



BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION BOARD MINUTES

June 11, 2010

Present: E. J. Miller, Chairman
Tim Hutchinson, Secretary
Bill Williams, Member
Helen Peltier, Coordinator
Kathy Mahmens, Staff
Amy Huston, Staff
Tracy Neal, Press
Tena O'Brien, County Clerk
Christine Southard, Clerk's Office

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The media was notified.

Chairman E.J. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes from the June 4 meeting were approved.

Helen Peltier stated that the determination of how many polling locations will be open for the August 10 Siloam Springs Election needs to be completed. Christine Southard said there is one location within the ward that will be open. Tena O'Brien added that there will be Early Voting in the Siloam Springs County Clerk's office and possibly in the Bentonville County Clerk's office. Bill Williams suggested that Early Voting be only with paper ballots. A discussion followed on having only paper ballots for this Election. Williams will check the legality of having only paper for this Election.

No more Absentee or Military ballots from the June 8 Runoff have been received by the County Clerk's office. There were 12 Provisional ballots that were returned to the commissioners by Southard. Miller asked for support from the County Clerk on talking to the District 03 Representative about the short time between the Primary and the Runoff Elections.

NWACC has changed their filling deadlines for their School Board Election. Peltier informed the commission that the NWACC Election will be a separate Election from the regular annual School Board Election held on the same day. Williams will talk to NWACC about how they want the Election conducted.

The Commissioners presented a list of priorities to Peltier. Miller stated for Peltier to use all the resources of the staff to complete these projects until he told her not to. Miller will speak with HR about the staff's time.

A discussion followed as to how much to bill Avoca, Gateway and Garfield for the Fire department election. Miller suggested \$4500 for G&A, and Williams suggested 3% of the full

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G&A charge (\$10,000 this year). The Commission agreed with William's proposal. Peltier will present proposed billing at the June 18 meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 10:31 a.m. for executive session to interview applicants for the Coordinator position. Executive session ended at 2:15 p.m. The Commissioners reconvened and voted unanimously to hire Amy Huston as the Election Coordinator. The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Next meeting will be June 18, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy Hutchinson, Secretary *TH*
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Chairman

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