

Benton County Election Commission

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

November 10, 2023

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

Others present: Christine Erwin-Jimenez, Julie Hall, and Election Coordinator Kim Dennison

Media: N/A

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

Minutes:

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from October 27, 2023. There being none, Commissioner Hoskins moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Day. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

A. Discussion of New Precinct Boundaries

The Election Commission discussed a request to revise the DataScout precinct assignments for precincts with fewer than 20 voters, currently 164 precincts on the draft precinct map. Election Coordinator Kim Dennison shared her correspondence with DataScout, who provided quantitative data by precinct and jurisdiction for the current draft and potential mitigation strategies. DataScout also issued a reminder to review contributory factors following the 2030 election.

The Election Commission reviewed the following options:

- 1) Proceed with the current version that reflects 164 precincts with fewer than 20 voters;
- 2) Merge the non-contiguous precincts with the same ballot style and reduce the number of precincts with fewer than 20 voters from 164 to 74; or,
- 3) Produce non-uniform precincts by merging specific congressional, municipal, and other jurisdictions and creating the requisite splits for the 164 precincts under consideration.

Commissioner Day moved to adopt the recommendation to merge the non-contiguous precincts with the same ballot style, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business:

A. The Election Commission determined future meeting dates.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

None

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie B. Hoskins
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