

**Cherokee Nation Election Commission
Special Meeting
Election Services Meeting Room
April 19, 2013**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Regular Meeting of the Election Commission was called to order at 4:10 p.m. Roll Call was taken and a quorum was established. In attendance were:

Commission - Bill W. Horton – Chairman
Lindsay Earls – Vice-Chair
Martha Calico – Secretary/Treasurer
Shawna Calico - Commissioner
Carolyn Allen – Commissioner

Office Staff - Geneva Scott
Wanda Beaver
Joyce Gourd

Guests - Harvey Chaffin – EC Attorney
Dianne Barker Harrold
Patricia Carpenter
Connie Parnell
Jamie Custer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

N/A

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to move agenda item number eight to number 1. The motion was seconded by Lindsay Earls. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton _____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held in regards to having the Election Commission meetings videotaped by the Cherokee Phoenix. Mr. Chaffin discussed Title 75, the Freedom of Information Act and stated that it was within the discretion of the Commission on whether to allow videotaping at the meetings. A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to deny videotaping of the Election Commission meetings. The motion was seconded by Shawna Calico. A vote was taken and the motion was approved by a majority vote of 3 yeas and 2 nays.
Bill W. Horton Yes

Lindsay Earls No
Martha Calico No
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held in regards to the Cherokee Phoenix's request for an updated Voters List at no cost. A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to deny the request for the List with no charge. The motion was seconded by Shawna Calico. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held regarding the procedures for the substitution of Watchers for the election. A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to have substitute watchers come from the List that the names were drawn and to not accept any new submitted names. The motion was seconded by Martha Calico. A vote was taken and the motion was approved by a majority vote of 3 yeas and 1 nay.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls No
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held regarding the registered voters addresses and the possibility that many are still assigned to the wrong districts. A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to continue the project of getting correct addresses until May 10, 2013. The motion was seconded by Lindsay Earls. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to authorize the office staff to work with John Rose under his contract to get assignments complete. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to assign the project to the contract policies committee for follow up. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton ____

Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

A motion was made by Martha Calico to recess for a five minute break at 5:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Shawna Calico. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

A motion was made by Martha Calico to reconvene the meeting at 5:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Shawna Calico. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to hire additional help with the addresses. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico Yes
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held regarding the remote access software fee for John Rose. A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to pay John Rose with a requisition instead of doing a new contract. The motion was seconded by Shawna Calico. A vote was taken and the motion was approved by a majority of vote of 3 yeas and 1 nay.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico No
Shawna Calico Yes
Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held regarding the poll officials training. A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to make the training a requirement for all poll officials. The motion was seconded by Shawna Calico. A vote was taken and the motion was approved by a majority of vote of 3 yeas and 1 nay.

Bill W. Horton ____
Lindsay Earls Yes
Martha Calico No

Shawna Calico Yes

Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held regarding the reestablishment of the boundary lines between district 9 and district 10. A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to have the voter database switched to reflect the boundary lines pursuant to court order. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Allen. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton

Lindsay Earls Yes

Martha Calico Yes

Shawna Calico Yes

Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held regarding the network system for the absentee ballot scanners. A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to use the two extra ports available and not purchase any additional equipment to set up computers in the Election Commission meeting room. The motion was seconded by Shawna Calico. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton

Lindsay Earls Yes

Martha Calico Yes

Shawna Calico Yes

Carolyn Allen Yes

Discussion was held regarding the request by Travis Snell, with the Cherokee Phoenix, to waive all fees for copies of candidate financial reports. A motion was made by Carolyn Allen to not waive the fees for copies. The motion was seconded by Lindsay Earls. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Bill W. Horton

Lindsay Earls Yes

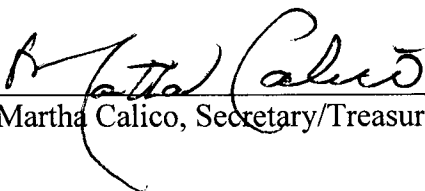
Martha Calico Yes

Shawna Calico Yes

Carolyn Allen Yes

Executive Session – N/A

A motion was made by Lindsay Earls to adjourn at 5:44 p.m.



Martha Calico, Secretary/Treasurer