

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairman Walden called to order a meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 7:30 p.m. on November 8, 2016 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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 Christian Bennett from Mauldin and Jenkins, members of the media, and staff of the Election Commission.

Approval of Minutes:

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

**Commissioner Clem** seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

New Business:

**Early Voting Report**

**Administrator Steelman** said I have included a handout with figures for Early Voting and a breakdown of Early Voting turnout per precinct.

**Chairman Walden** asked if it was a record.

**Administrator Steelman** said yes, it was, both in terms of percentage of registered voters and total numbers. The Early Voting turnout was 73,793 and based on reports we are getting from the precincts, Early Voting totals may exceed Election Day totals.

**Precinct Audit Letter**

The commissioners completed and submitted the precinct audit requests to Christian Bennett of Mauldin & Jenkins.

**Scheduling**

The certification meeting was set for Monday, November 21, 2016 at 8 a.m.

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### Other Business:

**Chairman Walden** said overall the staff of the Election Commission has done an outstanding job with this election. If the commission has time tomorrow you should stop by and tell them you appreciate them.

**Commissioner Braly** said I'd like to see us do something for the staff.

**Commissioner Clem** said I voted early at the Brainerd Rec Center and I thought they did a great job.

**Administrator Steelman** said I heard a lot of good reports about the Brainerd Rec Center Early Voting. There were reports of some wait times over an hour long, but Scott and I made trips to the sites where we were getting reports of hour-long waits and that didn't mesh with what we saw.

**Chairman Walden** said when I went to Early Voting there was a line out the door and it only took me 15 minutes to get through.

### Adjournment:

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

**Commissioner Clem** seconded the motion.

All approved.

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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