

# Benton County Election Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

March 11, 2016

Election Commission members present: Chairman Russell Anzalone, John M. Brown, Jr., and Mike Sevak

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, Voter/Elections Administrator Dana Caler, Christopher Swain 4029 News, and Mike von Ree City of Gravette Clerk, Planner, and Treasurer

Media: Tom Sissom, Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette

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

### **Unfinished Business:**

- A. Discussion of the Provisional Ballots Cast in the Preferential Primary & Nonpartisan General Election held on March 1, 2016: Chairman Anzalone stated that two (2) additional Provisional Ballots needed to be discussed. Commissioners Anzalone, Brown, and Sevak discussed the two (2) Provisional Ballots cast in the Preferential Primary & Nonpartisan General Election held on March 1, 2016 which were rejected. Chairman Anzalone stated that the first Provisional Ballot was not a registered voter and the second voter cast the wrong ballot and requested to vote a Provisional Ballot. Chairman Anzalone asked Sharon Rose to send letters to the two (2) voters advising them that their ballot was not counted and the reason why.

**New Business:**

- A. Certification of Election Results for the Preferential Primary & Nonpartisan General Election held on March 1, 2016: Chairman Anzalone stated that the number of outstanding absentee ballots of overseas voters was fifteen (15), and a total of twenty-nine (29) provisional ballots. Chairman Anzalone added that of the twenty-nine (29) provisional ballots, nine (9) were counted and twenty (20) were not counted. Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept the results of the Preferential Primary & Nonpartisan General Election held on March 1, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- B. Approval of L&A Testing for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held March 22, 2016: Chairman Anzalone stated that he has reviewed and approved the L&A Testing for the Republican Primary Run-Off Election to be held March 22, 2016. Chairman Anzalone asked Commissioners Brown and Sevak for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone approved the L&A Testing for the Republican Primary Run-Off to be held March 22, 2016 and signed the certification.

**Other Business:**

Chairman Anzalone stated that Mr. Michael von Ree with the City of Gravette was present to receive certification of election results on the Preferential Primary & Nonpartisan Election held on March 1, 2016 for the City of Gravette, Arkansas Sales and Use Tax Bonds Special Election. The commissioners signed the Proclamation declaring the results of the City of Gravette, Arkansas Sales and Use Tax Bonds Special Election held on March 1, 2016.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Commissioner Anzalone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Brown, Jr., Secretary  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
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