

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

April 29, 2013

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

Others present: Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, and Dana Caler

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Commissioner Tumey called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and reported that Chairman Brown was ill and would not be attending this meeting but that he did come in and sign the orders for today's meeting.

Commissioner Tumey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the April 9, 2013 or April 12, 2013 minutes. There being none, Commissioner Tumey made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **New Business:**

- A. Order to Appoint Election Officials to Conduct the June 11, 2013 Bethel Heights Special Election to be held June 11, 2013: Commissioner Tumey asked how many polling locations would be opened for the Bethel Heights Special Election. Kim responded one (1) precinct would be opened. Commissioner Tumey made a motion to approve the Election Officials for the Bethel Heights Special Election to be held June 11, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
  
- B. Order to Appoint Kim Dennison and Sharon Rose as Election Officials to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the June 11, 2013 Bethel Heights Special Election: Commissioner Tumey made a motion to approve Kim Dennison and Sharon Rose as Election Officials to process, count, and canvass absentee ballots for the Bethel Heights Special Election to be held June 11, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

- C. Order to Establish the Official Polling Site for the June 11, 2013 Bethel Heights Special Election: Commissioner Tumey commented that the Moose Lodge #877, Precinct 48, was the only precinct opened for the Bethel Heights Special Election. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim how many Ivotronics would be sent to the Moose Lodge and how many paper ballots will be ordered. Kim stated that two (2) Ivotronics would be sent with one (1) being ADA and that eighty (80) paper ballots will be ordered. Commissioner Tumey asked for additional discussion. There being no further discussion, the commissioners approved and signed the order.
- D. Order to Establish the Official Early Voting Polling Sites for the June 11, 2013 Bethel Heights Special Election: Commissioner Tumey stated that the County Clerk's Offices in Bentonville and Rogers will be the only early voting locations for the Bethel Heights Special Election to be held June 11, 2013. Commissioner Tumey stated that early voting would be held June 4 – 7, 2013 and will conclude on June 10, 2013 with voting hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Commissioner Tumey made a motion to approve the County Clerk's Offices located in Bentonville and Rogers as early voting locations for the Bethel Heights Special Election to be held June 11, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Review and Approval of the Bethel Heights Special Election Ivotronics Ballot: Commissioner Tumey stated that the City of Bethel Heights is asking for a 0.5 percent local sales tax for improvement and operating costs of the city's sewer system, city parks, and for general city operations. There being no comments, the commissioners approved the Ivotronic ballot for the Bethel Heights Special Election to be held June 11, 2013.
- F. Review and Approval of the Bethel Heights Special Election Paper Ballot: Commissioners Tumey and Anzalone reviewed the paper ballot and accepted the ballot for the Bethel Heights Special Election to be held June 11, 2013.

**Other Business:**

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim about the bill in the state Legislature putting a cap on the size of the voter precincts. Kim stated that the bill limits precincts to no more than 3,000 registered voters. Kim stated that redrawing the districts would have to be done after the Annual School Election which will be held on September 17, 2013. Kim added that this time frame would give the clerk's office sufficient time to do the work and provide voters with the notification of changes in advance of any election. Dana Caler stated that after the 2010 Census, officials redrew precincts and the county went from 83 precincts to 57. Dana stated that after the boundaries are redrawn to meet the new law, the number of precincts will increase and that there are twelve (12) precincts that are already over 3,000 voters. Dana added that the new law does not require the new precincts to be equal in population, only that they do not exceed the 3,000 voter cap.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Anzalone reported that he had contacted Susan Moore with the Senior Center in Lowell regarding using their facility as a possible early voting location. Ms. Moore stated that the Senior Center in Lowell is operated in conjunction with the Area on Aging and the City of Lowell and they felt that having this as an early voting location might be a conflict of interest. Commissioner Anzalone stated that he would continue to look for another site in the Lowell area.

Commissioner Tumey stated that the DS850 Central Scanner & Tabulators have not been approved by the Federal Government yet, but that she felt that they would be sooner or later. Kim stated that it is her understanding that there is no one at the federal level to approve them. She stated that the Federal Election Assistance Commission Board currently has no members and there is no knowledge of board members being appointed anytime soon. Commissioner Tumey questioned if funds could be set aside in the event that they do get approved. Dana Caler, Voter Supervisor stated that would have to get with the County Clerk to find out the answer. Kim added that she spoke with Rob Hammons, Director of the Election Division with the

Secretary of State's Office and that he stated that it has been several years since the positions on the Election Assistance Commission Board has been filled.

Commissioner Tumey stated that the 650 room needs to be remodeled. Kim Dennison stated that the County Clerk has requested that she contact John Sudduth, Director of Facilities to discuss the remodel. Kim stated that she will contact John Sudduth and report back at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Tumey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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