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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

July 5, 2012

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

Others present: Kim Dennison, and Sharon Rose

Media: Not Present

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

New Business:

- A. Certification of Official Election results for the Bentonville School District Special Election held on June 26, 2012: Chairman Brown, Commissioner's Anzalone and Tumey reviewed the sixteen (16) provisional ballots. Of the sixteen (16), twelve (12) were accepted and four (4) were declined. Chairman Brown asked Kim Dennison to prepare letters to be mailed to the voters advising them of their vote. Chairman Brown asked Kim to enter the accepted ballots into the ERM and print an official copy of the Bentonville School District Special Election results. Chairman Brown made a motion to sign the official results for the Bentonville School District Special Election, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Anzalone asked if thank you letters had been mailed to the off-site early voting locations. Sharon commented that she was working on preparing the letters.

Chairman Brown stated that July 11, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. the School Board ballot draw would be held at the Election Commission office. Chairman Brown stated that Kim and Sharon would not be at the ballot draw due to a training class in Clarksville. Commissioner Tumey stated that she would not be available. Commissioner Anzalone stated he would be at the ballot draw with Chairman Brown.

Coordinator's Update: Kim Dennison stated that the August election is on schedule and L&A Testing begins Monday, July 9th. Kim stated that she and Sharon were going to offer a "refresher course" to the poll sheriffs and poll workers without pay. A precinct will be set-up along with a mock election to pin point areas that need attention. Kim stated that two (2) classes a day for the month of August are scheduled. Commissioner Anzalone asked Kim if the classes were open to all the precincts to choose a date. Kim responded, no. Precincts will be scheduled according to the size of the precinct. If a poll worker is not able to attend a class, it will be the precinct sheriff's responsibility to make sure those poll workers are trained in

the task they have been assigned on election day. Commissioner Anzalone asked Kim if she thought of having a make-up date. Kim commented that with the November election coming up, there would be a time issue to have a make-up class.

Kim stated that the Centerton Fire House is available for the November election. The Centerton Mayor had concerns with the parking for the November election and suggested that the firefighters be hired to direct traffic and to assure that the bays are not blocked. Kim stated she had spoken to Tena earlier about hiring poll workers to direct traffic. Commissioner Anzalone stated that if the firefighters are hired to direct traffic, they should be paid \$8.00 an hour just as the poll workers.

Kim stated that Riordan Hall in Bella Vista was available for early voting in November, but the VFW in Bella Vista was not available. Kim asked Commissioner Anzalone if he would check with Iberia Bank. Kim asked the commissioners for additional suggestions on early voting sites. Kim did not think an early voting location in Prairie Creek would be beneficial because of the turn-out in the Primary Election. Commissioner Tumey stated that there should be two (2) early voting sites in Bella Vista. Commissioner Anzalone stated that he would look into the Country Club in Bella Vista. Commissioner Tumey suggested looking for a location close to downtown Bentonville to help with the traffic at the clerk's office. Kim suggested the Arvest conference room and Sharon suggested Compton Gardens which has ample parking. Commissioner Anzalone asked Kim to email him the requirements for an early voting location. Chairman Brown asked Kim how many netbooks the commission had at this time. Kim responded, six (6) with two (2) going to each location. Chairman Brown asked Kim to check into the pricing of additional netbooks.

Kim presented the billing for the City of Siloam Springs and Bella Vista for the Primary Election, and the Primary Run-Off reimbursement for the state.

Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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