

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
May 4,, 2010**

**Call to Order:**

Upon notice duly given, Chairman Walden called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 7:30pm on May 4, 2010 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**Prayer:** Commissioner Bennett

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Lewis

**Present at Meeting:**

Commissioners Walden, Summers, Lewis, Bennett and Anderson were present at the meeting. Attorney Chris Clem, and the staff of the Election Commission, as well as members of the media.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Commissioner Bennett** made a motion to approve the minutes

**Commissioner Lewis** seconded.

**Chairman Walden** stated that he was not going to sign the minutes because he was not at the last meeting.

**New Buisness**

**Budget**

**Charlotte Mullis-Morgan** stated that the budget will be submitted on Monday May 10, 2010. There is an increase with this budget. Our utilities, postage, and audit went up. We had to increase the salaries. We always have to up it when we have three elections in a year. As long as they do not chop it to death we can live with it.

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the budget.

Commissioner Lewis seconded.

Chairman Walden asked if there was any new business and Commissioner Bennett asked that a card received from Bud Knowles wife be read into the minutes. **SEE ATTACHED.**

**Legal Matters**

**Attorney Clem** I have two or three mionor things. 1. I have emailed everyone with a minor dispute with a polling place being at Bernie Millers church. I don't think that turned into anything. 2. I know there was a smaller issue and have already talked with Charlotte about it and it was the Libertarian party not being registered as an official party in the state of TN.

3. At our last meeting someone made a motion that the commission would probably hire a Permanent Administrator at this meeting. I advised you at that time after checking with nashville and checking the code that you are under no legal obligation to do certain postings and notices like a federal or state employee would, or even a county employee would. You

chose to wait almost a month and to give notice and it was reported and we did receive some resumes. It is my opinion that at the majority may choose to choose today or put it off. Nashville has said everytime I talk to them that whoever gets the job will be certified.

**Chairman Walden** stated that he agreed that whoever is selected be certified. He further stated that in his 12 years on the commission that only one administrator was certified.

Attorney Clem further stated that he had been shown around a few weeks ago and things are working very smoothly.

Secretary Summers stated that whoever the next administrator should make the candidates aware that in the next election they cannot be putting information on mailboxes.

**Commissioner Bennett** made a motion that before the meeting he and the other commissioners have reviewed what has been submitted to them and seeing the job the current acting administrator has done over this election and over the course of her 28 yrs here and without disrespect and with all do respect to them I move that we appoint Charlotte Mullis-Morgan as the permanent Administrator of the Hamilton County Election Commission..

**Commissioner Anderson** seconded.

**Commissioner Bennett** made a motion to adjourn.

**Commissioner Lewis** seconded.

**Next Meeting: Monday May 24, 2010 @ 8:00 am**

**APPROVED:**

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Jerry Summers

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Secretary

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Michael S. Walden

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Chairman

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JB Bennett

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Commissioner

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Brandon Lewis

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James Anderson

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Commissioner