

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

December 18, 2013

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

Others present: Sharon Rose, Serena Green, Voter Administrator Dana Caler, and City of Centerton Mayor Bill Edwards

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Order to Establish Official Polling Locations for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 Entitled an Ordinance Establishing an Emergency Medical Service District for the Unincorporated Portion of Benton County Not Currently Part of the Northeast Benton County Emergency Medical Service District to be held February 11, 2014: Chairman Brown asked Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey for comments. Commissioner Tumey commented that this is a fifty-five (55) precinct election and the commission is proposing fifteen (15) polling sites. Commissioner Tumey stated that she feels this is short notice for an election and that the voters should know where they will be voting. Commissioner Tumey asked Voter Administrator Dana Caler how many voters would be affected by moving precincts. Dana stated that there is total of 32,000 voters. She added that there are approximately 19,832 active and inactive voters that will be affected for the special February 11, 2014 election.

Commissioner Tumey stated that she is concerned that the voters will not know where they should vote in the upcoming election. Dana stated that generally for Special and School Elections, the precincts are condensed. Commissioner Tumey stated that information should be put on the county's website, and the possibly of investing in auto call for special elections. Commissioner Anzalone suggested putting signs at the regular voting locations, advising them where to vote for the February 11, 2014 election. Chairman Brown asked Dana if the State's VoterView.org website has the current information in it. Dana stated that as soon as she receives the ballot, that website will be updated with the information for this special election. Commissioner Tumey stated that she would like to look into auto call for special elections. Chairman Brown added that monies would have to be in the 2014 budget specifically designated for auto call. Commissioner Tumey also stated that she would

like to continue the discussion in future meetings on how to inform the voters about new polling sites during special elections. Chairman Brown asked City of Centerton Mayor Bill Edwards how the Emergency Medical Service in Centerton worked. Mayor Edwards stated that the City of Centerton has a contract with the City of Bentonville with an annual fee of \$90,000. Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the Official Polling Locations for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 to be held February 11, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Order to Establish Early Voting Locations for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 to be held February 11, 2014: Chairman Brown asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the County Clerk's Offices in Bentonville, Rogers, and Siloam Springs as early voting locations on February 4-7 and February 10, 2014 during the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 Entitled an Ordinance Establishing an Emergency Medical Service District for the Unincorporated Portion of Benton County Not Currently Part of the Northeast Benton County Emergency Medical Service District to be held February 11, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Order to Appoint Election Commissioners John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 to be held February 11, 2014: Chairman Brown made a motion to appoint Commissioners John Brown, Jr., Russell Anzalone, and Robbyn Tumey to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 Entitled an Ordinance Establishing an Emergency Medical Service District for the Unincorporated Portion of Benton County Not Currently Part of the Northeast Benton County Emergency Medical Service District to be held February 11, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Notice of Ballot Draw for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election to be held May 20, 2014: Chairman Brown made a motion to hold the ballot draw for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Judicial General Election on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton County Election Commission Office located at 1204 SW 14th Street, Suite 6, Bentonville, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Review and Approval of the Paper and Ivotronic Ballots for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 to be held on February 11, 2014: Chairman Brown and Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey reviewed and accepted the paper and Ivotronic ballots for the Referendum on Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2013-68 Entitled an Ordinance Establishing an Emergency Medical Service District for the Unincorporated Portion of Benton County Not Currently Part of the Northeast Benton County Emergency Medical Service District to be held February 11, 2014.
- F. Discussion of Ballot Draw for the Siloam Springs Special Election: Chairman Brown stated that due to the death of City of Siloam Springs Director James Fuller, the Board of Directors has called for a special election on April 8, 2014. Chairman Brown asked for comments. Dana Caler stated that the filing period for this position ends on January 23, 2014. Chairman Brown and Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey agreed to hold the ballot draw on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. at the Siloam Springs City Hall.

Other Business:

None

Public Comments:

None

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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