations for Election Day.
- Secretary Smathers complimented Board of Elections staff and early voting poll workers.
- Member Ponder complimented Board of Elections staff and inquired about the voting booth setup at the early voting sites.
- Chair Wallin thanked the Board of Elections staff for their hard work.

Director's Report:

The director provided copies of "Numbered Memo 2023-04" and "Photo ID Exception Form Workshop" highlighted key points and asked the board to review the handouts to prepared for the Provisional and Canvass meetings.

Preparatory Steps to Count Ballots:

The Board verified the voting equipment chain of custody for the Absentee DS200.

The Board verified the public count of **eighteen** on the Absentee DS200.

NEW BUSINESS

- Absentee Photo ID Exception: Motion (DS, JW) to accept **two** photo ID exceptions and approve those two CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- Beech Glen Precinct: Motion (BB, DS) to approve **three** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- Ebbs Chapel Precinct: Motion (DS, JW) to approve **six** CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion was passed unanimously (4-0).

- Grapevine Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve one CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- Mars Hill Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve seven CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- North Marshall Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve three CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- Revere-Rice Cove Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve one CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).
- Walnut Precinct: Motion (DS, BB) to approve one CIV Absentee Ballots. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

BALLOT DUPLICATION

Ballots that would not tabulate were duplicated by the bi-partisan team of the Board Members.

PREPARATORY STEPS TO SECURE COUNTED BALLOTS

The Board recorded the ending ballot count of forty-six ballots and sealed the machine for storage.

Other Matters:

No other matters were discussed.

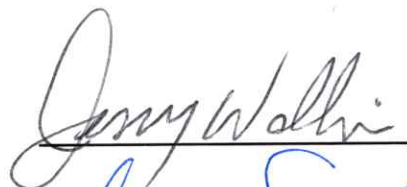
Public Comment:

No public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Absentee Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. (DS, JW) and motion carried (4-0)

 , Chair

 , Secretary