

Minutes
Hamilton County Election Commission
May 7, 2002

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

Chairman Waller informed the Commissioners that they had received a letter from Brook Thompson, Coordinator of Elections informing them not to purge the voters until after the May 7 election. Commissioner Kliner said he felt it should not be done until after the general election in November. Commissioner Johnson suggested to get in touch with Brook Thompson and find out for sure what the law says should be done.

Administrator Jackson addressed the question about redistricting and the new precincts that need to be added for the Senate and House. She feels that the Commission needs to start on that right away. Commissioner Johnson said she thought that was to be done right after this May 7 election. Commissioner Kliner feels it should be on record as to when it should be started. He said that he felt there should be a committee consisting of Fran Dzik, the new administrator and Bud Knowles. His concern is that if they need to add 20 precincts then Bud's job becomes a nightmare. He will need to get staffing for 132 precincts. Bud suggested to Commissioner Kliner that he would like for them to look at it and re-evaluate where these precincts lines are and try to get it down to where it is a manageable level. Chairman Waller asked Fran to take a look at it and tell them what she needs.

The precincts chosen to be audited for the May 7, 2002 election were Chairman Waller chose Glenwood, Commissioner Walden chose Ooltewah 2, Commissioner Johnson chose Pleasant Grove, Commissioner Kliner chose Mountain Creek and Commissioner Kennedy chose Lake Hills.

Administrator Jackson brought to the attention of the Commission a Memo from Brook Thompson, Coordinator of Election about voter registration cards that are new. There are very few left with Carolyn's name on them and they need to go ahead and order these with Fran's name on them.

Chairman Waller asked about the status of the Voter Registration System. Carolyn told him that they are still in the office every day and working very hard on the system. The street segment has created quite a few problems. They found several problems today and they have been corrected, but she feels the election in August will be very bad. The only way to really straighten this out is to use it and today not being a very busy election it was not put to use. She feels August and November will be a nightmare.

The Commission addressed a letter from an early voter at Northgate Mall and it was suggested to have Carolyn talk with Mr. Markham and get his side of the situation and get back with the voter.

Carolyn also told the Commission about a lady, Joyce Bell who voted twice today once at City Hall precinct and once at Piney Woods.

The meeting was recessed to tabulate the ballots.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Michael Walden

Chairman Tyrone Waller

Commissioner Linda Johnson

Commissioner William Kennedy

Commissioner Wesley Kliner

