

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

March 7, 2012

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., Robbyn Tumey, and Russ Anzalone

Others present: Tena O'Brien, Christine Southard, Sharon Rose, Kim Dennison, Suzanne Jessup, and Bill Millager

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

### **New Business:**

- A. Presentation by Absolute Printing: Chairman Brown introduced Mickey McCardle and Deborah Kilbourne with Absolute Print Solutions. Mickey McCardle stated he was President of Absolute Print Solutions and that he and Deborah started Absolute Print Solutions in the 1980's. Mickey stated he was a partner with ES&S; in which ES&S handled the counties and sent the printing to Absolute Print Solutions. Mickey stated that he felt his company could better serve the counties by communicating directly with them. Mickey stated that Absolute Printing Solutions is certified with ES&S and Premier Die-Bold Systems.

Deborah Kilbourne presented a proposal and explained the procedure in which Absolute Print Solutions follows in processing paper ballots. Deborah stated that their company ships absentee ballots within 48 hours after receiving a signed proof, and ship ten (10) samples of each style, precinct, or split to ES&S for testing. After the test results are received from ES&S, Absolute Print Solutions will print and ship Election Day ballots. Chairman Brown asked what the procedure is if the commission decided to change from ES&S to Absolute Print Solutions. Deborah stated that a phone call or email to advise her of the commission's decision and Benton County would be put on their production calendar. Commission Tumey asked from the time the questionnaire is completed, what is the estimated time for the ballots to be returned to the election commission? Deborah responded within approximately two (2) weeks. County Clerk O'Brien asked how pricing compared to ES&S. Mickey responded 20 – 25% less than ES&S. Mickey stated the advantages with using Absolute Print Solutions are pricing, printing, delivery, and communication directly with Deborah for a personal contact.

Chairman Brown asked if there were any questions. With no further questions, Chairman Brown thanked Mickey and Deborah for their presentation and stated that the commission would consider their proposal.

**Announcements:**

Chairman Brown stated the next meeting will be Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. for the Ballot Draw.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone  
Secretary  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
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