

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

March 19, 2014

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

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

Media: Tom Sissom, Benton County Daily Record

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

Unfinished Business:

- A. Review & Approval of Paper Ballots for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election to be held on May 20, 2014: Chairman Brown made a motion to table the review and approval of the paper ballots for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election to be held on May 20, 2014, due to ballot language issues with the City of Little Flock Alderman Position and the one percent sales tax, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:

Chairman Brown asked Election Coordinator Kim Dennison about the paper ballots for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election to be held on May 20, 2014. Kim stated that she compiled a chart with columns showing: (1) the number of registered voters for the ballot style, (2) the Republican ballot order for early and absentee for the clerk's offices, (3) the quantity sent to each polling location on election day, and (4) and Republican sample ballots that will be posted in each precincts. Commissioner Tumey stated that she would like to increase the number of Democrat paper ballots by 50 percent due to the Governor's race. Chairman Brown asked for discussion. Commissioner Tumey stated that she would like to double the numbers across the board because she would rather be safe than be short in a Primary Election. Commissioner Tumey stated she had concerns with lines and voters not wanting to wait, and the paper ballots not being available. Commissioner Anzalone stated the long lines were for the General Election and not the Preferential Primary Election in 2012. Kim confirmed with Commissioner Tumey that she should double the Democrat Election Day ballots and if the clerk's office needs additional ballots, those ballots can be printed at the Election Commission office. Commissioner Tumey responded, yes.

Chairman Brown asked Voter/Elections Administrator Dana Caler how many absentee ballots had been returned to date. Dana stated that there were sixty-one (61) absentee ballots returned to date.

Commissioner Anzalone asked Election Coordinator Kim Dennison the number of IvoTronic machines that will be used at the early voting sites. Kim reported that there will be sixty-five (65) IvoTronic machines at the early voting sites, leaving 179 to be used at the precincts on Election Day.

Chairman Brown asked Sharon Rose if there is still a poll worker shortage in the precincts. Sharon stated that there are several precincts that are still short, but that she will continue working on getting those precincts staffed. Chairman Brown asked if all the precinct sheriffs were in place. Sharon responded, yes.

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim if there would be any field techs available on Election Day. Kim stated there would be field techs available, but at the present time she did not know how many.

Election Coordinator Kim Dennison asked the Commissioners to set dates to go over the provisional ballots for the Siloam Springs Primary Election held April 8, 2014. Chairman Brown set Monday, April 14, 2014 at 2:00 P.M to go over provisional ballots and Friday, April 18, 2014 at 2:00 P.M. to certify the election for the Siloam Springs Primary Election held April 8, 2014.

Chairman Brown also set the next Election Commission meeting for Friday, March 21, 2014 at 2 P.M. to review and approve the ballots for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election to be held May 20, 2014.

Old Business:

None

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

Kim stated that Absolute Printing has offered to print color striping on the ballots for the Preferential Primary Election at no charge. Kim also stated that the Republican ballot would be red, the Democrat ballot blue, and the Nonpartisan would be green.

Commissioner Anzalone announced that he would be out-of-town during the first week of early voting for the Preferential Primary and Nonpartisan Election.

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Anzalone, Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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