

# BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

July 11, 2014

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

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, and Sharon Rose,

Media: No Media Present

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- A. Discussion of the Order to Establish the Official Early Voting Sites for the City of Bella Vista Special Election to be held September 9, 2014: Chairman Brown stated that Commissioner Anzalone met with City of Bella Vista Mayor Frank Anderson regarding the matter of opening an early voting site at Riordan Hall for the Bella Vista Special Election. Chairman Brown asked Commissioner Anzalone to report on their meeting. Commissioner Anzalone stated that Mayor Anderson's main concern was the cost of the election. Commissioner Anzalone stated that the *Weekly Vista Newspaper* printed that the approximate cost of the election would be \$15,000 and Commissioner Anzalone assured Mayor Anderson that the election would not cost that much. Commissioner Anzalone commented that the number of polling sites were reduced from twelve (12) to seven (7); that the County Clerk's Office in Bentonville would be open for early voting; and that there is usually a 20 to 25% turn-out for early voting in Bella Vista elections. Commissioner Anzalone explained that with only seven (7) voting locations open on Election Day that would mean approximately 3,000 voters per voting site, but having an early voting location at Riordan Hall would help solve lines at the polls on Election Day. Mayor Frank Anderson agreed to have Riordan Hall as an early voting location for the City of Bella Vista Special Election. Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the County Clerk's Office in Bentonville and Riordan Hall in Bella Vista as early voting locations for the City of Bella Vista Special Election to be held September 9, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

**New Business:**

- A. Discussion to Change the Order for the Official Polling Sites for the City of Bella Vista Special Election to be held September 9, 2014: Chairman Brown stated that the seven (7) polling sites discussed on July 10, 2014, will remain the only polling locations open on Election Day for the Bella Vista Special Election to be held September 9, 2014.

**Other Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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