

Davidson County Election Commission June 13, 2014

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:30 p.m. in the Green Hills Conference Room on June 13, 2014 at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Jim DeLanis, Jennifer Lawson, and Tricia Herzfeld were present. Both Chairman Ron Buchanan and Commissioner AJ Starling were not in attendance and in Chairman Buchanan's absence, Commissioner DeLanis served as acting Chairman. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Kent Wall, Joan Nixon, Meredith McKay, Courtney Mott, Jenny Simmons, Nancy DeKalb, Ella Chadwell, Cendy Brooks, Bobby Medley, Bill Hyden, and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also in attendance.

Acting Chairman DeLanis convened the meeting.

Approve Minutes from May 19, 2014 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2014 meeting.

Seconded by: Commissioner Herzfeld

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

AOE Wall presented Certificates of Appreciation to Ella Chadwell and Cendy Brooks for their service with the Davidson County Election Commission. AOE Wall thanked Ella and Cendy for their hard work and dedication and wished them good fortune as they pursue new career choices.

Certify City of Oak Hill Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to certify the election results as presented for the City of Oak Hill.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve August Ballots (Paper and Machine Ballots)

The commissioners reviewed both paper and machine ballots which had been previously approved by the state. Bobby Medley informed the commission that there are forty-four (44) offices on the primary ballot; nine (9) offices with opposition; and there are twenty-three (23) judicial retention questions. At the present time, there are two (2) offices that could perhaps cause the board to revisit the matter of the ballots- Criminal Court Judge Division I (Dozier/Kimbrough); and a residency challenge in State House District 51.

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve both paper and machine ballots contingent upon the above mentioned offices.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Approve August Poll Workers

Joan Nixon mentioned that the poll coordinators are working to strike the right balance political party-wise for each polling location to the degree practicable. .

a. **Election Day-** Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the Election Day workers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herzfeld and passed unanimously.

b. **Early Voting-** Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the Early Voting workers as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawson and passed unanimously.

c. **Absentee/Provisional Counting Board-** Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the Absentee and Provisional Counting Board as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawson and passed unanimously.

- d. **Nursing Home Deputies**-Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the Nursing Home Deputies as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawson and passed unanimously.
- e. **Prison Deputies**- Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the Prison Deputies as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herzfeld and passed unanimously.
- f. **Inspectors**- Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the Inspectors as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Herzfeld and passed unanimously.

Review of FY'15 Budget

AOE Wall reported that the process started in December; final budget request submitted to Metro in March; Mayor's hearing was on April 2nd; and the Council Hearing was on May 21st. During that time, both AOE Wall and Joan Nixon met with several members of the Council to discuss the budget request. Since a significant amount of the DCEC budget request was cut from the Mayor's Recommended Budget, the conversations with the council members were to explain the impact of these cuts. Final vote by Metro Budget & Finance Committee will be June 16 and final vote by the full Council will be June 17.

Approve Early Voting locations, dates, and hours for August Election

The Commission was presented with a list of recommended early voting locations and times for the August 7, 2014 election. This included nine (9) sites. Discussion ensued among the board to consider a 10th location in the Woodbine area. Acting Chairman DeLanis was not comfortable with making a decision regarding the 10th early voting location with only three (3) Commissioners present.

Motion stated: Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the early voting locations, dates and hours as follows and take under consideration a 10th early voting location in the Woodbine area. If such a location cannot be found, the Commission will address the options at a special called meeting.

Seconded by: Commissioner Herzfeld

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Sonny West Auditorium (Main)

Bordeaux Library

Madison Library

Green Hills Library

Edmondson Pike Library

Hermitage Library

Belle Meade City Hall

Bellevue Community Center

Crossings Event Center

<i>Friday, July 18, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, July 19, 2014</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. – Noon</i>
<i>Monday, July 21, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, July 22, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 23, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, July 24, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday, July 25, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, July 26, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>*Monday, July 28, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>*Tuesday, July 29, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>*Wednesday, July 30, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>*Thursday, July 31, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>*Friday, August 1, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>*Saturday, August 2, 2014</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</i>

**Satellite locations will open for Early Voting*

Approve Election Day locations

Stated motion: Commissioner Lawson made a motion to approve the Election Day locations as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Herzfeld

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Old/New Business

New Business: AOE Wall mentioned an issue involving less than twenty (20) voters who had been residents of Davidson County and through an act of the Legislature, are now residents of Wilson County. They are no longer on the DCEC rolls and are now on the rolls in Wilson County; however, there's a state statute that requires these voters to vote in Davidson County for US Congress, Governor, State Legislature and State Executive Committees. Wilson County will be sending out a notice informing them of their circumstances and their choices of voting. DCEC will also advise these voters in writing of the procedure to follow when voting in Davidson County.

AOE Wall reported a contest of election in the Dozier/Kimbrough race. The Democratic Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on June 14, 2014 to make a decision in this matter.

A letter was received by the DCEC on June 12, 2014 regarding a residency challenge against Carson "Bill" Beck who is a candidate for State House District 51. State Coordinator, Mark Goins, suggested the candidate and the challenger be invited to a meeting to present their cases to the Commissioners and the Commissioners would then make the final decision.

The "special called" meeting regarding this matter was set for June 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Administrator's Reports

a. **Update on records requests:** We've had three (3) records requests; Steven Hale requested email correspondence from AOE to the Commissioners during a specified time frame and those records have been sent; Ken Jakes requested staff and salary information from 2009 to present and that was answered by Metro HR; and the ACLU requested information from 2012 election regarding objections to the photo ID requirement due to religious beliefs. That request is on schedule to be answered.

b. **State Grant Status:** The grant for the \$140,000 for one hundred (100) voting machines has been approved by Metro Council and filed.

c. **Update on "Wine in Grocery Stores" Referendum:** DCEC will be faced with verification of 15,400 signatures. As of today, no petitions have been submitted. The deadline is the close of business on August 21, 2014.

d. **Mickle Case Status:** Lora Fox is the Metro attorney that was assigned to this case and the DCEC has provided requested documentation.

Set date and time for next meeting

The next meeting was set for July 15, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Lock Ballot Boxes (Early and Absentee Ballot Boxes)

All ballot boxes were locked.

Review Voter Registration Cards

Commissioners reviewed voter registration applications for accuracy in accordance with state law requirements.

Adjourn

Stated motion: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary