

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 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 September 19, 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, Lee, Polk, and Walden were present at the meeting. Attorney Jerry Summers and the staff of the Election Commission were present as well.

Minutes:

Secretary Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2007, meeting. Commissioner Walden seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Election Day Workers

There are 335. We had 4 new officers in for training we gave them an hour and a half training each and I feel they are ready to go.

Secretary Quinn made a motion to approve and Commissioner Walden seconded.

Report on Nursing Home Voting

We had a total of 134.

Budget Review

Commissioner Lee asked where the revision could be seen on the budget. Administrator Knowles stated that it was 3050 Miscellaneous Purchase Service

Administrator Knowles also stated that the Oct., Nov., and Feb. elections would be reimbursed by the state. Commissioner Lee asked if the increase was in here that the other county employees got or was Administrator Knowles planning on giving an increase. He stated that yes, we received the 4% increase that the county gave. He also stated that this budget reflects the increase for the workers. Officers go from \$100.00 to \$150.00 and the Election Day workers go from \$70.00 to \$100.00.

Secretary Quinn asked what the R & M Maintenance Agreement with an outstanding encumbrance of \$25,773.75 was. Administrator Knowles stated this was for the maintenance on the some of the computer systems it is a contracted thing and comes up every budget. Commissioner Lee stated that other counties do not use accounting firms anymore because they have auditing processes in place does anyone have a comment on that? Administrator Knowles stated that he thought we were well served, we use an outside accounting firm and they give a 3 point check. Commissioner Lee then asked if Shannon did the auditing here, Administrator Knowles stated that no we didn't do any auditing here, it goes to the private firm. If the ballots are off they keep digging until they find out why. Also, some of the counties are checking themselves and we have an independent check.

Chairperson Eddington asked were there any further questions and if not do we wait to approve or do we go on and approve the budget revision.

Secretary Quinn made a motion to approve and Commissioner Walden seconded.

Administrator Knowles stated that he would like to bring to the commissions attention that we have had four voting precinct changes and we have a sign on the doors and it has been on the radio and in the paper advertising the change.

Legal Matters:

There were no legal matters at this time.

Chairperson Eddington asked if there was anymore business to discuss.

Commissioner Walden made a motion to dismiss and Secretary Quinn seconded.

Next Meeting:

There was no meeting scheduled at this time.

J. Bartlett Quinn Secretary

APPROVED:

Dorothy Eddington Chairperson

Karen M. Lee Commissioner

Sharlotte Polk Commissioner

Michael S. Walden Commissioner