

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

August 22, 2013

Commission members present: John Brown, Jr., and Robbyn Tumey
absent: Russell J. Anzalone

Others present: Kim Dennison, and Sharon Rose

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

New Business:

- A. Certification of Election Results for the Springdale Special Election held on August 13, 2013: Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Tumey to review the results for the Springdale Special Election. Chairman Brown asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the Springdale Special Election held on August 13, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Order Approving L&A Testing for the Springdale Special Run-Off Election to be held September 3, 2013: Chairman Brown stated that he has reviewed and approved the L&A Testing for the Springdale Special Run-Off Election to be held September 3, 2013. Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Tumey for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Brown approved the L&A Testing for the Springdale Special Run-Off Election to be held September 3, 2013 and signed the order.
- C. Order Approving L&A Testing for the Siloam Springs Special Election to be held September 10, 2013: Chairman Brown stated that he has reviewed and approved the L&A Testing for the Siloam Springs Special Election to be held September 10, 2013. Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Tumey for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Brown approved the L&A Testing for the Siloam Springs Special Election to be held September 10, 2013 and signed the order.

- D. Order Approving L&A Testing for the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013: Chairman Brown stated that he has reviewed and approved the L&A Testing for the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013. Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Tumey for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Brown approved the L&A Testing for the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013 and signed the order.
- E. Order Appointing Election Officials to Conduct the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013: Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the Election Officials to Conduct the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Order Appointing Early Voting Election Officials to Conduct the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013: Chairman Brown stated that there are five (5) early voting locations for the Annual School Election to be held September 17, 2013; (1) Bentonville County Clerk's Office; (2) Rogers County Clerk's Office; (3) Siloam Springs County Clerk's Office; (4) Centerton Fire House; and (5) Riordan Hall. Chairman Brown stated that early voting at the three (3) County Clerk's Offices would be held September 10 – 13, 2013 and ending Monday, September 16, 2013. Chairman Brown stated that early voting at the Centerton Fire House and Riordan Hall would be held Tuesday, September 10, 2013 and ending Friday, September 13, 2013. Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the five (5) early voting locations, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- G. Discussion on the Budget for 2014: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison stated that she based the 2014 budget on what was budgeted in 2012 because it is the most recent year with a similar election schedule, as expected in 2014. Chairman Brown discussed each line item and questioned Kim on the line item for small equipment. Kim explained that \$100,000 is being budgeted to cover the planned purchase of computers and printers to be used at the polling sites on Election Day. Commissioner Tumey added that this would replace the paper poll books that the county clerk's office prints. Chairman Brown stated that in 2012 and 2013 there was no money in the budget for computer software, but the commission is requesting \$60,000 for the 2014 budget. Kim stated that the \$60,000 budget request is for software that would allow the commission and the staff to program ballots in-house rather than rely on an outside vendor.

Chairman Brown stated that the commission is asking for two ballot-counting machines as a capital purchase. He stated that these machines must first be approved in Arkansas by the Secretary of State's office and they will have to be compatible with the program your own ballot software.

Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim about the interviews for the part-time position. Kim stated that three applicants were interviewed, but one of them wanted a full-time position. Kim stated that final interviews have been scheduled.

Old Business:

None

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

Chairman Brown stated that the Springdale Special Run-Off Election is scheduled for September 3, 2013; Siloam Springs Special Election is scheduled for September 10, 2013; and the Annual School Election is scheduled for September 17, 2013.

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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