

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2010**

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairman Walden called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 8:15 a.m. on January 13, 2010 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Prayer: Commissioner Lewis

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Walden

Present at Meeting:

Commissioners Walden, Summers, Lewis, and Anderson were present at the meeting. Attorney Chris Clem, and the staff of the Election Commission, as well as members of the media. Mr. Bennett was not in attendance..

New Buisness

Commissioner Brandon Lewis joins the commission today.

Attorney Clem stated that Chancellor Peoples has resigned effective March 3, 2010. There are two processes to go through now. The first is the Governor appoints a temporary replacement until the August elections. The second is our election which will be in August.

The appointment and election process doesn't even start until the Governor issue the writ. Of election. He generally doesn't wait until the effective date, it is usually a few weeks before. The law isn't specific on when he has to issue the writ but typically he does so within a few weeks. Once the writ of election is issued the appointment process starts. There is a 60 day period where the committee will take applications and do interviews and then submit three names to the Governor. He will then appoint one. The second process is the election process. The general election deadline will be 18th of February and hopefully we will have the writ so we can do notices on February 8, 2010. The Primary election will be May 5, 2010 and the General election will be August 5, 2010.

Attorney Clem further stated that they have a 30 day period in which to do the applications and interviews and pick their three. Also, if it comes down after the 8th deadline then we will have to have a special election or a caucus.

Secretary Summers made a motion to draft a letter to the Governor stating that if the writ is not issued prior to the February 8, 2010 deadline we will have to have a special election at a large cost to the taxpayers

Commissioner Lewis seconded

It was unanimously approved

Legal Matters:

Secretary Summers stated that he had a handout, it was an article from the chattanooga on the paper ballots. (SEE ATTACHED)

Secretary Summers made a motion to adjourn
Commissioner Lewis seconded.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 10, 2010 @ 8:00 am

APPROVED:

Jerry Summers Secretary

Michael S. Walden Chairman

JB Bennett Commissioner

Brandon Lewis Commissioner

James Anderson Commissioner