

# Benton County Election Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

May 19, 2023

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

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Assistant Coordinator Serena Green, Staff Assistant Sharon Rose, Staff Assistant Julie Hall, Jeff Hawkins and Stephanie Shaw, Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Media: Not Present

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

### **Minutes:**

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from May 15, 2023. There being none, Commissioner Hoskins made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Day. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **New Business:**

- A. **Official Certification of the 2023 May Annual School Election held May 9, 2023:** Chairman Anzalone stated that the number of outstanding absentee ballots of overseas voters is six (6), the number of provisional ballots from absentees is four (4) and zero (0) were counted. He added the number of provisional ballots from early voting is zero (0), and the number of provisional ballots from Election Day is five (5) and zero (0) were counted. Commissioner Day made a motion to accept the Official Certification of Election Results for the 2023 May Annual School Election held on May 9, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- B. **Signing Order of Destruction for Election Materials:** Chairman Anzalone stated that there were election materials from 2021 for the Gentry Special Election, Bentonville Special Election, Lowell Special Election, and May Annual School Election to be destroyed.

Commissioner Day made the motion to destroy the election materials, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

- C. Review of the proposed map for Benton County by Stephanie Shaw and Jeff Hawkins with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission: Jeff Hawkins and Stephanie Shaw with the Northwest Regional Planning Commission presented a preliminary map of the precincts in Benton County. Stephanie added that precincts are created from all boundaries that affect voting. These include: school board zones, city wards, JP Districts, House and Senate Districts. She added that the law requires some new school districts to be divided into zones, and those that were existing zones are adjusted due to population within the school districts. Stephanie continued by stating once all adjustments are made, the precincts will also have to be adjusted. Arkansas Law requires no more than 3,000 voters per precinct, but Election Coordinator Kim Dennison asked to set the limit of voters to 2,000 allowing for the population growth of Benton County. Chairman Anzalone thanked Stephanie and Jeff for presenting the preliminary map for Benton County. Stephanie added that the final map for the commission's approval would be within three (3) weeks.

**Other Business:**

None

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

Chairman Anzalone stated that the next meeting will be announced at a later date.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie B. Hoskins  
Prepared by Sharon Rose  
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