

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

The Williamson County Election Commission (WCEC) met in person on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in Multi-Purpose Room #2 at the Williamson County Administrative Complex.

Mrs. Phyllis Streiff called the meeting to order.

A roll call of members was taken, and the following members were present: Robert D. Brown, Member; Susan Kimberley "Kim" Henke, Member; Wanda Bruce Graham, Member; Phyllis Streiff, Member; and Chad Gray, Administrator of Elections. Commissioner Jonathan Duda was absent. Others attending included Elizabeth Holmes, Robert Holmes, and June Bond representing the League of Women Voters of Williamson County.

Ms. Graham made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2021 meeting with two corrections: in the first paragraph change Thursday to Tuesday and add Kim Henke, Member, absent. Mrs. Streiff seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

Mr. Brown recommended a move to New Business on the agenda, item (1) to elect a Chairman and Secretary after the April 5, 2021 State Election Commission appointments. A motion was made by Ms. Graham for Ms. Henke to be Secretary; however, she declined the nomination. A motion was made by Ms. Henke for Ms. Graham to be Secretary. Mrs. Streiff seconded the motion; it passed 4-0. A motion was made by Ms. Streiff for Mr. Brown to be Chairman. Ms. Henke seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

Mr. Gray provided an update regarding the WCEC's information seminars and noted that he and Mr. Brown completed one of many informational videos planned with Mr. Tom Lawrence at WAKM Radio on the topic of voting machines and how the County's equipment was selected. Other video topics include election day procedures, poll official duties, voter registration/voter list maintenance, absentee counting, and early voting and convenient vote centers.

A motion was made by Ms. Henke to appoint Mr. John Brake as the Democratic Machine Technician. Ms. Graham seconded the motion; it passed 2-0. A motion was made by Mrs. Streiff to appoint Mr. Tony Clifford as the Republican Machine Technician. Mr. Brown seconded the motion; it passed 2-0.

Mr. Gray provided an update on the General Assembly's legislation relative to convenient vote centers included information that legislation has been moved to the calendar by both the Senate and House to make Williamson, Wilson, Monroe, and Rutherford counties permanent convenient vote centers. He noted that Sullivan, Sumner, and Weakley counties are in pilot modes.

Mr. Brown commented that a local citizen had previously made inquiry regarding an additional absentee ballot audit, but State law only requires certain actions if there is a 1% deviation. He also noted that Hamilton County had a CPA conduct it's absentee ballot audit and asked Mr. Gray to request a copy of their information for the Commission's information. He also stated that any action by WCEC would have to be reviewed by Attorney, Mrs. Beth Henry-Robertson, Assistant Coordinator of Elections prior to any additional steps by WCEC.

Mr. Gray noted that the City of Brentwood Election absentee ballot request were currently under 50 and indicated the Commission could perform duties as the Counting Board. If additional Counting Board members are needed, he will prepare a list.

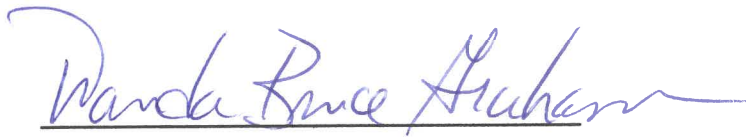
Mr. Brown advised that Commission members convene on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to perform Counting Board duties.

The Commission agreed it's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to certify the City of Brentwood Election.

Mr. Gray noted that a future State Election Conference is likely to be virtual in June. Other election training events may be forthcoming. He will provide any updates. Mr. Gray presented a State of TN Elections Williamson County corrected copy of the November 2020 Election Results Vote Totals for review and signatures; the four Commissioners present signed the corrected document. Mr. Gray also noted the current Census 2020 delay will impact changes which have to be completed for County Districts prior to the 2022 primaries and elections. He will keep the Commission posted regarding the State's updates.

Mr. Brown invited comments from the guests. Mrs. Holmes recommended the Commission consider an informational video regarding use of the voter registration card and though not required for voting how it assists in a quicker voter lookup.

There being no further business the WCEC meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.



**Wanda Bruce Graham
Secretary**