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## MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

September 8, 2023

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

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison and Staff Assistant Julie Hall

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 1, 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. Order to establish Election Day and Early Voting locations for the Annual School and Special Elections to be held November 14, 2023

1) The Election Commission reviewed an order to establish the County Clerk's Office-Bentonville as an Early Voting Location for the Annual School and Special Elections. The site will operate from November 7-10 (8 am – 4:30 pm) and November 13 (8 am – 4:30 pm).

Commissioner Day made a motion that the proposed order be approved, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2) The Election Commission reviewed an order to establish the Gravette Civic Center as a Voting Location for the Annual School and Special Elections. The site will operate from 7:30 am – 7:30 pm on Election Day, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

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Commissioner Day made a motion that the proposed order be approved, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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B. Order to Appoint Early Voting and Election Day Officials for the Annual School and Special Elections to be held November 14, 2023

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The Election Commission reviewed an order to appoint the following Election Officials to conduct the Annual School and Special Elections to be held on November 14, 2023: Vicki Penny, Brenda Taylor, Linda Vannoy, Abigail Hall, Breezy Bailey, Kelsi Manes, Samantha Wilson, Tiffany Underwood, Dana Caler, and Brenda McClain.

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Commissioner Day made a motion that the proposed order be approved, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. Order to Appoint Election Commissioners Russell J. Anzalone, Melanie B. Hoskins, Wynne Gregory Day, Assistant Coordinator Serena Green, and Staff Assistant Julie Hall to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Annual School and Special Elections to be held November 14, 2023

The Election Commission reviewed an order to appoint the above Election Officials to process, count, and canvass absentee ballots for the Annual School and Special Elections to be held on November 14, 2023.

Commissioner Day made a motion that the proposed order be approved, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

D. Review and Approval of the Ballots for the Annual School and Special Elections to be held November 14, 2023

The Election Commission reviewed 61 ballots for the Annual School and Special Elections.

Commissioner Day made a motion that the 61 proposed ballots be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Hoskins. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Other Business:**

- A. Kim Dennison, Benton County Election Coordinator, provided an update regarding the move to the new office location.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

- A. The Benton County Election Commission has been invited to attend an optional legislative update meeting facilitated by the State Board Election Commission in Fayetteville on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.
- B. The next two meetings are on October 11<sup>th</sup> (Election Commissioners Training) and October 27<sup>th</sup> (L&A Testing), respectively.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie B. Hoskins  
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