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Benton County Election Commission  
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Chairman, Bill Williams, opened the meeting at 12:00 noon.

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

Others present: Betty Crawford, Benton County clerical pool, Christine and Kris as representatives from the Benton County Clerk's office, and Robyn Tumey and her daughter.

The media was notified.

The Second Amendment to Lease Agreement was approved and signed by all of the Commissioners.

Election Coordinator, Helen Peltier, provided information on the following items:

- The Bethel Heights election was certified by the Commissioners.

- The Bella Vista election is proceeding well. There is a one vote variance that will be found in the Clerk's office. The election will be certified at the next Commission meeting. The early voting had an excellent response.

- Helen is continuing to work with ES&S and an account review will be done before the billing is sent out.

The Commissioner's mentioned that for the May elections, there is a need for separate staff responsible for the early voting and decided to discuss this at later meeting.

No response has been received from the Attorney General on the questions submitted. The SBEC meeting reservations have been confirmed.

The representatives from the Clerk's office stated the early vote work load was way down because of the early voting in Bella Vista.

A discussion was held about the electronic poll book. The purpose of using an electronic poll book is to simplify voting and make it faster to check people in. It was decided to find more information on how it works. It was noted that signage is needed for special elections and the web site is a reliable way to provide information.

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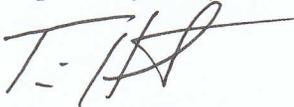
The Commissioner's were asked to provide a list of things for the To Do List for next year.

The public was invited to comment. Robyn Tumey asked if the Commission intended to provide paper ballots and the response was yes.

It was suggested that next meeting be Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy Hutchinson, Secretary  
Prepared by Betty Crawford, Benton County clerical pool



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