

Minutes  
Hamilton County Election Commission  
January 22, 2001

Due to the death of Chairman Leonard C. "Huck" Williams, Tennessee law provides that in absence of the chairman, the oldest member of the commission by age shall call the meeting to order. Therefore, upon call duly made and notice given Commissioner Lane, called the meeting to order with a quorum present.

Commissioners present were: Ida M. Cotter, Bryan Lane, Michael S. Walden, and Tyrone L. Waller. Also present was Jerry Summers, counsel for the Election Commission. There were several visitors present: Jim Haley of Miller & Martin, Eddie Eubanks, Dewayne Gang, Bill Pollack and Jack Swafford.

The first order of business was to elect a Temporary Chairman. Bryan Lane was elected.

The minutes of the previous meeting, January 16, 2001 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Waller, seconded by Commissioner Cotter.

Old Business:

The voter registration system was discussed. Commissioner Cotter suggested that several staff members be prepared to work with the County data processing programmers as components of the system become available for testing.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cotter to accept the County's offer to build the Voter Registration System that is going to be housed and free standing at the Election Commission, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

New Business:

The decision on the voting satellite locations for the March 6, 2001 election will be decided after the City Council meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Election Commission set up a meeting for January 29, 2001.

The Eastside Polling place has been changed to the Eastside School. They have torn down the gym that has been used in the past. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to move to the school, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

The East Chattanooga polling place has been changed, due to the reconstruction of the Center, we will be voting at the Mt. Canaan Baptist Church which is two blocks away from the center and they agreed we could vote there for March and April elections. The recreation center is due to be completed the last of May.

Commissioner Walden made the motion to accept the polling place changes, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

Mr. Summers asked that the Commission authorize him to contact the District Attorney in the State of Georgia and pass on information on an individual who supposedly voted in November here in Tennessee. Commissioner Waller made the motion to turn the problem over to Jerry Summers for further disposition, seconded by Commissioner Cotter.

Mr. Summers explained that Mr. Mc Kay is still on the scene and has filed another law suit. He asked Mr. Lane to sign a waiver, as temporary chairman to let the State Attorney General's Office handle our side in order to cut down expenses. Commissioner Waller made the motion to approve the waiver to take us out of the law suite, seconded by Commissioner Cotter.

Commissioner Waller made a motion to designate the candidates who have qualified for the March 6, 2001 election, be accepted, seconded by Commissioner Cotter. Commissioner Walden abstained.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ida M. Cotter  
Secretary

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Temporary Chairman Bryan Lane

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Commissioner Tyrone Waller

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Commissioner Michael Walden

