

**Madison County Electoral Board Meeting**  
**January 7, 2026, 1:00 pm**  
**County Administration Building, 414 N. Main Street**  
**MINUTES**

Chairman Jim Smith convened the meeting at 1:03 pm. Also present were Vice Chair Shirley Ammon, Secretary Bryan Mitchell, and General Registrar Lauren Eanes. There no observers from the public.

The meeting agenda was adopted without objection.

The minutes of the Board's meetings on November 4, 5, and 12, 2025 were adopted without objection.

The following were re-elected for 2026: Jim Smith, Chairman; Shirley Ammon, Vice Chair; and Bryan Mitchell, Secretary. Board members reviewed and confirmed the accuracy of their contact information on ELECT form SBE-106 for submission to the Department of Elections.

**Old Business:**

The Board reviewed the conduct of the election on November 4, 2025 and concluded that the election had run very smoothly. There were no reportable incidents. The Board did note that the curbside voting signs currently in use need to be replaced or altered in some way to prevent them from blowing over.

The Board noted that the draft list of Electoral Board duties and the draft policy for virtual participation in Board meetings were still pending review and editing.

**New Business:**

The Registrar presented a draft 2026-27 budget. As in the past, the budget is divided: one for the Board and one for the Registrar's office. The Board reviewed the budgets line by line and agreed that they represented no significant change from the current budgets. The Board did agree to a slight increase for Data Processing Services but otherwise approved all of the amounts in the Registrar's draft. The Board noted that, while certain

data processing services are provided on-call by a local vendor, there is no contract for those services. While there have been no problems with the current arrangements, the Board indicated that a retainer agreement that spells out terms for those services should be explored.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Next meeting: February 4, 2026 at 1:00 pm.

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H. Bryan Mitchell, Secretary