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**Benton County Election Commission
Minutes
April 28, 2010**

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1. Call to Order

Chairman E.J. Miller called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m., April 28, 2010.

Members Present: E.J. Miller, Chairman
Timothy Hutchinson, Secretary
Bill Williams, Commissioner

Staff Present: Helen Peltier, Election Coordinator

The media was notified. Tabitha Hunter was present.

Guests Present: Jan Lea, Russ Bonacker, Marvin Lea

2. Old Business

The Minutes for the 4-16-10 Meeting were approved.

Payment was made on the newly acquired DRE machines.
DRE parts that the commission was waiting on were received.
The DRE maintenance contract is be being reviewed by County Attorney, Spence.

Equipment for Early Voting to be tested this date or the next.

Commissioner Miller met with the personnel committee who approved the job description for the full time election coordinator and the position will be presented to the finance committee on 5-4-10. If approved, the position will be submitted to the Committee of 13 on 5-11-10 and the Quorum Court on 5-27-10.

3. New Business

a) Update on upcoming primary election:

- i. Coordinator gave update on upcoming primary election.
- ii. The paper ballots have been ordered and received.
- iii. The Commissioners unanimously signed an order stating that paper ballots for early voting will only be available at clerk's office in Bentonville.

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- iv. The Pollworker training has received very positive feedback. Pollworkers have appreciated the smaller classes. An order was signed appointing election officials for May 18th primary.
- v. Order was signed changing precinct 80 polling location from Mountain Springs Church to Monte Ne Baptist (where precinct 78 is currently located) based on hospitalization of polling sheriff for Precinct 80.
- vi. L & A Testing is proceeding and will be finished on time, despite late delivery of electronic media. Commissioner Williams informed the commission about the county website and options available for voters, including finding their precinct, map of precinct, polling locations and the ability to pull up the voter's ballot.
- vii. The Commission agreed to charge Bentonville \$10,000.00 in G&A costs associated with the Bentonville Millage Election.
- viii. Commissioner Williams brought up potential problems at the May 18th polling sites due to the anticipated attempt of canvassers to collect petition signatures from voters as they enter to vote. After an in depth discussion including comments from guests, Jan and Marvin Lea, it was agreed to table any further discussion until after the primary elections were over. In the meantime, the commission will strictly enforce state law and train poll workers on the state law regarding electioneering at polling places. Jan and Marvin Lea also assured the commissioners that canvassers will be instructed on the law and encouraged to comply with the law.

b) Executive Session

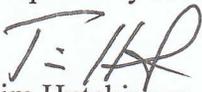
The Commission recessed for executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Upon returning from executive session, it was announced that no decision had been made during the executive session.

c) Next Meeting

It was agreed by the Commission to meet May 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tim Hutchinson

Election Commission, Secretary

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