

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Monday, May 20, 2020

MINUTES

The Williamson County Election Commission met electronically on Monday, May 20, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. under Governor Bill Lee's Executive Order Number 34 which supersedes Executive Order 16 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was broadcast live on Williamson County Television via You Tube.

A roll call of present members was taken and the following members were present: Robert D. Brown, Chairman; Dana Smyth, Secretary; Jonathan Duda, Member; Kim Henke, Member; Phyllis Streiff, Member; Chad Gray, Administrator of Elections; Robert Cook, County Attorney; Robert Verell, representative of Better Nolensville; Robert Notestine, Attorney for the Town of Nolensville; and Mr. Kevin Benson, Director of Williamson County Property Management. Mr. Brown called the meeting to order.

Mr. Brown read a statement regarding Governor Lee's Executive Order 34 for the benefit of those present along with the protocol for the meeting.

Mr. Brown addressed item #4 on the agenda which addressed the petition of the citizens of the Town of Nolensville regarding the referendum to adopt a City Manager-Commission charter.

Mr. Verell briefly addressed the Commission.

Mr. Duda made a motion to accept the petition of signatures of qualified voters and the other supporting documents regarding the adoption of a City Manager-Commission charter referendum in the Town of Nolensville. Mrs. Streiff seconded the motion. The following roll call was taken: Mr. Brown, aye; Mrs. Smyth, aye; Mr. Duda, aye; Mrs. Henke, aye; Mrs. Streiff, aye. It passed 5-0.

Robert Notestine, City Attorney for the Town of Nolensville addressed the Commission about his opinion that two questions would be required for such a charter measure: one question to surrender the charter and then another question to adopt the charter and stated that there was a difference of opinion with the attorney Beth Henry-Robertson with the Secretary of State, Division of Elections.

Robert Cook, County Attorney, addressed the Commission and reiterated that the Election Commission was not making a legal determination in regards to the verbiage of the referendum question as it would appear on the ballot in the August election in the Town of Nolensville.

Jonathan Duda made a motion to approve the following locations and hours for the upcoming August 6, 2020, Federal & State Primary early voting period between the dates of July 17- August 1: The Williamson County Administrative Complex, The John P. Holt Brentwood Library,

Franklin Recreation Complex, Nolensville Recreation Complex, Fairview Recreation Complex, and the Longview Recreation Center in Spring Hill with weekday hours from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. NOON. Mrs. Streiff seconded the motion.

The following roll call was taken:

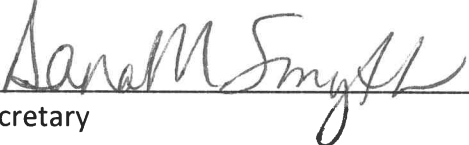
Mr. Brown, aye; Mrs. Smyth, aye; Mr. Duda, aye; Mrs. Henke, abstain (computer connection issue); Mrs. Streiff, aye. It passed 4-0 with one abstention.

The site plan and renovation plan of the building which is to occupy the new Election Commission Office on Downs Boulevard was reviewed by the Election Commission along with Mr. Kevin Benson, director of Williamson County Property Management.

Mr. Gray informed the Commission about measures being taken to address the need for poll workers and issues surrounding absentee ballots.

The Commission agreed to meet again on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned.


Secretary