

Minutes
Hamilton County Election Commission
April 2, 2002

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of March 22, 2002 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Walden and seconded by Commissioner Kliner.

Chairman Waller said that they were not going to interview the candidates for the Administrator's job, but they did want to put a face to each resume. He said that the Commissioner's had had a copy of the resumes for a couple of weeks and they just needed to put a face with each resume. He asked if the candidates wanted to ask any questions. Chairman Waller called on Mrs. Dzik first and she said that she appreciated the opportunity to be there. Commissioner Walden asked if she would administer the laws of the State of Tennessee in a fair and impartial manner to both parties. She answered yes. Commissioner Johnson asked if she were familiar with election laws and the answer was yes. Chairman Waller called on Mr. Echols and he said that he hoped the Commission had a chance to go over the resumes. He said that he felt this was a very challenging position and the experience he has had as an administrator he could render some service in this position. Commissioner Walden asked Mr. Echols if he would administer the laws of the State of Tennessee in a fair and impartial manner to both parties. His answer was yes. Chairman Waller called on Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Lindsay told of his education and he felt it would be a real challenge. Commissioner Walden asked Mr. Lindsay if he would administer the laws of the State of Tennessee in a fair and impartial manner to both parties. His answer was yes. Chairman Waller told the Commission that there were two other candidates that could not make it this evening and they were Cathi Smothers and Patsy Reynolds. Commissioner Kliner gave his personal thanks to all the candidates for offering their service to the County and to the State of Tennessee. Commissioner Johnson told Chairman Waller that this appointment was very important and it had not been an easy decision to make. She had received applications and had reviewed the applications very carefully with background checks and all. She feels the most qualified person for this position is Fran Dzik. Mrs Dzik has a degree in Business Administration; she has supervised a staff twice as large as the Election Commission.

She knows election laws, she knows the computer and for those qualities and many others Commissioner Johnson made a motion to appoint Mrs. Dzik as the new Administrator. Chairman Waller said just one point of order, that if they were going to select a candidate then they need to open it up so that each Commissioner has an opportunity to nominate their candidate. Chairman Waller asked if any one wanted to make a motion to open the floor for nominations he was open. Commissioner Kliner said that he knew that Cathi Smothers, a candidate was down in Atlanta at the Secretary of State Office and was on her way back and would be here shortly if they could take this issue up last in order to talk with her. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to open the floor up for nominations with a second from Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Johnson again nominated Mrs. Dzik for the position of Administrator and the floor was open for other nominations. Commissioner Kliner nominated Cathi Smothers for her wealth of experience. The Chair nominated Mr. Echols, he also feels he has the experience needed for the job. Commissioner Walden seconded this motion for Mrs. Smothers. Commissioner Kliner seconded the motion for Mr. Echols. The nomination process was closed. Chairman Waller asked about Mrs. Dzik and had three yes votes. Those in favor of Mr. Echols with Chairman Waller voting yes. Those in favor of Cathi Smothers with a vote from Commissioner Kliner. Mrs. Dzik is the new Administrator of Elections. Commissioner Johnson said that they had some very qualified people to apply for this job.

The next thing on the agenda was a work session on the upcoming budget. After much discussion it was decided that the Commission take the budget home and continue next week.

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

Respectfully submitted

Secretary Mike Walden

Commissioner William Kennedy

Chairman Tyrone Waller

Commissioner Wesley Kliner

Commissioner Linda Johnson