

Minutes
Hamilton County Election Commission
October 8, 2001

Upon call duly made and notice given Chairman Waller called the meeting to order with all members present except for Commissioner Walden who out of town on business.

The minutes of the previous meetings of September 10 and 17th were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kliner and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Old Business:

Mr. Jerry Summers addressed the Commission regarding the letter they received from John Wolf. Mr. Wolfe had written a letter on August 24, 2001 requesting to inspect the ballots cast in the mayor's race last March. Carolyn had responded with a letter requesting under what authority was he making this request. Mr. Summers said that there were only two ways to go, either go with an election contest within in 10 days, which was not done or secondly they go into court and ask within six months from the period after the election that you want to exam those ballots. You need to get a court order and this Commission is under obligation under 2-8-108 that we need to preserve the ballots for six months after the election. The only way to get into these is by court order after a petition has been filed in Chancery Court. After much discussion Commissioner Lane made the motion to send Mr. Wolf a copy of Mr. Summers memo, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Mr. Summers will send this to Mr. Wolf with a cover letter.

Update on re-districting and precincts development with Administrator Jackson. She stated that she has not received written descriptions, but has block numbers to get started on. The legal descriptions are being worked on. The software was installed last Friday and they will be back Monday to complete this. They want to do training for the Commissioners and staff Tuesday, Thursday or Friday of this week at two o'clock at the data processing department. There will be a meeting this next Monday the 15th at 5:00 o'clock. Chairman Waller asked Administrator Jackson which staff members were to be working on this with her. Rita will be going and she was waiting to see how many Commissioners would be going. Chairman Waller added that he thought that she and her staff should be trained first and then the Commissioners when they could. Commissioner

Johnson said that she could go Thursday or Friday, Mr. Lane and Mr. Kliner cannot go at all this week. Chairman Waller said that he would pass this week also. Chairman Waller said that Administrator Jackson and her staff should go and it was decided to go Friday at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Waller asked about Mr. Peterson from the Office of Local Government. Administrator Jackson said that he had offered to come to Hamilton County to help the Election Commission to do the precincting. He said that it would take about two days. She said that it was her feeling that she would really like to see how he, Mr. Peterson, would do this. Then she would take it from there. She felt it was the Commission's decision to say whether he should come. Chairman Waller said to let him come and get a base to work from and then go from there. Commissioner Lane made the motion to ask Mr. Peterson to come and do some preliminary work, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Chairman Waller asked that Administrator Jackson make them aware when he is to be here.

Administrator Jackson updated the Commission on address verification. After much discussion Commissioner Johnson asked if Administrator Jackson had been back to the County Commission for more postal money and she said she had not been back at this time. Administrator Jackson said she felt it was time to do a press release. Commissioner Kliner asked if there was anything else we could do to get people to get their cards back in. Chairman Waller said he felt it was a good mission for the Administrator to talk with the NAACP and other groups if they were interested in providing assistance to get the word out in addition to the press release. Commissioner Kliner made the motion to send out the press release to all the media, seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Commissioner Lane brought up the Longevity Pay and said he felt that the employees were entitled to this. He said that we had been under the county pay plan since 1993 and the Election Commission was entitled to this. He said that it was October and time was running out. He said that it was time to move on this and put the employees under this and pay them. The total cost will be approximately \$8,150.00. Commissioner Lane made the motion to pay the Longevity Pay to the employees of the Election Commission and Commissioner Johnson seconded. The employees should get this pay in November.

Under New Business Administrator Jackson said she had the Travel Request for the November Winter Seminar for approval. The total cost for this is \$1,120.00. This is for six people, Commissioner Lane, Administrator Jackson, Kathleen Penney, Joyce Summerrow, Scott Allen and Steve Gaston. Commissioner Kliner made the motion to disperse whatever funds are needed to pay for this Mid Winter Meeting, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Administrator Jackson told the Commission that back in August when the system was to be set up, she has gotten a bill from InfoSystems for \$1615.00 for re-building some of the old system for the voter verification. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to pay InfoSystems and Commissioner Kliner seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lane asked about the Lap Top computer and if putting the software on this computer would be a good idea. It was decided by a motion by Commissioner Johnson to put the software on a large computer and than if possible put in on the Lap Top, seconded by Commissioner Lane.

Commissioner Kliner asked when were they going to the County Commission with a request for additional funding. Administrator Jackson said that we really need the money. It was decided to wait until the next meeting on October 15, 2001 to make a decision. Administrator Jackson asked Mr. Summers about his bill. He said that he had sent a memo and brought his bill up to October 1, 2001. After the 1st he will be getting a monthly check and he will keep a time record and update the Commission every six months. Commissioner Kliner made the motion to direct Carolyn to pay the invoice and bring him up to October 1st, seconded by Commissioner Lane. Carolyn asked Mr. Summers to please bill the office every month.

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

Respectfully submitted

Michael Walden
Secretary

Chairman Tyrone Waller

Commissioner Wesley Kliner

Commissioner Linda Johnson

Commissioner Bryan Lane

