

Minutes
Hamilton County Election Commission
March 19, 2001

Upon call duly made and notice given Chairman Lane called the meeting to order with a quorum present. Mr. Walden was out of town on business and Mr. Waller ran a little late.

Chairman Lane called on Mr. Quinton Howard to give a report on the March 6, 2001 election. He reported on the Early Voting, Nursing Home and ballot reconciliation of the ten audited precincts. He said that he observed the absentee board in the way they opened the postal ballots, the counted ballots and processing the ballots through the Accu-Vote machine. In his opinion the postal ballots were properly approved when the request came in it was processed and the ballot issued and mailed back to the voter the same day in which it was received. The manual count and the computer count totaled 610 ballots. The Accu-vote processed 610 ballots. The Nursing Home and Assisted Living Home that was visited was St. Barnabas. Mr. Howard said that the workers were very professional in the way they assisted the residents. As the ballots were cast they were sealed in an envelope in the presence of the resident voters and brought back to the office to be processed. He visited both Early Voting sites. In addition they developed controller sheets so that they could keep up with the ballots that were issued to both satellites. The ballots used, ballots spoiled, ballots unused and Accu -Vote ballots cast at each location. They observed this on one day at each location and counted the ballots issued, checked the Accu-vote count vote at the beginning of the day and the end of the day. They counted the ballot applications, ballot stubs, spoiled ballots and balanced this back to the Accu-vote and the computer printout. They noted no exceptions at any of the satellite locations. Mr. Howard pointed out that the total number of ballots that were assigned to early voting was 20,800, total ballots cast at each of the satellite locations was 9,548, early voting ballots that were issued for absentee and postal voting 537, there were 72 spoiled ballots and this made a total of 10,157 ballots that were used and the unused ballots were 10,643. They did a manual count when all of the ballots from early voting came back in and they counted 10,633 and that made a total of 10 ballots that were not located. He felt that was extremely good for the number that went out and he felt that the workers should be commended on this performance.

Mr. Howard said that they were asked to check the ballots that were returned for the 10 audited precincts. That was done and it was determined that the unused ballots by checking the ballot reconciliation and taking off the used ballots. They counted the ballots that were attached to a numbered stub when they came back in and they again prepared a schedule. He felt it went well.

Administrator Jackson gave an update on the Voter Registration System. She said that she and Bryan Turner met here at the office to discuss what way they were going and they had made the decision that there staff people would meet with our staff people and then this morning when they came they choose not to meet with staff people, but with Rita to start getting material off of the computer. The Administrator voiced serious concerns about it, but did give them Joel's number, who is our programmer. She said that what they basically want to do is to pull the information off and start from there. She said that was not her understanding that they were to use that method of acquiring the information that they needed. They have purchased a modem to transfer the information from here to there. She asked if she were wrong in understanding that this was not to be the case. She thought it was to all be in house and that there was to be no information transmitted from here to there electronically. Commissioner Cotter said it was her understanding that once the system was built it would be here and nowhere else. She feels that needs to be clarified as to what they are extracting. After much discussion it was decided that the Commission should sit down with Data Processing and see just what it is that they need as far as our records are concerned. The Commission decided to meet with Bryan Turner on Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Cotter will call and talk with Bryan Turner.

Mr. Summers brought the Commission up to date in regards to the Bibbins vs Election Commission. He filed a motion to dismiss and this will be heard on April 2, 2001. This is really an issue between Ed Bibbins and Bob Corker.

The certification of expenses for the Collegedale Municipal Election for \$5,881.28 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cotter and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

The certification of results for the Collegedale Municipal Election were approved on a motion by Commissioner Cotter and seconded by Commissioner Waller.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ida M. Cotter
Secretary

Chairman Bryan Lane

Commissioner Linda Johnson

Commissioner Tyrone Waller