

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
March 13, 2007**

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairperson Avila called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 6:30 p.m. on March 13, 2007 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Invocation: Chairperson Avila
Quinn

Pledge of Allegiance: Secretary

Present at Meeting:

Commissioners Avila, Quinn, Eddington, and Walden were present at the meeting. Attorney Jerry Summers and the staff of the Election Commission were present as well.

Minutes:

Commissioner Walden made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2007, meeting. Commissioner Quinn seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Administrator Knowles stated that in the near future he would seek approval from the Commission to move 6 voting locations. He said: "We are in the planning stages now and the precincts will be Falling Water, Fairmount, East Brainerd 1 & 2, Lake Hills to the Presbyterian Church, Mountain Creek to the Church of Christ, and Apison. I will go on site and get permission before hand."

Secretary Quinn asked if Administrator Knowles was prepared today to state where the move will be.

Administrator Knowles stated: "Falling Water will go from the Fire Dept. to the Baptist Church, Fairmount will go from old music place to the Rec. Center, East Brainerd will go back to the Presbyterian Church they remodeled, Lake Hills will go from St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church to the Presbyterian Church, Mountain Creek from the school to the Church of Christ, and Apison I don't know yet, but we have to get out of that school."

Chairperson Avila stated: "I have been bothering over whether or not to resign from the Election Commission and since it is an off election year, I have decided to stay if the Representatives have not chosen an appointment yet. I also wanted to know, since it is an off year, how the Commission feels about having quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings. With summer coming up we just may want to consider having them every three months instead of every month. We could still have the called meetings."

Secretary Quinn asked Mr. Knowles how he felt about that and he stated that he would have to think about it and get back to them because there are things like the changing of voting locations that he would need their approval on.

Secretary Quinn stated that as long as everyone understood that we could have a called meeting if needed, he didn't have a problem with it.

Attorney Summers stated that he didn't know of anything that required there be a vote on changing the monthly meetings to quarterly meetings.

Legal Matters: Attorney Jerry Summers said we really don't have any legal matters except for a letter to Rebecca Hunter about maternity leave.

Secretary Quinn asked was that the part they inadvertently left out of the personnel book and Attorney Summers stated that yes it was.

Charlotte Mullis stated that Rebecca Hunter called today and the letter was all they needed and everything is okay.

"I sent you all a memo about this proposed bill about the question of Commissioners involved in politics. Mr. Kliner wanted to get the attorney general's opinion on it and I think the system if maintained properly, there is nothing wrong with it."

Chairperson Avila asked that if there were no more questions or concerns they would adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Walden made a motion to adjourn and Secretary Quinn seconded.

Next Meeting:

There was no meeting scheduled at this time.

J. Bartlett Quinn Secretary

APPROVED:

Linda Morris –Avila Chairperson

Dorothy Eddington Commissioner

Karen M. Lee Commissioner

Michael S. Walden Commissioner