

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 19, 2004**

Introduction:

Attorney Jerry Summers assisted in the calling of the meeting. The officers were selected. Linda Morris-Avila was selected as chairperson. The motion was made by Commissioner Eddington and seconded by Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Quinn was selected as Secretary. The motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Eddington

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairperson Linda Morris-Avila called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2004, at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 514 East 4th Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Present at Meeting:

Chairman Linda Morris-Avila, Secretary Quinn, and Commissioners Eddington, & Lee were present at the meeting. Commissioner Walden was not in attendance. Attorney Jerry Summers, Deputy Claude Knowles, and the staff of the Election Commission were present as well. Also present were members of the community as shown on the attached sheet.

Certification of Elections:

The Commission approved the certification of the elections, and the expenses for the Collegedale and City of Chattanooga March 1, 2005 elections. The Commission was told the expenses for the April 12th run off election were not all in and would be ready for certification at the next meeting. The motion was made by Commissioner Eddington and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to approve the certification.

Administrator:

Mr. Tyrone L. Waller was nominated as the new Administrator, but the motion died for lack of a second. Mrs. Luanne DeWitt then submitted her resume for the job. Commissioner Quinn suggested that the vote be tabled until the next meeting to be able to interview candidates. Chairperson Morris-Avila then tabled the discussion until the next meeting, saying everyone should be prepared to interview the candidates and vote to appoint the new Administrator that day. The deadline for the resumes to be in is Friday the 29th of April. Chief Deputy Bud Knowles was then appointed pro tem Administrator until the next meeting.

Soddy Daisy Election:

Mr. Knowles advised the Commission that the ballots were ready to order, and things were on track for the election.

Election Commission Staff:

Mr. Quinn asked about the five staff members who were not allowed access to their computers. He wanted to know why and what was going on there. Mr. Knowles addressed that issue, saying there were internal matters that he was checking into regarding deletion of computer files and shredding and/or removal of documents.

Attorney Jerry Summers:

Mr. Summers was asked about seminars the Commission can attend. Mr. Summers stated that he would advise the Commission when and where the seminars would be held. In addition, he further stated he would provide the new Commissioners more detailed information regarding the Sunshine Law.

Adjournment:

The next meeting was scheduled for Saturday May 7, 2005 @ 9:00 a.m.

J. Bartlett Quinn Secretary

APPROVED:

Linda Morris-Avila Chairperson

Dorothy Eddington Commissioner

Karen M. Lee Commissioner

Michael S. Walden Commissioner