

Minutes
Hamilton County Election Commission
August 14, 2000

Upon call duly made and notice given Chairman Williams called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Commissioners Cotter and Walden were not present.

New Business:

Chairman Williams called on Quinten Howard of Hazlett, Lewis and Bieter, auditor. He explained that this election was the best so far for auditing the precincts. Mr. Howard said that Carolyn has set up procedures working with each precinct and he contributed this to the best election yet. The precincts that were audited were Bush Town, Dallas, Murray Hills and they scored perfect. Woodmore was off by 1 and Ganns was off by 1. Mr. Howard pointed out that in the last couple of elections there had been some problems with the write-in tally's but in these elections the precincts had done a very good job with the counting of the write-in tally's and he felt Carolyn had done a good job with the precinct workers working with them one on one. He felt that they got a good write-in count. Carolyn feels that the procedures that are now in place will stick and work. Commissioner Lane complimented Mr. Howard on a good job.

Commissioner Waller made the motion to certify the results for the August 3,2000 election as presented, seconded by Commissioner Lane.

The certification of expenses for the City of Chattanooga municipal election for \$49,202.74 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Waller, seconded by Commissioner Lane.

The certification of expenses for the Lookout Mountain municipal election for \$2,641.75 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Waller, seconded by Commissioner Lane.

The certification of expenses for the Red Bank municipal election for \$ 2,809.11 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Waller, seconded by Commissioner Lane.

Satellite locations for the November election were discussed. Commissioner Lane said that he wanted Soddy Daisy and Northgate with the same schedule as in August. Soddy Daisy first than on to Northgate. Commissioner Waller suggested Brainerd Village. No vote was taken until a full commission is present. Carolyn asked the Commissioners to think about the hours for early voting. She suggested keeping the polls opened until 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Lane made the motion that the satellites hours would be from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Waller.

Carolyn explained to the Commission that a couple days before an election the election commission delivers the ballot boxes to the precincts. She explained that the ballot box was delivered to the Fairmount precinct on Signal Mountain. When the county employees arrived there was a man cutting the grass. The employees asked about getting into the building and placing the ballot box. He told them that he would go and get a key and put the ballot box inside. The ballot box never was put inside and it ended up next door at the Walden Ridge Civic League Building. The lady there could not tell anyone where it was. She went to vote on election day and recognized the ballot box as one similar to the one she had attempted to sell. She had given it to BFI and they had disposed of it. Commissioner Lane suggested that if no one is there in authority to bring the box back to the election commission and have Scott or someone else deliver the box.

Commissioner Lane brought up before the Commission the ballot and the oval where you place your vote. He asked that the oval be put in red ink so those who have a hard time seeing could make it out better. After much discussion Commissioner Lane made the motion to use red ink instead of black when the ballots are ordered, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

There being no further business the meeting was duly and properly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ida M. Cotter
Secretary

Chairman L. C. "Huck" Williams

Commissioner Bryan Lane

Commissioner Tyrone Waller