

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
ABSENTEE SESSION
Board of Elections Conference Room
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
9:00 AM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Smathers called the meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections to order at 9:07 a.m. at the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance were Dyatt F. Smathers, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Jerry Wallin, Member; Wade Gahagan, Deputy Director; and Kathy Ray, Director.

APPROVAL OF ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to approve 15 civilian absentee ballot applications (see attached report).

Moved, Seconded (RL, JW) and Carried (3,0) to spoil 2 civilian absentee ballot applications (see attached report).

OTHER MATTERS

The Chair reported that there is a process to observe with the county manager and commissioners regarding the approved pay increases for the director and deputy director. He also presented information on the status of the Department of Labors new overtime rule that is to soon be released and will conduct more research regarding the earning threshold and benefits.

The Director informed the Board that the State Board has released a new voter guide for the June 7, 2016 Congressional Primary Election. The Guide has been posted on the Board of Elections Website along with a new Poll Worker Resources Module.

The Director informed the Board that there are outstanding invoices for approximately \$5,500 in election supplies that will come from the current budget. The Board was also presented with a quote for the purchase of 24 2D barcode scanners that will be needed at all registration and help stations during the November 8, 2016 General Election. The scanners will be used with the SOSA/OVRD applications to scan barcode information from state drivers' licenses and non-operators ID cards.

The Board was informed that one M100 scanner is being returned to Printelect for repairs. A replacement unit has been received and will be used as a backup during the June 7th Congressional Primary Election.

The Board was informed that State Board of Elections Secretary Amoroso is concerned about the use of schools for polling places and intends to raise the issue during a future upcoming meeting. This concern was prompted by the recent lockdown of an Edgecombe County school due to reports of an adult with a gun and forced the closing of a polling site for 32 minutes. She commented that she has concerns for student safety.

The Director presented additional information for the Board to consider regarding the cost of attending the Education Centers Professional Education Program for Election Directors.

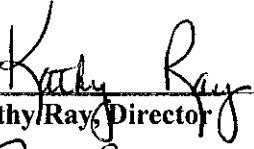
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Absentee Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Elections.

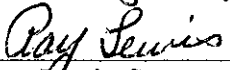
Poll Worker Training: Saturday, May 21, 2016 at AB Tech Madison Campus from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

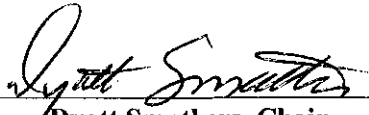
The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.



Kathy Ray, Director



Ray Lewis, Secretary



Dyatt Smathers, Chair