

Minutes  
Hamilton County Election Commission  
June 18, 2001

Upon call made and notice given Chairman Lane called the meeting to order with all members present. Also present was Jerry Summers, counsel for the Election Commission.

The minutes of the previous meeting, June 12, 2001 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kline and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

The certification of results for the Soddy Daisy Municipal election were approved on a motion by Commissioner Waller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

The certification of results for the Red Bank Municipal election were approved on a motion by Commissioner Waller and seconded by Commissioner Walden.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to elect Commissioner Walden Secretary Pro-Tem for the purpose of signing Election Certificates, seconded by Commissioner Waller.

The certification of expenses for the Red Bank election of \$ 9,357.47 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Waller and seconded by Commissioner Kline.

The certification of expenses for the Soddy Daisy election of \$ 9,373.87 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Kline and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Chairman Lane told the others about the meeting that he and Administrator Jackson attended today on redistricting. He said that there were some differences of opinion on whether the county Election Commission completes the precinct lines first or the County Commission completes their district first. Chairman Lane said that Administrator Jackson and her staff should be able to handle this situation. Commissioner Kliner expressed his opinion that redistricting is a political issue on both the state and local level and it is also a timing issue. He feels the Election Commission does not have the power to tell the County Commission what that timing will be. It is their option which way they go and until they make that decision it is a moot point for the Election Commission. He feels that the Election Commission would be wasting motion and money to do anything at this time.

Administrator Jackson suggested that they get an Attorney General's opinion on who does what and in what timing. The question is which comes first the County Commission drawing the district lines or the Election Commission drawing the precinct lines. County Commissioner William Cotton, a visitor, read a letter to the Election Commission asking them to consider hiring a consultant to assist them in this task of redistricting.

Chairman Lane brought before the Commission a letter from an East Lake resident pertaining to Bobby Petty who is a registered voter located at 4105 Clio Avenue. Chairman Lane asked Commissioner Walden, Secretary Pro-Tem to read a letter from Robin Wallace. She owns this property and rents it to Mr. Ricky Lee. Commissioner Walden said he feels that this is an internal matter within the Democrat Party. Commissioner Johnson feels that the Democrat party will take care of this problem. This seems to be party politics and not a problem with voter fraud. Mr. Summers reminded the commission that they were not an investigative body. The Commission agreed to send a confirmation notice to Mr. Petty at the Clio Avenue address. Ms Margaret Griffey, former precinct chairman filed this complaint along with other precinct workers.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Walden  
Secretary Pro-Tem

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Chairman Bryan Lane

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Commissioner Linda Johnson

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Commissioner Wesley Kliner

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Commissioner Tyrone Waller

