

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

June 1, 2012

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

Others present: Tena O'Brien, Kim Dennison, and Sharon Rose

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

### **New Business:**

- A. Amend order establishing official early voting polling sites for the Bentonville School District Special Election to be held June 26, 2012: Chairman Brown stated that the Bentonville School Board asked to have an early voting location in Centerton. Chairman Brown agreed to open an early voting location in Centerton because the School Board wanted a location in the western side of the county. Chairman Brown made a motion to amend the early voting locations to include the Centerton Fire House, seconded by commission Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote. County Clerk, Tena O'Brien stated that their hours would be the same as Iberia Bank, from 9 A.M.-4 P.M. with no Saturday voting.
- B. Notice of Ballot Draw for the Annual School Election to be held September 18, 2012: Chairman Brown stated that July 11, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. would be the date and time for the ballot draw for the Annual School Election to be held September 18, 2012. Commissioner Tumey asked the dates for filing by petition. County Clerk O'Brien stated July 3 – July 10, 2012 were the dates to file by petition. Chairman Brown made a motion to set July 11, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. for the Annual School Election Ballot Draw. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Order to temporarily change the polling site Precinct 5, Prairie Creek Association to Harris McHaney Building: Chairman Brown stated that the Prairie Creek Association would not be available and made a motion to move one door over to the Harris McHaney Building. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Old Business:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Announcements:**

Commissioner Anzalone stated that when counting absentee ballots, instead of one (1) person writing down the names and precincts, he suggested having two (2) computerized listings of the requested absentee ballots, and two (2) checkers. Commissioner Tumey stated that the commissioners would like to do this the day before the election, but open the ballots on election day to be counted. Chairman Brown agreed to the suggestions.

Chairman Brown stated that the certification of the official election results for the Preferential Primary & Non-Partisan Judicial General election held on May 22, 2012 would be Monday, June 4, 2012.

Commissioner Tumey stated she would like to see an additional person at the election commission in case Kim was not able to perform her duties. Commissioner Tumey suggested Helen Peltier because of her qualifications and past history with the election commission. County Clerk O'Brien stated that Helen should be asked if she would be interested. Commissioner Tumey stated that Helen would have to understand that Kim is the coordinator. County Clerk, O'Brien stated that Kim directs the staff on the procedures and their duties at the election commission. Commissioner Tumey stated that Helen had past experience. County Clerk Tena O'Brien stated that sometimes you can bring someone in that can learn. County Clerk O'Brien asked Commissioner Tumey if she wanted Helen for election night or a couple of days before the election. County Clerk Tena O'Brien stated that there is a part-time position open to hire someone to assist in the preparation of an election. The part-time individual will not have set days and hours, but will work only as needed. Chairman Brown stated that he would prefer to have Helen just on election night unless the help was necessary. Kim stated that she would like to see a part-time helper during elections to oversee the IvoTronics, which includes L&A testing and the removal of the RTAL rolls after an election. The main concern the commissioners have is in case something happens to Kim, who would step in on election night. Commissioner Tumey would like to have something worked out in case of an emergency.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
Benton County Election Commission