

# Benton County Election Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

March 17, 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 Christine Erwin-Jimerez

Media: No Media Present

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

### **Minutes:**

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from March 9, 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.

Election Coordinator Kim Dennison asked Chairman Anzalone to move other business before reviewing and approving the 2023 May Annual School ballots.

### **Other Business:**

Kim stated that Senate Bill 275 presented by Senator Hammer is currently under consideration by the 2023 Arkansas General Assembly. She stated that this bill allows electioneering at polling places. Electioneering is objectionable to certain polling locations, and several of the locations have chosen to ban electioneering on their property. Many of the property owners/managers will decline to continue to allow their property to be used as polling locations if they are required to allow electioneering. Kim continued by stating losing polling locations will result in voters having to travel farther to vote and create longer lines. Kim stated that Senator Hammer pulled the bill and made amendments, but she did not know what was included in the amendments. Kim added that she has reached out to Senator Hammer, but he has not responded. Kim stated that Washington County drafted a resolution against this bill to Senator

Hammer and all their representatives to understand where the election commission stood. Kim added that she had drafted a resolution from Benton County to send to our representatives to advise them where the Benton County Election Commission stands on this bill. Chairman Anzalone made a motion to sign and submit the Resolution of the Benton County Election Commission opposing Senate Bill 275, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The commissioners signed the Resolution of the Benton County Election Commission.

**New Business:**

A. Review and approve the ballots for the 2023 May Annual School Election to be held May 9, 2023: Chairman Anzalone and Commissioners Hoskins and Day reviewed and discussed the ballots for the 2023 May Annual School Election to be held May 9, 2023. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Hoskins made a motion to accept the ballots for the May 9, 2023 election, seconded by Commissioner Day. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Other Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

Chairman Anzalone stated the next meeting would be Friday, April 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. to sign the order to approve election officials and certify the Logic and Accuracy Testing for the 2023 May Annual School Election.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie B. Hoskins  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
Benton County Election Commission