

Minutes  
Hamilton County Election Commission  
August 3, 2000

Upon call duly made and notice given Chairman Williams called the meeting to order with all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Lane, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

New Business:

Chairman Williams called on Jerry Summers, Attorney to discuss the Judgeship being created by the City Council that is to be filled today. If this person should be elected by a majority, 50+1 or the highest of the three candidates will there be a need for a runoff. According to Mr. Thompson there will not be time for a runoff. Mr. Summers contacted Brook Thompson and asked for his opinion. After much discussion Mr. Summers suggested the election commission not do anything until after the returns were in and if a candidate got 50+1 there would be no problem.

Commissioner Lane made the motion to recess until after the ballots are processed and reconvene for further discussion if necessary, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:45 p.m. and called back to order. Chairman Williams said the only thing to talk about was the judicial race. The results were Russell Bean 48.90%, 6686 votes, Rich Heinsman 24.82%, 3393 votes and Rick Mabee 26.02%, 3557 votes. There were 36 write-in votes for 2.6%. Chairman Williams called on Commissioner Lane and Mr. Lane stated that he had heard that Randy Nelson, City Attorney had said that there would be no run off for the law does not provide for a run off. Judge Walter Williams passed this on to Mr. Lane. Commissioner Waller was asked for his opinion and he feels the race is over. Commissioner Cotter said she felt that they should declare the race is over. Chairman Williams said he felt that they should go with the election and see if they are sued. Commissioner Walden said that they should go with the election. It was Mr. Summers opinion to certify the election.

The next Election Commission meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 14, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ida M. Cotter  
Secretary

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Chairman L. C. "Huck" Williams

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Commissioner Bryan Lane

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Commissioner Tyrone Waller

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Commissioner Michael Walden