

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2002**

Call to Order. Chairman Tyrone L. Waller called to order a special meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 5:00 p.m. on November 7, 2002, at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 514 East 4th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Present at Meeting. Chairman Waller, Secretary Walden and Commissioners Johnson, Kennedy and Kliner were present at the meeting. Attorney Jerry Summers, Deputy Claude Knowles, Signal Mountain City Attorney Phil Noblett, East Ridge City Attorney Cris Helton, Walden City Attorney Mike Stewart, Ridgeside Mayor Billy Cooper, Democrat party chairman John Brooks, Republican party chairman Robin Smith and Administrator of Elections Fran Dzik were present by invitation. Also present were members of the media, candidates and citizens of the community.

Absentee Ballot Box. Administrator Dzik advised the Commission that an issue had arisen due to the discovery of an unopened absentee ballot box. There were a total of thirteen (13) ballot boxes and the absentee voting deputy in charge of the boxes and tabulation of results for absentee voting had failed to provide the two Commission representatives with all boxes to be opened. After discussion, the Commission recessed the meeting to open the box and allow for the tabulation of the ballots. After tabulation, it was announced by Chairman Waller that no elections were affected by the tabulation of the ballots.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Michael S. Walden Secretary

APPROVED:

Tyrone L. Waller Chairman

Linda Johnson Commissioner

William Kennedy Commissioner

Wesley Kliner Commissioner

