

DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

AUGUST 22, 2014

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. in the Green Hills Conference Room on August 22, 2014 at Metro Southeast. Commissioners Ron Buchanan, Jennifer Lawson, Tricia Herzfeld and Jim DeLanis were present. Commissioner AJ Starling was not in attendance. DCEC staff members present included Administrator of Elections (AOE) Kent Wall, Joan Nixon, Meredith McKay, Bobby Medley, Bill Hyden, Jenny Fernandez, Courtney Mott, Nancy DeKalb, Jeremy Greene, Reid Lovell, Carlatina Hampton, Chris Wooton, Mary Meikrantz, Priscilla Goode, Brandon South, Faye Stephens, John Hite, Jenny Simmons and Kelley Harrison. Nicki Eke of the Metropolitan Department of Law was also in attendance.

Chairman Buchanan convened the meeting.

AOE Wall informed the board of staffing changes since the May Election. The changes are as follows:

IT Department- Jeremy Greene

Chris Wooton, Operations Analyst
Mary Meikrantz, E-Poll Book Specialist
Priscilla Goode- Office Support Specialist

Absentee Department-Courtney Mott

Jenny Fernandez

Poll Official Coordinators-Jenny Simmons

Brandon South, Lead Coordinator
John Hite, Coordinator
Faye Stephens

Approve minutes from July 15, 2014 meeting

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2014 meeting as presented.

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously 3-0 (Commissioner DeLanis was not present at the time of voting)

Certify August 7, 2014 State Primary and County General Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Lawson made a motion to certify the election results from the August 7, 2014 State Primary and County General Election.

Seconded by: Commissioner Herzfeld

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously 3-0 (Commissioner DeLanis was not present at the time of voting)

Select Early Voting Dates and Hours for November Election

The board was presented with three (3) November Early Voting Options:

“August Template”: Metro Office Building for 14 days and 9 satellite sites with an additional site in Goodlettsville for 7 days (Metro Office Building will open from October 15th - 30th; satellite sites will open from October 23rd – 30th)

“All-in” Plan: Metro Office Building for 14 days and 10 satellite sites for 14 days
(All sites will be open from October 15th – 30th)

“Breakeven” Plan: Metro Office Building for 14 days and 10 satellite sites for 9 days
(Metro Office Building will open from October 15th – 30th; satellite sites will open from October 21st – 30th)

The satellite sites for all 3 plans consist of: *Crossings Event Center, Casa Azafran, Edmondson Pike Library, Bellevue Community Center, Belle Meade City Hall, Green Hills Library, Bordeaux Library, Madison Library, Hermitage Library and Goodlettsville City Hall.*

Discussion ensued among the board.

Motion stated: Commissioner DeLanis made a motion to approve the “Breakeven” Plan for the early voting sites for the November Election.

Seconded by: Commissioner Herzfeld

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Set Early Voting Dates and Hours for November Election

Motion stated: Commissioner Herzfeld made a motion to set the early voting dates and hours as follows to correspond with the approved “Breakeven” Plan mentioned above:

<i>Wednesday, October 15</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, October 16</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday, October 17</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, October 18</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, October 20</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 21</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 22</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, October 23</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Friday, October 24</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday, October 25</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Monday, October 27</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday, October 28</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday, October 29</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Thursday, October 30</i>	<i>8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.</i>

**(Satellite sites will open from October 21st – 30th)*

Seconded by: Commissioner Lawson

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Old/New Business

- a. Disposition of Mickle Case- Per email from Metro Attorney, Lora Fox, the attorney for Mr. Mickle filed notice to voluntarily dismiss this lawsuit.

Administrator’s Report

- a. Status of WIGS Petition – Goal was achieved to have 16,000 verified Davidson County signatures by the date of this meeting. WIGS will be on the November ballot in Davidson County and the City of Goodlettsville.
- b. Status of Council Member Emily Evans Petition – Petition was not filed
- c. Administrative Complaint, J. H. Johnston - Mr. Johnston filed a complaint that “systematic procedural irregularities occurred during the August 7 Democratic Primary and General Election”, with regards to the subject of write-in candidates and write-in voting. There’s no

TCA law which requires the posting of write-in candidates. No legal response is required. Chairman Buchanan asked if the State Election Commission could be called to see if names of qualified write in candidates could be posted to our website. Joan Nixon volunteered to report her findings in the next scheduled meeting under “Old Business”.

- d. Operations, August Election- AOE Wall reported 1,247 poll officials were assigned to work on August 7th and 1,231 showed up. DCEC also had a team of stand-by poll officials called the “Flying Squad” which consisted of 2 officers, 7 machine operators, 6 precinct registrars and 1 coa clerk ready to be deployed to any polling location if needed. Several were in fact dispatched and others helped with supply turn-in.
- e. COA Sites – Joan Nixon reported that she will meet with Jenny Simmons and Carlatina Hampton to assess whether or not we need to continue using Hermitage Library and Edmondson Pike Library as change of address (COA) sites for November. She will report her findings in the next scheduled meeting under “Old Business”.

Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for September 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Review Voter Registration Cards –deferred to the next schedule meeting

Adjourn

Motion stated: With no further business at hand, Commissioner Lawson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by: Commissioner DeLanis

Outcome of motion: Passed unanimously

Tricia Herzfeld, Secretary