

Benton County Election Commission

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

March 2, 2023

Election Commission members present: Russell J. Anzalone, Melanie B. Hoskins, and Wynne Gregory Day

Others present: Election Commission Coordinator Kim Dennison, Assistant Coordinator Serena Green, Staff Assistant Julie Hall, Staff Assistant Sharon Rose, and Darrell Hoskins

Media: No Media Present

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from January 20, 2023. There being none, Commissioner Day made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

A. Ballot Draw for the 2023 Annual School Election to be held May 0, 2023: Chairman Anzalone stated that the races are determined by the filing date and time, and if there are representatives present they would draw for their position. Chairman Anzalone added that if a representative is not present, then an election commissioner would draw for that position. Chairman Anzalone stated that no representatives were present and began the ballot draw with Pea Ridge District 109, Zone 1. Ryan Heckman will be position one (1), and Adam Yager will be position two (2). Chairman Anzalone stated the next ballot draw would be Siloam Springs District 21, Zone 3. Gary Wheat will be position one (1) and therefore, Aric Bergthold will be position two (2). Chairman Anzalone stated the next ballot draw would be Springdale District 50, At Large Position 2. Donald C. Tippet will be position one (1) and Director Michelle-McCaslin Cook will be position two (2). Election Commissioner's Anzalone, Hoskins, and Day signed the Certificate of Ballot Draw.

Other Business:

Chairman Anzalone asked Election Coordinator Kim Dennison to explain upcoming meetings. Kim stated the following dates for upcoming meetings for the 2023 Annual School Election: Thursday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. to establish the polling sites; Friday, March 17 at 12:00 p.m. to review and approve ballots; and Friday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m. to appoint poll workers and certify L&A testing.

Kim stated that Logic and Accuracy testing would be on Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday, March 23 and invited the commissioners to attend.

Kim added that on Monday, March 27, 2023 from 9 – 12, she will be conducting a “Round Table” with several supervisors to discuss the needs to improve training.

Kim said supervisor training for the May 9, 2023 election will be on April 3, 5, and 6 and poll worker training will be April 10, 12, and 13.

Kim said that she and Elections Administrator/Voter Supervisor Dana Caler met with Jeff Hawkins with the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning to discuss redrawing of Districts and precinct boundaries. Kim said it will be after the 2023 Annual School Election held on May 9, 2023. She added that she will continue to stay in touch with Mr. Hawkins and Stephanie Shaw at Northwest Arkansas Region Planning.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

Chairman Anzalone stated the next meeting would be Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie B. Hoskins
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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