



Marion County Election Commission

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Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2025 (Properly rescheduled in lieu of Juneteenth)

Location: MC Election Commission Office
109 Academy Avenue
Jasper, TN 37347

In Attendance: Commissioners Russ Hood, Anita Tipton, Deb Conley, Rhkisha Whisnant, AOE David Riley

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Hood

Old Business:

- I. Approval of Minutes for May 15, 2025 meeting: Motion: Conley; Second: Tipton; Unanimous present commission approval

New Business:

- I. Approval of agenda: Motion: Conley, Second: Tipton; unanimous board acceptance
- II. No members of the public in attendance for public comment
- III. May Budget update: AOE
 - a. Riley mentioned corrected interpretation of some previous expenses with a written summary (attached)
 - b. Mentioned that requisitions were frozen less emergency in final month of FY to help facilitate clean reconciliation of year for county
 - c. Discussion of not using entire allocated budget vs. "stocking up" on supplies
 - d. Discussion on commission members receiving digital tablets; board informed of absence of wi-fi in office; paper vote tally coming back seemed the answer for now
 - e. Brief discussion on Commission line item running one line
- IV. Discussion of Commission meeting attendance and remote attendance options. AOE Riley said he would re-explore the possibility.
- V. Discussion on AOE's request for board members' pictures on the website; apprehension for safety. Agreed to mull it over and revisit in 7.17.25 meeting. AOE agreed to remove picture placeholders and partisan declaration on the website for the board members considering the political assassinations in Minnesota (Hortman); leave the staff info on there
- VI. Board approved dedicated internet service for the main Commission office; Motion: Tipton; Second: Conley; unanimous vote of those present
- VII. Discussion on possible expansion of Early Voting – challenges affiliated – poll workers attrition
- VIII. Discussion of voter/poll places utilization – No Vote
- IX. Brown appeal not on agenda – moving to July agenda
- X. Approval of New Voter Applications – Monthly Review (7 of 65), 0 deficiencies; Quarterly culmination form 24 of 196 : Motion: ; Second ; present Commission signed both
- XI. Adjournment: Motion: Tipton; Second Conley; unanimous of present board

AOE 6/17/25 Meeting Summary

- a. I had assumed incorrectly that the slight change in the \$1200 storage facility cost was an accounting cleanup – that proved to be because 1st Choice didn't start the till until the third of the month vs. the first
- b. Many of the COVID items that we are looking at how to surplus seem to be a reasonably widespread challenge. Those counties that have unloaded the items have simply documented the surpluses to on public sector operations without any pushback from grant overseers. Trouble for us is I'm late to the party as far as attempting to surplus those and there isn't an overwhelming appetite. We did get some credible suggestions from some other county staff members on ways to repurpose some items in ways we hadn't currently thought of (i.e. PVC lightweight sign holders for polling places vs trying to put them on the walls thirty-one during Election Day with non-permanent tape). I intend to surplus the commodity stuff (shelf life expired sanitizers primarily) and test the PVC stuff out on a couple of polling places before I rollout to everyone and have them carrying yet another item to set up.
- c. Everything is set for the 23rd – spoke to the state, got the check in hand from county, all is well
- d. Significant effort has been spent on our public face website. Encourage you, if you haven't already to visit. Do need to look at a meeting where board members could agree to being prepared to do remedial portraits for the website.