

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 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 October 15, 2007 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Moment of Silence:

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Polk

Present at Meeting:

Commissioners Eddington, Polk, and Walden were present at the meeting. Attorney Jerry Summers, and the staff of the Election Commission were present as well. Secretary Quinn and Commissioner Lee were out of town on business.

Minutes:

Commissioner Walden made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2007, meeting. Commissioner Polk seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Certification of the October 4, 2007 Election

Commissioner Walden made a motion to certify and Commissioner Polk seconded.

Commissioner Walden asked why the ballots were so high this time. Administrator Knowles stated that because Shannon DeFriese sent them to the printer without approval and a mistake was found. There was a \$4,015.00 extra on the bill.

Administrator Knowles asked that they approve the sites which are Brainerd Rec. Center, Northgate Mall at the TJ Maxx Strip and here at the Election Commission. He further stated that if possible he would like to change the hours at the Election Commission which have been 8:00 am thru 8:00 pm to be 8:00 am thru 7:00 pm due to the fact that the last hour we just sit there.

Commissioner Walden made a motion to approve and Commissioner Polk seconded.

Administrator Knowles stated that we are on target for the Nov. 15, 2007 Election

Legal Matters:

There were two matters that have come up, one is we received a complaint about a nursing home. Re: Relatives telling grandma how to vote, I responded and told them that unless we hear some other irregularities we were watching this.

The other thing is the Marti Rutherford situation. We are not an investigative agency. She has resigned. If Randy Nelson decides to do something or not, that is no reason for us to be involved. We are not neglecting your responsibilities at this

time. I think if anyone wants to do anything else they will have to go into court to do it.

Chairperson Eddington asked if there were anymore questions or comments, if not may we ask for a motion to adjourn? There was not. Commissioner Walden made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Polk seconded.

Next Meeting:

There was no meeting scheduled at this time.

APPROVED:

J. Bartlett Quinn Secretary

Dorothy Eddington Chairperson

Karen M. Lee Commissioner

Sharlotte Polk Commissioner

Michael S. Walden Commissioner