

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 9, 2006**

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairperson Avila called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 8:00 a.m. on October 9, 2006 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Invocation: Chairperson Avila

Pledge of Allegiance: Secretary Quinn

Present at Meeting:

Commissioners Eddington, Lee, Quinn and Walden were present at the meeting, and the staff of the Election Commission were present as well. Also present were members of the community, as well as members of the media as shown on the attached sheet.

Minutes:

Commissioner Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 11, 2006 meeting, Commissioner Walden seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Chief Deputy Charlotte Mullis stated that Administrator Knowles asked that the machines be brought in and that we not transmit this time.

Commissioner Lee asked what the problems were the last time and did Ms. Mullis think this was going to be the norm.

Secretary Quinn stated that it was his understanding that it was a one time thing last time.

Charlotte Mullis stated that there are about 10 precincts that transmit and do it well out of 125. It just seems to go faster with them bringing it in.

Louse Patterson stated that with the new machines a lot of the workers are nervous about transmitting the results. After this Nov. election we will have a lot of time to train the workers on the machines so they will be comfortable with them.

Secretary Quinn asked if the training has been offered yet. Louise Patterson said that yes it has been offered. The boys are very good at training them.

Commissioner Lee asked Charlotte how many people actually voted on the new machines. Charlotte stated that it was 26. Secretary Quinn stated that 2 of those were employees of the election commission so really it was 24.

Commissioner Walden stated that the new machines were for the handicapped.

Commissioner Lee asked did we have any concerns or complaints on bringing the machines in last time.

Charlotte stated that no there were no complaints.

Louise stated that the training was offered and although the workers have taken part, they just haven't really grasped it yet.

Commissioner Walden asked had any training taken place since the last election?
Louise Patterson stated that yes, and in fact there were classes today and the next day.
Commissioner Walden then asked if the interface has been approved yet by the state.
He also stated that even though we can transmit one, there is no reason to transmit one and carry the other in, so we should bring both in, but that we need to move forward.
There is no reason once approved, that we cannot just download everything. We need to get the workers trained and they need to be able to pass some kind of test showing they know how to transmit, and if not someone else needs to the job.
Commissioner Lee made a motion on transporting the machines on election night.
Commissioner Eddington seconded.

Election Day Workers:

Commissioner Walden made a motion to accept the 831 election day workers.
Commissioner Eddington seconded.

Legal Matters:

Attorney Summers was not in attendance.

Secretary Quinn made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Walden seconded.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 7, 2006 @ 7:30 p.m.

J. Bartlett Quinn Secretary

APPROVED:

Linda Morris –Avila Chairperson

Dorothy Eddington Commissioner

Karen M. Lee Commissioner

Michael S. Walden Commissioner