

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 12, 2007**

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 February 12, 2007 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 Avila, Quinn, Eddington, and Lee were present at the meeting. Attorney Jimmy Rogers 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 Lee made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2006, December 12, 2006, and the December 18, 2006 meetings. Commissioner Eddington seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Frank DePinto addressed the commission with the recycling petition. He stated that this was the same petition the Commission approved a few months back but he has changed some of the wording to include weekly.

Secretary Quinn asked had this been approved by Nashville and Attorney Rogers stated that it had been.

Secretary Quinn then made a motion to approve the petition for the 2008 election. Commissioner Lee seconded.

Legal Matters: Attorney Rogers stated that Attorney Summers wanted the Commission and Mr. DePinto to know that there is some conflict potentially with what state law says verses what the city charter says. Jerry did some research and there is no case law on what is required. He wanted me to tell the Commission that the lower number of 6,000 might not be sufficient so to be safe you should shoot for the higher number of 13,000.

Frank DePinto stated they are going to try and get 20,000.

Chairperson Avila asked Mr. DePinto if he knew the risks of getting signatures early such as death, or moving.

Mr. DePinto stated that yes he did know that and that is one of the reasons they will go for 20,000.

Secretary Quinn had a comment regarding a letter from Samantha Lee Smith; it is a complaint about the Sale Creek Lions Club. She wrote that unfortunately it appears to

rain every election and the parking is terrible and cars get stuck in the mud. Also, the wheelchair ramp may not be large enough to accommodate a wheelchair.

Commissioner Lee asked if she had called or just sent the letter.

Charlotte Mullis stated that they just received the letter.

Chairperson Avila asked about the email she received from Laura Woods regarding the machines.

Charlotte Mullis stated that it was to notify of the testing for Early Voting and Election Day.

Secretary Quinn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Lee seconded.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.

J. Bartlett Quinn Secretary

APPROVED:

Linda Morris –Avila Chairperson

Dorothy Eddington Commissioner

Karen M. Lee Commissioner

Michael S. Walden Commissioner