

Minutes of the Davidson County Election Commission

February 3, 2011

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 2:00 p.m. on February 3, 2011 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Lynn Greer, Eddie Bryan, Patricia Heim, A. J. Starling, and Steve Abernathy were present. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Albert Tieche, Joan Nixon, Lionel Barrett, Pat Novotny, Bobby Medley, and Kelley Harrison. Also present was Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

Approve January 13, 2011 meeting minutes: Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2011 meeting as presented. Commissioner Starling seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Approve Early Voting locations and schedule for August 4, 2011 Election: AOE Tieche presented the Commissioners with past early voting summaries. Commissioner Heim made a motion to have (9) nine early voting sites; eight (8) satellites in communities of Belle Meade, Bellevue, Bordeaux, Green Hills, Edmondson, Madison, Hermitage, Hickory Hollow and the DCEC office. Commissioner Starling seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Eddie Bryan made a motion to open every early voting location from July 15, 2011 to July 30, 2011. Commissioner Heim seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Heim made a motion to have (9) nine early voting sites for the September 15, 2011 Run-Off Election; the same eight (8) satellite locations from the August 2011 election and the DCEC office. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Bryan made a motion to have DCEC office open fourteen (14) days of early voting (August 26, 2011 to September 10, 2011) for the September 15, 2011 Run-Off election and five (5) days for the satellite locations (September 5, 2011 to September 10, 2011). Commissioner Abernathy seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Approve Lakewood Referendum election poll workers: AOE Tieche presented recommended list to Commissioners and noted that the workers have served as officer of elections in other polling locations. None of the workers live nor serve as poll officials in city of Lakewood (District 11 Precinct 2) and all are registered to vote in State House

District 51. Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve poll workers as presented. Commissioner Heim seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Approve sample ballot for Lakewood Referendum election: Discussion ensued regarding having sample ballots mailed to the household of Lakewood registered voters. Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve Lakewood sample ballot and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Abernathy. The motion passed unanimously.

Set early voting location and schedule for Lakewood Regular municipal election (if charter is retained): AOE Tieche informed the Commission that he's submitted a letter to the city Manager of Lakewood asking them to call their regular city election in writing. No one has yet to respond to AOE Tieche's inquiry. No action was taken regarding this agenda item.

Approve polling location changes: Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve polling location changes as follows:

- a. Dist. 3 Prec. 6 from Old Brick Church School to Smithson Craighead Academy Middle School (permanent name change)
- b. Dist. 10 Prec. 6 from Gateway School to Rivergate Church of Christ (temporary change for 2011 and 2012 elections)
- c. Dist. 17 Prec. 4 from Sevier Park Community Center to Second Missionary Baptist Church (temporary change for 2011 and 2012 elections)
- d. Dist. 17 Prec. 10 from Sevier Park Community Center to Second Missionary Baptist Church (temporary change for 2011 and 2012 elections)
- e. Dist. 21 Prec. 2 from Nashville Big Picture School to Robert Churchwell Museum Magnet School (permanent name change)
- f. Dist. 24 Prec. 5 from Mc Cabe Park Community Center to Mc Cabe Park Golf Course (temporary change for 2011 elections)
- g. Dist. 33 Prec. 4 from Hickory Hollow Baptist Church to Rural Hill Church of Christ (permanent change)

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss possibility of electronic poll books: Discussion ensued regarding electronic poll books and AOE Tieche informed the Commissioners that he was given the cost from the vendor and it seemed to be cost prohibited. No action was taken regarding this agenda item.

Review existing pay scale for poll workers: Discussion ensued regarding increasing the pay of the poll officials. The Commissioners and the AOE went over current pay rate for officers (early voting and Election Day) of \$145.00 per day plus \$15.00 for (2) two classes and the potential increased pay rate of \$185.00 per day. Commissioner Heim made a motion to increase the compensation rate for "officers of elections" to a flat rate of \$185.00 (no add on for pick up or return). The motion died lack of a second.

Commissioner Abernathy made a motion to increase the rate of pay for “officer of elections” to \$220.00 per day plus \$15.00 for (2) two training classes (with the option to add more classes if needed). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Heim made a motion to increase the pay rate for precinct workers, absentee counting board members, address change phone bank staff, prison deputies, and nursing home deputies to \$120.00 per day plus \$15.00 training (and provide mileage to prison deputies and nursing home deputies); inspectors rate to increase to \$145.00 plus mileage; and increase pay rate of the provisional counting board (full-day) to \$120.00 and \$60.00 (half-day). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Heim made a motion to increase rate of pay for Early Voting On-Site Coordinator to \$180.00 per day, plus \$15.00 training classes, and \$20.00 supply pick-up/\$20.00 supply return. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and motion passed unanimously.

Administrator’s Reports:

- ◆ AOE Tieche presented Commissioners with dismissal documents of Pam Murray’s lawsuit.
- ◆ Commission was informed by AOE Tieche that requests have been made to have campaign financial disclosure documents available online for inspection. Staff members have been making copies (upon request) for a charge of fifteen (15) cents per copy. AOE Tieche discussed how Knox County has all financial disclosure copies for each candidate on their website. Joan Nixon is still waiting to hear back from the ADA department for compliance purposes.
- ◆ Pat Novotny discussed the budget for FY 2011-2012 which includes election budgets for August 4, 2011; September 15, 2011, and the Presidential Preference Primary election in 2012. The budget hearing is scheduled for February 23, 2011.
- ◆ State Coordinator of Elections sent email/fax to all 95 counties informing the Presidential Preference Primary election will be in March of 2012 instead of February 2012 (exact date of election TBA).
- ◆ In previous meeting, Commissioner Eddie Bryan questioned if juries were pulled from voting registration records. Metro Legal stated voting registration records can be pulled for Grand Juries.
- ◆ Discussion of possible charter amendments on 2011 election ballot.
- ◆ Discussion of potential lawsuit regarding re-districting.
- ◆ When deemed necessary, AOE Tieche would like for staff members to attend commission meetings for observation purposes. Commissioner Greer made no objections and stated it was up to the AOE’s discretion.

Pat Novotny presented Commissioners with operating budgets from the (2) two elections of 2010. In respect to the August 2010 election, the operating budget was \$620,800.00 and \$459,000.00 was spent. So, 75% of the budget was spent that was appropriated to us. The cost per vote was \$6.82. During the November 2010 election, the operating budget was \$615,800.00 and \$534,000.00 was spent which is about 87% of the budget. The cost per vote was \$3.40.

AOE Tieche discussed the preview FY12 Budget and enclosed was a letter from Metro Finance Director, Richard Riebeling. The DCEC's 3% budget cut comes to \$46,800.00 in operating expenses. The office is currently down (4) four positions but planning to fill (3) three positions.

Old/new business: None was addressed.

Review registration cards: Commission reviewed 2,280 registration cards.

Locking Lakewood ballot boxes: Agenda item was handled by Commissioners Starling and Abernathy.

Set date for next meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on February 17, 2011.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned.

_____ Lynn Greer, Chairman	_____ Patricia Heim, Member	_____ Steve Abernathy, Member
_____ A. J. Starling, Member	_____ Eddie Bryan, Member	

