

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

**Call to Order:**

Upon notice duly given, Chairperson Eddington called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 8:00 a.m. on July 16, 2007 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**Moment of Silence:**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Secretary Quinn

**Present at Meeting:**

Commissioners Eddington, Quinn, Polk, and Walden were present at the meeting. Attorney Jerry Summers and the staff of the Election Commission and members of the press and Democratic Party were present as well.

**Minutes:**

Secretary Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2007, meeting. Commissioner Walden seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

Administrator Knowles asked that the Election Day hours approved, open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Commissioner Walden made a motion to accept the hours and Secretary Quinn seconded.

Administrator Knowles stated that the Early Voting Dates are September 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Knowles stated that he thought we should have early voting here at the commission only and it would save \$15,000, because the turnout will be small, and that the bulk of the precincts are south. Commissioner Walden asked if we could get the numbers on the last early voting Senatorial Election held at Northgate. Secretary Quinn asked if the early voting expense was reimbursable. Administrator Knowles stated that yes it was and the state reimbursed us.

Secretary Quinn then asked how many early voting locations are there.

Administrator Knowles stated that as a rule there were three. Northgate, Election Commission, and Brainerd. We would expand the hours here till 7:00 pm instead of the 10:00am – 6:00 pm.

Attorney Summers stated there was nothing preventing the commission from setting the hours for early voting.

Chairperson Eddington asked what the normal hours and locations are.

Administrator Knowles stated that the Election Commission, Northgate Mall and Brainerd Rec. Center and the hours were 10:00am to 6:00 pm except at the Commission and the hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm., Monday thru Saturday.

Commissioner Polk made a motion to have the Early Voting here at the Election Commission and to extend the hours.

There wasn't a second, and the motion was dead.

Commissioner Walden stated that they had to vote on the hours today. Commissioner Walden made a motion to accept the regular hours and locations and Secretary Quinn seconded.

Chairperson Eddington welcomed the visitors, Michael Davis, from the Times Free Press and John Bailes, from the Democratic Party. She then asked if they had anything they would like to say.

John Bailes stated that he wanted to thank them for conducting the meeting in a civil and thoughtful manner and having early voting at every location will be just as good as having it here, maybe better. He said he was interested in seeing voter turn out.

Commissioner Polk wanted it to be on the record that she was at the first meeting, the record doesn't show that, but she was there, and also that she didn't attend the meeting because she was not notified.

Chairperson Eddington stated that the record didn't show her at the first meeting because she came late, and that there were computer problem and that is why she didn't get notified and everything has been corrected now.

Chairperson stated that since there was no further business, do we have a move to adjourn the meeting?

Commissioner Walden made a motion and Secretary Quinn Seconded.

**Legal Matters:**

There were no legal matters at this time.

**Next Meeting:**

There was no meeting scheduled at this time.

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J. Bartlett Quinn Secretary

**APPROVED:**

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Dorothy Eddington Chairperson

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Karen M. Lee Commissioner

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Sharlotte Polk Commissioner

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Michael S. Walden Commissioner