

**HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 8, 2010**

Call to Order:

Upon notice duly given, Chairman Walden called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Hamilton County Election Commission at 8:00 am on September 8, 2010 at the office of the Hamilton County Election Commission, 700 River Terminal Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Invocation: Commissioner Bennett

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Walden

Present at Meeting:

Commissioners Walden, Summers, Bennett, and attorney Clem were present at the meeting, as well as the staff of the Election Commission, members of the media and public. Commissioner Anderson was not in attendance..

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes

Commissioner Summers seconded.

New Buisness

Ballots have been moved to the Friday meeting.

Legal Matters

Attorney Clem stated that there were no legal matters before the commission.

Secretary Summers stated that he wanted to say something in support of the commission and staff on this matter. Judge Hollingsworth has ruled and I think it is consistant with how this commission has ruled in years past. We have dealt with this issue at least on three occasions, starting with Save Our Streets. 2002, 2006 and now in 2010. We have said if your going to do this, you need to know you are facing potential problems. You need to try to get the higher number. I know last time we agreed on the lower number. But to say that they were mislead by Mrs. Mullis-Morgan and I have spoken to her about this and she certainly told me she made them aware of the tradition of the historical problem with the question. They were told the safest way to do this is to get the top number, and they chose not to do this. The only winner in this whole thing is voter apathy.

Charlie Wysong addressed the commission and said the recallers were not angry with the commission or Mrs. Mullis-Morgan. I do think that achieving rights in this nation has become a carnival shell game for the citizens. I think diligence was done by the commission to go to the state and get their legal opinons and other opinions and the reason you chose the lower number was based on Judge Peoples ruling in 2002 and I think that was legitimate. I do know that there were things done basically in this city to circle the wagons to ensure this election did not take place and I do object to that. In all honesty we are not angry with Mrs. Mullis Morgan, the commission or Mr. Clem. I think the whole issue with the dates was mute once the higher number was announced by the court. I do agree that there is much more voter participation. I do think things could have been done better. I want to say what I did

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appreciate was, that this commission, no one could miss your desire to help us in the recall. I think that we could have used more help when we got into the legal problems. I did appreciate especially your comments Mr Walden in the previous meetings. We are not angry and do not think you did us wrong. I think there was a great attempt to do what was right.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Bennett made a motion to adjourn.
Secretary Summers seconded.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 10, 2010 @ 8:00a.m.

APPROVED:

Jerry Summers

Secretary

Michael S. Walden

Chairman

JB Bennett

Commissioner

James Anderson

Commissioner