

MINUTES OF MEETING
July 10, 2013

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairman Walden called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 8:00 am on July 10, 2013 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Invocation: Commissioner Braly

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Walden

Present at Meeting:

Commissioners Walden, Braly, Crangle, Scott and Attorney Clem were present at the meeting, as well as staff of the Election Commission. Representatives from Unisyn were also present. Secretary Summers was not in attendance (due to court).

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Braly made a motion to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Crangle seconded.

Motion passed unanimously

Legal Matters:

Attorney Clem stated that Susan Rich is still appealing, though he did not know what she was appealing. Other than that, nothing is going on.

New Business:

Commissioner Scott stated that he went to the TACEO meeting and it was very informative and interesting. He said he was disappointed that he was not introduced to the vendors. He also stated that other commissioners were treated better. He then stated that he only knew the one guy who came here for the demonstration. He thought it was very disrespectful. He further stated that even when he comes in the office he is asked by the staff what his name is. They should know my name.

Chairman Walden stated that the next staff meeting for Charlotte to make sure everyone knows what his name is. He further stated that he wanted to say that our job is to do what the law states whether you like it or not. We follow the law, and it doesn't matter if you are a democrat or a republican. In the 15 yrs I have been on this commission, I have never taken a trip on the government. I do not go on these conventions. I listen to my council and read the law and then vote my conscience. I do not know how everyone acts at the conventions, as I have never been. I think we need to arrange that every vendor that has an option for a voting machines that we can consider, if we have a meeting with one, I'd like to have a meeting with all.

Administrator Morgan stated that we only have two vendors to choose from and one has been here and the second one is here today.

Assistant Administrator Allen stated that the state has only certified two so far. There is a 3rd one that is trying to get certified but as of today it still has not been certified.

Chairman Walden asked if Administrator Morgan could find out where they will be so he can see their demo? He did not want to inconvenience them but to be able to make an

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informed decision he would like to see both. Just get me a few dates and I will come back and see them.

Assistant Administrator Allen stated that the federal certifies and then the state certifies.

Attorney Clem stated that if they get certified by Aug or Sept then they can come and do a presentation.

Administrator Morgan stated that the state opens it up on July 15, 2013 to those who will get HAVA money, which is next week. We need to get into them something by the 15th, 16th or 17th. So we can get our monies. We don't have time to play around.

Attorney Clem asked when do you need this commission to make a decision on this?

Administrator Morgan stated that after they see today's presentation then you can get together and discuss it and make a decision.

Attorney Clem asked did she want them to vote today?

Administrator Morgan stated that no she did not.

Chairman Walden stated that he wanted to set a meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 17, 2013 @8:00

Commissioner Scott stated that if there are only two that are certified, they should know that, and if there are time restraints they should also know that.

Commissioner Crangle stated that the commission was told but it was before Mr. Scott came on the commission.

Chairman Walden stated that one other thing he wanted to bring up was that several months ago we voted to name the election commission building after Bud Knowles. He came on as a commissioner then became the chairman, then an employee then chief deputy and then administrator and died in the last one. He did a good job in all the positions. My idea was that he played an integral part in designing this building and we can name the building and have a sign placed at no cost to the tax payers money. We do not answer to the county we are our own entity, but they are our funding. We submit them a budget and as long as it is reasonable they have to fund it. They can gripe and complain but they have to fund it. I have privately discussed with a few commissioners and I am going to circle around again and let them, know what our thoughts are and it won't cost any tax payer money and put this to rest. We have voted on it but I haven't acted.

Adjournment

Commissioner Braly made a motion to adjourn

Commissioner Crangle seconded.

The meeting was adjourned

APPROVED:

Jerry Summers

Secretary

Michael S. Walden

Chairman

Ruth Braly

Commissioner

Tommy Crangle

Commissioner

Kelvin Scott

Commissioner