

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

March 17, 2014

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

Others present: Kim Dennison and Voter/Elections Administrator Dana Caler

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

- A. Order Approving L&A Testing for the Siloam Springs Special Primary Election to be held on April 8, 2014: Chairman Brown stated that he has reviewed and approved the L&A Testing for the Siloam Springs Special Primary Election to be held on April 8, 2014. Chairman Brown asked Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Brown signed the order.
  
- B. Review & Approval of Paper Ballots for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election to be held May 20, 2014: Chairman Brown and Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey reviewed the paper ballots for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election to be held May 20, 2014. The commissioners found minor changes that needed to be corrected and rescheduled another meeting for March 19, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. to review the paper ballots. Commissioner Tumey asked Voter/Elections Administrator Dana Caler what was the voter turnout in 2010. Dana stated that there were 103,154 registered voters; 29,096 active voters; 8,054 early voters with 33 using paper ballots; and 2,365 Election Day voters. Commissioner Tumey asked Dana how many absentee ballots had been sent out for the Preferential Primary. Dana stated there have been approximately sixty (60) absentee ballots mailed. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim to put numbers together with a 10 percent increase for the March 19, 2014 meeting to discuss the quantity of paper ballots to order.

**Old Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

Commissioner Tumey stated that she had spent more than an hour at the new county clerk's location in Rogers and heard complaints about the parking and waiting times. Commissioner Tumey added that the problem could be worse with early voting bringing more people to the new location. Commissioner Tumey suggested that the commission might consider approaching Rogers officials to ask about opening another early voting location in the old city hall at Third and Poplar Street.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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