

Monroe County Board of Elections

MINUTES

January 8, 2021

Attendance: Board Members: Sam Bennett, Mary Chambliss, Linda Davis, Rosalyn Harbuck, and Jim Zellner.

Staff: April Dumas

Purpose for the meeting: Review of the Provisional Votes for the General Election Runoff

Meeting was called to order and was opened with prayer.

Dumas presented the following three (3) Provisional Ballots from the January 5th Runoff:

William Dean Darden – Name did not appear on the Voters' List due to clerical error in the office.

Christopher Stephens Jenkins – Voter turned 18 on the day of the election so his name had not yet been added to the Voters' List, however he had registered before the deadline.

Jessica Lynn Bowers – Out of precinct voter - registered to vote in Lamar County

After careful review of the explanation of the reasons for the provisional votes, the board unanimously accepted the ballots from William Dean Darden and Christopher Stephen Jenkins. They rejected the ballot of Jessica Lynn Bowers since it was determined that she was not registered to vote in Monroe County and therefore there is no way to grant credit for her vote.

Dumas then presented three recently received Absentee Ballots forwarded by other county offices (two from Bibb County and one from Dekalb County). The ballots were addressed to Monroe County Board of Elections but delivered elsewhere (apparently a USPS error). It was determined from time dated stamps on the envelopes that the two ballots from Bibb County had been received in that office before the close of the polls on Election Day. It was impossible for the Board to determine date or time of reception of the ballot from Dekalb County. After discussion, Davis moved that the two ballots from Bibb County ballots be counted, and the one from Dekalb not be. Motion seconded by Zellner. The Board voted 4 to 1 in favor of the motion. The ballots were then opened by the Board.

Chairman thanked the members for attending the meeting, and the members agreed to resume regular meetings beginning on February 8, 2021 at 4pm.