

**MADISON COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIN**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2015
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tracy Dean, Chairperson
Lisa Mathis
Leo Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Teresa Hilburn
Mike Mathis
Karen Dudley

Chairperson Tracy Dean called in to order the regular meeting of the Madison County Board of Elections and Registration at 6:30p.m., February 3, 2015, in the Board of Elections and Registration office in the Madison County Government Complex.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item No. 1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

With no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes stand.

Minutes of Special Called Meeting of January 20, 2015. Minutes have been distributed.

With no additions or corrections to the minutes, the minutes stand.

Item No. 2. Chairperson's Report

Ms. Dean gave 2016 election dates to the board members.

Item No. 3. City Elections

Ms. Dean gave board members a packet containing a revised cost estimate for conducting city elections and election information received from each city. She stated she had previously asked cities for election information with a due date of January 23, 2015.

Four of the six cities had responded by the given due date. This information would help her to make sure nothing was omitted when estimating cost of elections concerning annexations, boundary lines, etc. Mr. Smith suggests sending a letter to each city from the BOER and not just the chairperson asking for this information. This letter would have a final date for information to be in BOER office or BOER would not consider conducting that city's elections. Ms. Mathis made a motion that a definite date be set for city information to be submitted to the BOER in order to consider conducting their elections. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Ms. Mathis would like to amend the motion to include February 13, 2015, as the deadline for this information. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Mr. Smith made a motion that the letter contain Ms. Dean's signature only since the board has already approved the deadline and there is no need for the board to approve the letter. Ms. Mathis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Mr. Smith recommends letters to be sent certified mail, signature required.

Ms. Dean and Ms. Mathis are concerned about equipment and compensation for Ms. Dean and her staff. After further discussion, Mr. Smith made a motion that the BOER will not handle city elections in 2015. Ms. Mathis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent. Mr. Smith made a motion that the previous motion that was passed to send letters to the cities be rescinded. Ms. Mathis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Item No. 4. Expected Activities/Plans for BOER for 2015

Ms. Dean gave board members a priority list of activities that she felt were important. Ms. Mathis feels a disaster plan is also important. Mr. Smith would also like to address precinct consolidation. He stated if the BOER voted to consolidate, he would resign before details were discussed and finalized. He did not feel it would be fair for a new board member to be appointed in the middle of consolidation.

Mr. Smith is concerned about the availability of Jones Chapel Church as a vote center for the Mill precinct after their contract ends in December 2015. Mr. Smith made a motion to invite the officials from Jones Chapel Church to the March BOER meeting to discuss the future use of the Jones Chapel Family Life Center as a voting precinct. Ms. Mathis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Ms. Dean asked if other precincts should have contracts. The board felt that contracts would be fine if both parties agreed and could opt out of the contract at any time.

Ms. Dean will place the disaster plan on the March agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

No Statement of Remarks from Citizens

No Further Business

Ms. Mathis made a motion to adjourn meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18p.m.

These minutes are hereby approved by the board this 3rd day of March, 2015.



Tracy Dean, Chairperson
Madison County Board of Elections and Registration