

BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

August 29, 2014

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

Others present: Election Coordinator 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:

None

Minutes:

Chairman Brown asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May 14, and May 23, 2014 minutes. There being no additions or corrections, Chairman Brown made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. Motion carried by voice vote.

New Business:

- A. Order to Establish the Election Officials for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014:
Chairman Brown asked for discussion. Commissioner Tumey asked Election Coordinator Kim Dennison if IPower and the Election Day Precinct Registration Books would be used as a check and balance. Kim responded, yes. Chairman Brown made a motion to accept the Election Officials for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Tumey. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Order Approving L&A Testing for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014:
Chairman Brown stated that he has reviewed and approved the L&A Testing for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014. Chairman Brown asked Commissioners Anzalone and Tumey for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Brown approved the L&A Testing for the Annual School Election to be held September 16, 2014 and signed the order.

- C. Discussion of the 2015 Budget: Chairman Brown stated that each budget item needed to be discussed. Commissioner Tumey asked Chairman Brown how the Election Commission is going to handle the anticipated expenditure of new equipment. Commissioner Tumey added that at the end of 2016, the Ivotronics will be at the end of their life and after this time, ES&S will service them but with no guarantee. Chairman Brown stated that the Secretary of State's Office will purchase new machines, but the commission is not sure where the funds will come from or what is required. Chairman Brown added that the Secretary of State's Office has not given any information to-date on funding, vendor, or requirements. Commissioner Anzalone stated that currently the commission has 260 Ivotronics and when new machines are purchased the commission should asked for more than 260. Commissioner Tumey suggested adding a comment line to the budget advising the Finance Committee as to additional funding the Election Commission may be facing in the coming year.

Other Business:

Commissioner Tumey asked Kim how many issues were currently on the ballot for the November 4, 2014 election and how much space will each use. Kim stated that there are currently five (5) issues to be placed on the ballot and that she is uncertain as to how much area the issues will require. Kim stated that the unopposed candidate list is lengthy and will require a large amount of space. Commissioner Tumey asked Kim approximately how many Ivotronics would be used for early voting in the General Election. Kim responded, approximately sixty (60) to seventy (70) Ivotronics will be used during early voting.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Chairman Brown made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Anzalone. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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