

Benton County Election Commission
Minutes
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CO. & PROBATE CLERK
BENTON COUNTY, ARK

Chairman, Bill Williams, opened the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Present: Bill Williams, Chairman
E. J. Miller, Member
Helen Peltier, Election Coordinator
Kathy Mahmens, Staff

Absent: Timothy Hutchinson, Secretary

Others present: Betty Crawford, Benton County clerical pool

The media was notified and Tabitha Hunter of the Benton County Daily Record attended.

Election Coordinator, Helen Peltier, provided information on follow-up items from the last meeting.

- 1) Dates and times for early voting – the hours as provided by the County Clerk are reasonable and accepted by the Commissioners
- 2) Public notices of elections – following a discussion, it was decided to post one 10 day notice and notices will be provided at the greater of the time limit

The Commissioners approved the polling place orders for Bethel Heights and Bella Vista.

The Commissioners were informed that billing for the annexation voting has been sent to the city clerk of each city.

The Commissioners were also informed that receipt of the school elections billing has been received from Bentonville, Gentry, Gravette and Siloam Springs.

The Commissioners reviewed current work projects and prioritized the assignments.

Chairman Williams reported that in the budget meeting the decision was unanimous in favor of the staff position. Since this position will be self funding, tracking and reporting should be provided.

The Commissioners discussed the presentation of the voting machine request which has been sent to the Committee of 13. It was noted that there was a general recognition of the need for the machines.

Chairman Williams discussed the needs for early voting to occur in Bella Vista. An insurance policy will be required. All agreed that Chairman Williams should pursue getting a policy.

Commissioner Miller provided information on multiple precincts that at the same locations. He will continue to find out why some of these exist.

Commissioner Miller presented a proposed Poll Workers Information and Training Manual. He asked for continuing comments and suggestions to be given by January 31, 2010.

Based on a measurement of the voting machine room, Commissioner Miller stated that additional machines can be placed in the room without a problem. Up to 460 machines and frames can be placed in the room.

Although it will be some time before a county location move decision may be made, Chairman Williams suggested the process of conveying the needs and possible recovery of costs through G & A for the Election Commission space begin.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Williams, Commission Chairman
Prepared by Betty Crawford, Benton County clerical pool



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