

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairman Walden called to order a called meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, TN 37406.

Invocation: **Commissioner Braly**

Pledge of Allegiance: **Secretary Summers**

Present at Meeting:

Commissioners Walden, Summers, Braly, Clem, and Scott were present at the meeting, as well as County Attorney Rheubin Taylor, staff of the Election Commission, and Christian Bennett and Quinten Howard of Mauldin and Jenkins.

Approval of Minutes:

**Commissioner Braly** made a motion to approve the minutes.

**Secretary Summers** seconded the motion.

All approved

New Business:

**Early Voting Summary**

**Administrator Steelman** said Election Day has been uneventful. We've not had any issues to arise and turnout has been good today. With just over 27,000 voters, the Early Voting turnout was in line with 2010's turnout. The total turnout for the 2010 election was 87,000 voters so if this Election Day remains consistent, we are looking at a turnout of about 60,000 on Election Day.

**Precinct Audit Letter**

**Chairman Walden** directed the commissioners to select three precincts each for auditing after the election. The envelopes were sealed and given to Quentin Howard.

**Scheduling**

**Administrator Steelman** said the last day that we can certify the election is Monday, November 24, which is the beginning of Thanksgiving week. The auditors have indicated they would be comfortable certifying the election the week before, on Wednesday, November 19.

**Commissioner Scott** said Wednesday is not a good day for him to meet.

**Commissioner Clem** asked about the Thursday or Friday of that week.

**Administrator Steelman** said the auditors could be here on Tuesday, November 18.

The meeting was set for Tuesday, November 18 at 8 a.m.

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Legal Matters:

**Attorney Taylor** said there was nothing new to report. The Cooper lawsuit basically died at the appellate level. Her lawyer filed a notice of appeal but never filed a brief.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 8 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Jerry Summers

Secretary

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Michael S. Walden

Chairman

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Ruth Braly

Commissioner

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Chris Clem

Commissioner

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Kelvin Scott

Commissioner