

CBA/Elections Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM

Members Present: Jeremy Ly, Millie Dyer, David Welter

Members Absent: Mike Throneburg, Ralph Wagner

Staff Present: Shawn Hamilton, Sandy Pommier, Lana Phillips, Susan Bates, John Watters

News Media Present: Terry Christensen

A motion was made by Dyer, seconded by Welter to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

Election Claims:

A motion was made by Welter, seconded by Dyer to approve the claims as submitted. Motion carried.

Election Update:

County Clerk Lana Phillips told the committee that there was a 23.57% voter turnout for the recent primary election; 30% turnout was predicted. Phillips added that the percentage is subject to change due to late absentee and provisional ballots yet to come in and she will canvas the results on April 5, 2012.

Phillips also told the committee that there was a tie in Diamond for the referendum vote and she contacted the State Board and was told the tie would be considered failed.

Phillips stated that the election went very well; voting never stopped, with the exception of a problem at six precincts involving ballot cards not feeding through the machine properly due to the ballot size and humidity causing the cards to wrinkle. Phillips said that her day ended about 10:30 PM due to one precinct forgetting to bring in their memory card; otherwise it would have ended about 9:30 PM. Phillips told the committee that she would rather have issues during the primary election vs. the general election.

IT Director John Watters told the committee that the connectivity of the laptops used for touch screen voting showed improvement from last year due to switching to Verizon; however he is meeting with Verizon to discuss further improvement. The laptops are also used for printing labels, making access cards and viewing voter history. Ly asked for a report comparing number of voters using touch screen vs. optical scan.

Phillips told the committee that there were students at each precinct, which are required to be a junior or senior high school honor student with parental and principal approval.

Lastly, Phillips stated that there were an equal number of early voter ballots cast in 2010 as were this year (440).

Ly thanked Lana for a job well done on the election.

Dyer asked if there was anything to discuss for CBA. There was nothing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dyer, seconded by Welter. Motion carried.