

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes

Regular – October 11, 2017

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. in the Board of Elections Conference Room. In attendance: Jerry Wallin, Chair; Ray Lewis, Secretary; Dyatt Smathers, Member; Kathy Ray, Director; and three (3) members of the public.

Call to Order:

Chair Wallin called the meeting to order at 3:02 P.M.

Agenda:

Secretary Lewis made a motion: *To set the agenda as amended.* Member Smathers seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Member Smathers made a motion: *To amend the minutes from the August 22, 2017 Director's Report, Paragraph 2 to reflect that the discussion was about a proposed three year phase in action plan to replace the current voting system.* Secretary Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Lewis made a motion: *To approve the amended minutes from the September 20, 2017 meeting.* Member Smathers seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair's and Members' Reports:

Chair Wallin reported that there have been no changes to date to the filing requirements for unaffiliated candidates.

Member Smathers reviewed the history of the county's efforts, beginning in July 2014, to comply with House Bill 538 (2013) and House Bill 836 (2015) DRE decertification deadlines and replace the current voting system. He expressed his concern and frustration with the limited choices in voting equipment that are available for counties to test and the remaining timeline to test new voting equipment prior to the current decertification deadline. Discussion ensued regarding drafting a letter to the General Assembly requesting the delay of the current decertification deadline.

Director's Report:

The Director reported that the September 30, 2017 budget report has not been received and will be presented at the November 17, 2017 meeting.

New Business:

Member Smathers made a motion: *To approve the election equipment and media list for the 2017 Municipal Elections.* Secretary Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters:

Member Smathers made a motion: *To draft a letter to be signed by all Board members requesting the delay of the decertification date from September 2019 to September 2021.* Secretary Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed House Bill to provide up to \$500K per county to replace voting equipment.

Citizens Comments:

A citizen provided a summary and comments regarding a POLITICO newsletter article and findings of a DEFCON (the world's largest hacker conference) study and report regarding vote machine hacking.

A citizen commented that vote by mail is a solution for many of the problems with current voting equipment and activities.

Announcements:

Voter Registration Deadline for Municipal 2017: Friday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Election Day for Municipal Election 2017: Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. (Election Day Voting Only)

Adjournment:

With no further business, Member Smathers made a motion: *To adjourn the meeting.* Secretary Lewis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes Approved Nov. 17, 2017

Kathy M. Ray

Kathy Ray, Director

Ray Lewis

Ray Lewis, Secretary

Jerry Wallin
Jerry Wallin, Chairman