

Benton County Election Commission

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

October 27, 2023

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

Others present: Christine Erwin-Jimenez, Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Assistant Election Coordinator Serena Green, Staff Assistant Julie Hall, Monica Bacon, and Elections Administrator Dana Caler

Media: Present

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from September 8, 2023. There being none, Commissioner Day moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

A. Approval of Logic and Accuracy Testing for the Annual School and Special Elections to be held November 14, 2023

The Election Commission reviewed the results of Logic and Accuracy Testing conducted ahead of the elections to be held on November 14, 2023.

Commissioner Hoskins moved that the test results be accepted as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Day. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Update on Budget

Election Coordinator Kim Dennison shared that the County was pleased with the budget cuts submitted by the Election Commission; and, the staff and worker raises requested by the Election Commission will be included in the final budget.

C. Approval of new Precincts provided by DataScout

The Election Commission reviewed the preliminary precinct mapping results from DataScout. DataScout is still working on legal descriptions, and they plan to share those results with Election Coordinator Kim Dennison before the next Election Commission meeting (to be determined). DataScout followed district boundary lines to determine precincts. Five precincts have between 2,000 and 2,500 registered voters and the remaining precincts have fewer than 2,000 registered voters.

Commissioner Day moved that the preliminary results be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business:

- A. Commissioner Day shared a concern raised regarding the safeguarding of election assets. The Election Commission discussed the desired frequency of monitoring activity in the holding areas of these assets and aligned on requesting weekly reporting from Benton County during the election cycle. The Election Commission agreed that its staff shall request and obtain written copies of the key-card entry log reports for the Commission's business premises, particularly including those covering non-business hours, from Benton County monthly, except during active election cycles, when such requests will be made on a weekly basis.
- B. The Election Commission determined future meeting dates.
- C. Election Coordinator Kim Dennison introduced Monica Bacon, a new employee who will be managing poll workers and polling sites.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

None

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie B. Hoskins
Benton County Election Commission