

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 26, 2007**

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairperson Eddington called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 2:00 .m. on November 26, 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:

Chairperson Eddington, Secretary Quinn, and Commissioner Walden were present at the meeting. Attorney Jerry Summers, and the staff of the Election Commission were present as well. Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Polk were not in attendance.

Minutes:

Secretary Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of Oct. 4, 2007, November 5, 2007 and November 15, 2007. Commissioner Walden seconded. They were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Administrator Knowles asked that we get the November 15, 2007 election certified. He also stated that we get the early voting tally certified..

Quinton Howard stated that he recommended they certify. He further stated that they noticed in the testing that you can put a non marked ballot in the accu-vote and it would take it.

Secretary Quinn asked why there was a 20 vote difference in the election commission tally and the auditors. The result was 20 people voted for other, instead of the two candidates.

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

Chairperson Eddington stated that there is an issue with attendance. There was a discussion on the amount of meetings each commissioner has missed.

It has happened repeatedly or they are showing up late or after it is over with.

Attorney Summers stated that TN code 2-212-101 states that the state election commission shall remove a commissioner who becomes unqualified and may remove or otherwise discipline a commissioner for cause. I do not believe there is anything this commission can do it would have to be done in Nashville.

Administrator Knowles asked if the state election commission would judge on what information we sent them?

Attorney Summers also stated that he thought a subtle reminder would be sufficient to settle the problem.

Chairperson Eddington stated that she would contact the two commissioners who were not in attendance and then if that doesn't work she would then contact the people who appointed them.

Legal Matters:

There were no legal matters to discuss at this time.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Walden made a motion to adjourn and Secretary Quinn 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