

Minutes of the Davidson County Election Commission February 17, 2011

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 2:30 p.m. on February 17, 2011 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Lynn Greer, Patricia Heim, A. J. Starling and Steve Abernathy were present. Commissioner Eddie Bryan was not in attendance. 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 February 3, 2011 meeting minutes: Commissioner A. J. Starling made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2011 meeting as presented. Commissioner Heim seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Review and approval of FY 2012 budget: Pat Novotny presented proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2012 budget request totaling \$3,560,500 (exclusive of the Internal Services Allocation and before any Capital Expenses for purchasing equipment needed for optical scan ballots). The budget request was split as follows: Elections budget (\$1,800,800) and Operations budget (\$1,759,700). The Elections budget included: August 2011 Metro General Election with nine (9) early voting sites open for fourteen (14) days; September 2011 Metro Run-off Election with nine (9) early voting sites with the DCEC office open for 14 days and the eight (8) satellite sites open for five (5) days; 2012 Presidential Preference Primary with nine (9) early voting sites open for fourteen (14) days; August 2012 State Primary Start-up expenses; Satellite city elections; pay increase for poll officials and partial costs for paper ballot supply/training costs. The Operations budget included: salaries, benefits/fringes, repairs/maintenance, postage/delivery, communications, utilities, and others. Discussion ensued among the Commissioners. Commissioner Heim made a motion to approve presented budget with an adjustment to provide twenty-five (25) ballot on demand (BOD) printers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Starling and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of proposed date of City of Lakewood election: AOE Tieche informed the Commission that he sought clarification from State Coordinator of Elections, Mark Goins, as to the issuance of nominating petitions for an election planned for June 7, 2011 by the City of Lakewood, but not yet formalized by passage of ordinance. Mark Goins advised AOE Tieche that the DCEC could issue said petitions, but provide a letter to prospective candidates that no verification of petitions will occur unless the ordinance is approved on second reading on March 3, 2011. Commissioner Greer set a "special called" DCEC meeting on March 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. with one issue only: call the City of Lakewood election.

Discussion of List Maintenance: AOE Tieche informed the Commission that 11,690 voters with a status of "inactive" since October 6, 2008 have been purged. Of that total, there are fifty (50) voters registered within the limits of the City of Lakewood.

Commissioner Greer suggested those 50 Lakewood voters be restored to “inactive” status and wait to purge them after the Lakewood Referendum election scheduled for March 15, 2011

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Administrator’s Reports:

- DCEC is proceeding with Poll Recruiter hire with Lionel Barrett leading the effort.
- Metro IT Department is rolling out system that will facilitate putting Campaign Finance Disclosure forms online. It is around a 3-4 month time line and DCEC will demo to Commission before launch.
- State Coordinator’s office has asked for numerous pieces of information for Fiscal Notes on specific provisions of proposed legislation which have been supplied.
- Renee Pettie reports 716 new voter registration cards are ready for Commissioner review.

Any old/new business: None stated

Set date for next meeting: “Special Called” meeting for March 4, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Review registration cards: Did not review cards at this time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn Greer, Chairman

Eddie Bryan, Secretary

Patricia Heim, Member

Steve Abernathy, Member

A. J. Starling, Member