

# *Benton County Election Commission*

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

November 18, 2011

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., Mike Sevak, and Robbyn Tumey

Others present: Tena O'Brien, Christine Southard, Sharon Rose, Duane Neal

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Commissioner John Brown called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **Minutes:**

Chairman Brown asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, and October 28, 2011. Commissioner Sevak made a motion that the minutes from October 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, and October 28, 2011 meetings be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

Chairman Brown stated the statement for reimbursable election costs for the 2011 Annual School Run-Off Election was open for discussion. The total reimbursed cost from Bentonville School District No. 6 was \$7,597.73 and \$526.18 from Gentry School District No. 19.

Chairman Brown commented on the 2012 Election Schedule.

Chairman Brown commented on the Benton County Election Commission report for the ten year Apportionment of Quorum Court Districts. This is to be posted in the County Clerk's office and published on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Chairman Brown asked if there had been any complaints. County Clerk responded that there had been no complaints that she was aware of.

- (A) Statement of Compliance for the Statewide Election (November 8, 2011): Chairman Brown stated that this is no longer required but it is good to have in case the Secretary of State would require additional information.
- (B) Discussion of moving Highfill Community Building (Pct 19) to Highfill Civic Center: Chairman Brown asked for comments. Sharon Rose stated that she spoke with Mayor Stacy Digby on moving from Highfill Community Building (Pct 19) located at 14396 W. Hwy 264 in Gentry to the Highfill Town Hall located at 15036 W. Arkansas Hwy 12 in Gentry. Mayor Digby agreed with the move and gave two contacts: (1) Valarie Davenport or (2) Stacy Williamson at 479-736-5711. Commissioner Tumey asked why the precinct was moving. Sharon stated that the precinct sheriff had requested the move due to easier access and less traffic for voters. Chairman Brown asked for discussion on moving Precinct 19 to Highfill Town Hall. No discussion. Commissioner Tumey made a motion to move Highfill Community Building (Pct 19) to the Highfill Town Hall, seconded by Commissioner Sevak. Motion carried by voice vote.
- (C) Discussion of November 8, 2011 State Bond and City of Lowell Elections: Chairman Brown asked Commissioners Sevak and Tumey for comments of the election. Commissioner Tumey stated she felt the election went well. Commissioner Tumey asked Christine Southard the time that all results were reported. Christine stated it was around 10:30 P.M. Commissioner Tumey stated additional training on opening/closing the IvoTronics would be a time-saver. With no further discussion, Tena O'Brien asked Chairman Brown if he and the commissioners would sign the Certification of the Statewide and City of Lowell Special Election to the Secretary of State. Christine stated there were four (4) copies to be signed. The commissioners signed the certification. Commissioner Tumey asked Christine if the fire station in Cave Springs or Maysville were asking for an election. Christine stated that both have asked for an election and have received quotes. Commissioner Tumey asked if she thought they would agree. Christine responded that Maysville was looking at June or July. Commissioner Tumey questioned the costs from ES&S. Christine stated the cost for ADA and Non ADA would be the same and that you would have audio ballots for the IvoTronics. Christine asked Chairman Brown to sign the Ballot Summary Certification to put in the records to file.

**Public Comment:**

County Clerk Tena O'Brien stated that she thought the election went well considering all precincts were open. Chairman Brown stated that he would like to get together and discuss the upcoming move to the new building.

**Other Business:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Sevak, Secretary  
Prepared by Sharon Rose, Election Commission Staff