



# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION BOARD MINUTES

October 8, 2010

Present: Bill Williams, Chairman  
E J Miller, Member  
Robert Balfe, Secretary  
Amy Huston, Coordinator  
Sharon Rose, Staff  
Kim Umphres, Staff  
Tena O'Brien, County Clerk  
Christine Southard, County Clerk's Office  
Kris James, County Clerk's Office  
Tom Sissom, Press

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Per Election Commission  
Meeting on 6-1-2011*

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The media was notified and Tom Sissom of the Benton county Daily record attended.

Chairman Bill Williams called the meeting to order 9:35 AM.

Williams stated that the minutes of the previous meeting were signed and approved.

Amy Huston presented an order to appoint the Election Officials for the November election. Huston stated the commission office is going forward on November election. Williams asked Huston if she was able to recruit college age workers. Huston stated not at this time.

Williams went over the process that was used to determine 2010 General Election paper ballot order. This will be used for future elections.

Williams stated an opportunity for a grant from EAC, Federal Grant agency, to help with L&A testing and auditing. Williams spoke with the County's grant coordinator to check into the program.

Williams stated that Edison Research has requested to do exit polling at three voting locations. The research team will be asked to be outside the polling locations. Miller objected to the media being inside the 100 ft radius.

Williams stated the lease on the Election Commission office will expire on December 31, 2010. Williams and Huston have been working with Clinard and Bisbee on the new location. The landlord on the current site has agreed to a one (1) year lease with a sixty (60) day out. This is reasonable Williams stated.

Tena O'Brien is requesting the telephones used by poll workers to come out of the 2011 budget. This is all general fund monies and the expenditure is put in a closer place where used.

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Huston stated her office is waiting for media from ES&S. Williams mentioned that the Election Commission office has had a challenge getting the media. ES&S is supposing to over night media to arrive Saturday. In case this does not happen, Williams asked the commission's approval for him and Huston to fly to Omaha to pick-up media. A plane can be leased for \$1100. EJ Miller asked if ES&S was picking up the charges. Williams will check into that matter. The commission approved.

Williams stated on election night an ES&S representative will be on site. Huston stated that Jerry Amick was here on October 1 for all day training.

Williams, Huston, Kim Umphres, Tena and Christine met in Little Rock. They met with Tim Humphries, Secretary of States attorney, discussed and suggested ways to improve county elections. Susan Inman will help in preparing a study to help voting places and operating issues.

Miller questioned Siloam Springs billing. A letter or monies has not been received. Williams will call and check into this matter.

Miller asked for an early voting site in Prairie Creek. Williams stated with limited resources and at this time it is not reasonable for this election. Miller disapproved.

Miller and Balfe will start counting absentee votes on Tuesday, November 2 at 10:00 AM with two teams of five (5).

Kris James requested an official order for early voting and the general election. Huston to prepare order to be signed on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM.

Regular meeting scheduled for October 22, 2010 at 9:30 AM.

O'Brien received a letter from the elections Department of the New Vision Party. This group is aimed at promoting world peace through promoting human rights and observation of elections. The Secretary of State's office advised O'Brien to ignore the email as they did not know if it was legitimate. Williams requested a list to be posted for the polling sheriff's of things to do in case of problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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Respectfully submitted, Robert C. Balfe, Secretary

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