

Minutes
Hamilton County Election Commission
September 17, 2001

Upon call duly made and notice given Chairman Waller called the meeting to order with all members present.

Commissioner Lane asked that they eliminate the special committee that was appointed last meeting as such because he had appointed four (4) members and the Chairman serves as exofficio of all committees which makes a total of five (5) and this makes up the total commission and he sees no need in having the committee as he appointed. He suggested that the Chairman call the meetings that they need to have concerning the drawing of the precinct lines. Commissioner Lane made the motion to eliminate the special committee, seconded by Commissioner Kliner.

Chairman Waller passed out a copy of his plan to the Commission as to how to plan for the re-districting and the time frame. This will not start until the Commission gets the plan from the County Commission. Chairman Waller said that their first regularly scheduled meeting will be October 1, 2001 and in this meeting they will need to go over budget items and personnel items and other things that need to be done as a Commission. When there is a specially called meeting they need to come in for what ever the meeting is called for and get it done. He feels this may be an aggressive time line as they are looking at about seven (7) weeks. In seven weeks they should have a feel as to where they stand and how long it should be before they will be finished. It was brought to the attention of the Chairman that one of the dates was on a Sunday and it was changed to the following Monday.

Commissioner Lane said that he would like to inject that the last time, ten years ago, the office staff drew the precinct lines and presented them to the Commission to be either approved or to make corrections. He feels that this is the appropriate way to go this time and he feels that the Commission should turn this over to Administrator Jackson and her staff and ask they draw the precinct boundary lines with a couple of things in mind. If at all possible he would like to see them eliminate split precincts between City and County elections. He feels that this would be cost effective and will help voters not be inconvenienced. Commissioner Kliner asked if in essence they were saying that the will of the majority is to make this strictly an administrator function and the Commission to have input after the fact. Commissioner Lane said this was his personal feeling. Commissioner Johnson said she felt they needed to purchase the software that is available in order to get this done faster. Commissioner Walden suggested that they check with the

County I T. Department immediately for they had said they would furnish anything that was needed. The Commission asked Mr. Summers who has the responsibility to draw the precinct lines. They did not know whether it was the Administrator or the Commission responsibility. Mr. Summers said the ultimate authority was with the Commission. The Election Commission can choose to delegate to Ms Jackson and staff or they can choose to do it themselves. After much discussion it was decided to give Ms. Jackson and staff the authority to go on with the re-districting with official guidelines from the Commission. Commissioner Lane made the motion to purchase the software that is necessary to do the re-districting with Commissioner Kliner seconding the motion. Commissioner Kliner asked Ms Jackson about Mr. Peterson from State Department and the data he supplies. This is the data that is to be used.

Administrator Jackson asked the Commission about the precincts that they would like to see combined. She told them to make sure that they were in the correct districts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Walden
Secretary

Chairman Tyrone Waller

Commissioner Linda Johnson

Commissioner Wesley Kliner

Commissioner Bryan Lane