

Benton County Election Commission

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

May 16, 2016

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

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, Serena Green, Voter/Elections Administrator Dana Caler, Deputy Clerk Taylor Jennings, and David Caldwell, Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Board Member

Media: Tom Sissom, Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette

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

Minutes:

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March 28 and April 1, 2016 minutes. There being none, Chairman Anzalone made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

A. Discussion of Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016:

Commissioners Anzalone, Brown, and Sevak reviewed Benton County Ordinance No. 0-2016-10 Calling a Special Election for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There was no discussion.

B. Review and Approval of the Paper Ballot for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016: Commissioners Anzalone, Brown, and Sevak reviewed and accepted the paper ballot for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016.

- C. Order to Establish the Official Polling Sites for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016: Chairman Anzalone stated that the Prairie Creek Association Community Center and the Benton County Election Commission Office are the two (2) polling sites that will be opened for the July 12, 2016 Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Special Election. Chairman Anzalone added that the Benton County Election Commission Office will only have paper ballots. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion on the polling sites. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept the Official Polling Sites for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Order to Establish the Early Voting Locations for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016: Chairman Anzalone stated that the County Clerk's Offices in Bentonville and Rogers would be the two (2) early voting poll locations for the July 12, 2016 Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election. Chairman Anzalone asked Commissioners Brown and Sevak for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept the Early Voting Locations for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Order to Appoint Russell J. Anzalone, John M. Brown, Jr., and Mike Sevak as Election Officials to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016: Chairman Anzalone made a motion to appoint Commissioners Russell J. Anzalone, John M. Brown, Jr., and Mike Sevak to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- F. Order to Appoint Election Officials for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016, 2016: Chairman Anzalone made a motion to approve the Election Officials for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Election to be held July 12, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

Voter/Elections Administrator Dana Caler stated that there are four (4) issues being discussed that might be added to the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot. Dana reported that the City of Gravette may change: (1) the term of their Alderman to 4-year terms, and (2) a library millage question.

Dana stated that the City of Cave Springs may: (1) submit a petition to remove their mayor from office, and (2) change their city ordinance to elect their alderman by ward rather than by at-large.

Election Coordinator Kim Dennison stated that she spoke with Leslie Bellamy at the Secretary of State's Office to see if their office would be able to assist us with funding additional tablets that are needed for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Kim stated that she would report back to the commissioners as soon as she hears something back from Leslie.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Anzalone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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