

Minutes
Hamilton County Election Commission
February 14, 2002

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

The minutes from previous meetings of November 5, and 26 and December 27, 2001 were signed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Kliner and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

Administrator Jackson explained to the Commission that she was to be in Knoxville on Friday for a meeting with all the East Tennessee administrators and the Coordinator of Elections office to pick up the official maps for the redistricting. She feels the Commission will need to meet again within the next week in order to sign and get them to the County Commission. Commissioner Kliner asked how many precincts would be affected by this redistricting and Administrator Jackson said at this time she could not give an answer to that.

Administrator Jackson gave a report on the confirmation process and she said that we are continuing to work on it. There are 8,023 cards that are still out, but they are coming in every day. Commissioner Kliner asked which categories did most of these confirmation cards go out from the prior verification process and they were not deliverable as addressed, moved left no address, not forwardable, address not known, insufficient address.

New Business:

Administrator Jackson explained to the Commission since Bette Penny and Kathleen Penney had retired that her recommendation for one replacement would be Steve Gaston who is a skimp employee. That will leave one part time and one full time position available. She feels that Steve is familiar with the operation and that he should move to the front office. A motion was made on Carolyn's recommendations by Commissioner Walden and seconded by Commissioner Kliner.

Administrator Jackson asked the Commission about the satellites and their locations. Commissioner Walden said that we should use the same ones that have been used before. Eastgate, Tucker Baptist and Northgate. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Administrator Jackson said she had some reservations about closing at 8:00 p.m. for this particular election. The Commission said they felt that it should be 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Walden made the motion to accept Administrator Jackson's recommendation to have the same locations for satellite voting with the same hours. The locations will be Eastgate, Tucker Baptist Church and Northgate. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

Chairman Waller explains to the Commission that there is a candidate who picked up the papers for the Sheriff's race and subsequently there were papers from the state that he was not aware of and did not receive when he picked up papers to run for office. Chairman Waller said that he had been in touch with Brook Thompson and that Mr. Thompson will get with Jerry Summers to discuss this situation. Commissioner Johnson gave the statute of TCA 8-8-102 (E). Commissioner Kliner said that he had looked at the most current copy of the statute and he feels that they must do the right thing and let them be put on the ballot. Commissioner Walden said that he felt that they needed a report from Carolyn explaining to the Commission how this happened. How they have failed the candidates and what they could have done to prevent this and what will be done in the future to prevent this from happening again. He asked that this report be presented in writing from Carolyn at the next meeting so that they can adopt a policy to ensure that something like this will not happen again. Commissioner Walden said that he wanted it to go on record that he will be involved in Sheriff John Cupp's re-election bid. He said that any issue that involved the sheriff's race that this board has to make a decision on he would recuse himself and not vote or discuss the issue with any other board member.

Chairman Waller recognized the visitors: County Commissioner William Cotton, John Brooks, Chairman of the Democratic Party, Mr. Richard Thurman who brought in some documents he put in his file to run for Sheriff.

Commissioner Kliner explained to the Commission that he had been called by several people in the Falling Water precinct who are concerned about the location of the Fire Hall. There is a proposal to move it over the Falling Water First Baptist Tabernacle where they will have plenty of parking. The Tabernacle has offered the services of their facility free of charge. If they need to install an extra phone line for transmission

they are willing to do that at no cost to us. The pastor is Mr. Steve Canada.

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