

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2004**

Call to Order. Upon notice duly given, Chairman Tyrone L. Waller called to order a meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 5:30 p.m. on January 6, 2004, at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 514 East 4th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Present at Meeting. Chairman Waller, Secretary Walden and Commissioners Kennedy and DeWitt were present at the meeting. Commissioner Johnson was absent due to illness. Attorney Jerry Summers, Deputy Woods, Deputy Knowles and Administrator Dzik were present by invitation. Also present were members of the community as shown on the attached sheet.

Approval of Minutes. Upon motion by Commissioner DeWitt, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, the minutes of the October 20, 2003, meeting were unanimously approved by the members present.

Designation of Precinct and Other Election Officials. Administrator Dzik presented the Commission with a list of precinct officials, inspectors, and absentee counting board members for the February 10, 2004, election. Upon motion by Commissioner Walden, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, the election officials were unanimously approved.

Acceptance of Polling Locations. Administrator Dzik presented the Commission with a list of the designated polling places for the precincts. Upon motion by Commissioner Walden, seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, the polling places were unanimously approved.

Auditor's Contract. Administrator Dzik presented the Commission with a copy of the proposed auditing contract from the accounting firm of Hazlett, Lewis & Bieter, PLLC. After discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Walden, seconded by Commissioner DeWitt, the auditor's contract was unanimously approved.

Early Voting Locations. Administrator Dzik discussed the proposed early voting satellite locations of Northgate Mall and Eastgate Mall and advised that Eastgate Mall was charging a Six Hundred Dollar (\$600.00) rental fee for the premises. Administrator Dzik advised that issues which had arisen at the Tucker Baptist Church location during the 2002 elections prevented it from being considered for the February 2004 election. Administrator Dzik advised that the Northgate location was the same location as was used in the 2002 election cycle. Administrator Dzik further advised that traffic patterns obtained from the City of Chattanooga indicated that approximately 35,000 vehicles traveled Brainerd Road by the Eastgate location on a daily basis and approximately 45,000 vehicles traveled the Highway 153/Hixson Pike location on a daily basis. After further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Walden, seconded by Commissioner DeWitt, the early voting locations of Northgate Mall and Eastgate Mall were unanimously approved.

Early Voting Hours. Administrator Dzik requested the Commission to set early voting hours as follows:

Hamilton County Election Commission
Monday through Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Northgate Mall
Eastgate Mall
Monday through Saturday—10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Walden, seconded by Commissioner DeWitt, the Commission unanimously approved the early voting hours as set out hereinabove.

TACEO Winter Meeting. Administrator Dzik presented each Commissioner with a copy of the materials furnished by the Coordinator at the TACEO winter meeting.

Precinct Modifications. Chairman Waller stated that representatives of the community were present to discuss the recent modifications to the Courthouse precinct. Chairman Waller invited members of the community present to address the Commission.

Various individuals addressed the Commission, whereupon Commissioner Kennedy moved to restore the Courthouse, City Hall and Downtown precincts. The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Kennedy moved to restore the Downtown precinct, with the City Hall and Courthouse precincts to remain combined as the Courthouse precinct. The motion died for lack of a second.

Legal Issues. Attorney Summers advised there were no changes in the status of the pending legal issues.

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

Luanne H. DeWitt Commissioner