

Minutes
Hamilton County Election Commission
January 29, 2001

Upon call duly made and notice given Temporary Chairman Bryan Lane called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present: 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: Quinten Howard of Hazlett, Lewis & Bieter, the auditors for the Hamilton County Election Commission; Lavern (Sonny) Moore; Bill Pollack; and John Wilson.

Old Business:

The voter registration system was discussed and it was agreed that Commissioner Cotter would initiate discussions with Brian Turner of the Hamilton County Data Processing Division. The purpose of these discussions is to develop a timetable and help set mutual priorities.

After a discussion on satellite voting, Commissioner Walden made the motion to have a satellite location at Tucker Baptist Church, February 17 through 21, Eastgate Mall February 22 through March 1, 2001, and Northgate Mall, February 17 through March 1, 2000. Commissioner Waller seconded the motion.

Administrator Carolyn A. Jackson brought a request for a change for the Northwoods North polling place from the North Chattanooga Church of God to the Hixson United Methodist Church. The motion to approve the change was made by Commissioner Cotter, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

Counsel Summers reviewed the status of the suit brought by John Wolfe on Bob Corker's residency. The law suit had changed to a non suit.

New Business:

Mr. Howard of Hazlett, Lewis & Bieter, reviewed and agreed with Administrator Jackson's recommendations: during the 15 early vote days, on three of the 15 days each satellite should be audited; that random visits at the close of the day should be made to count the stubs, ballots etc. Administrator Jackson supported these recommendations. Mr. Howard shared that it will add about \$3,000.00 more to the audit. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to accept the recommendations with the noted change that we do the same early voting audit routine on early voting that is done on election day, with 10 precincts checked on the reconciliation. Commissioner Waller seconded the motion.

The Election Day Officials (382) for the City of Chattanooga election to be held March 6, 2000 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cotter, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

The Election Day Officials (9) for the City of Collegedale election to be held March 13, 2001 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cotter, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

Mr. Summers reported that he had talked with Ruben Taylor, the Hamilton County Attorney, to determine if the staff of the Election Commission should receive salary levels and increases according to Hamilton County guidelines. Mr. Summers noted that the Election Commission had chosen to adopt the Hamilton County Personnel rules, with only modifications referring to the Administrator of Elections.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ida M. Cotter
Secretary

Temporary Chairman Bryan Lane

Commissioner Tyrone Waller

Commissioner Michael Walden

