

Crawford County Board of Election Commissioners Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 9:00 AM CCBEC Headquarters – 405 S Third St., Van Buren, AR

Call to order by Chairman Moxley at 9:03 AM

In attendance:

- Chairman Moxley
- Commissioner Boucher
- Commissioner Williams
- Coordinator Walker
- Attorney Wahlmeier
- Others (see attached)
- Motion to approve January 27th Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Boucher, Second by Commissioner Williams
 - In favor: All
- Motion to approve February 15th Regional Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Williams,
 Second by Commissioner Boucher.
 - In favor: All
- Coordinator Position
 - Attorney Wahlmeier inquired with Coordinator Walker about the details of his employment with the county.
 - Attorney Wahlmeier answered questions from the commissioners about the legality of using the commissions salaries – full time line item (01090100) to hire someone to fill the role of Election Coordinator after Coordinator Walker's retirement.
- Information items:
 - SBEC Complaint: Cedarville municipal races

- Responses are due to the SBEC by Monday, February 27th.
- Coordinator Walker said he can reproduce the ballots that were requested by SBEC.
- Attorney Wahlmeier is confident that this issue is outside the purview of the CCBEC.
- SBEC Complaint: Chester Mayor Race
 - No update
- County Email
 - No update
- Public Comment:
 - John Riordan River Valley City Elders
 - Mr. Riordan expressed his concerns with the electronic voting equipment in use by the CCBEC and his support for the use of hand marked hand counted paper ballots.
 - Mr. Riordan provided the commissioners with a copy of a resolution passed by the Cleburne County Quorum Court mandating the use of hand marked hand counted paper ballots in that county (see attached).
 - Mr. Riordan and the commissioners engaged in discussion about barcodes and methods for verifying that the barcodes on the ballot summary cards match voter intent.
 - Mr. Riordan and the commissioners engaged in discussion about SB 250.
- Commission Website Matchstick Studio
 - Jill and Jordan from Matchstick Studio gave a brief presentation about their website construction and maintenance product, Modular Orange.
 - Commissioners were provided with informational cards (see attached).
 - Commissioners engaged in discussion about possible website features, effects of upcoming legislation (HB 1399), and costs associated with Modular Orange.
 - Expected costs:

1. Website maintenance: \$95 / month

2. Domain maintenance: \$12 / year

- Motion to schedule a kickoff meeting with Matchstick Studio Friday, March 3rd immediately following Ballot Position Draw made by Commissioner Williams, Second by Commissioner Boucher.
 - In favor: All
- Motion to reschedule Ballot Position Draw to Friday, March 3rd at 9:00 AM made by Commissioner Williams, Second by Commissioner Boucher.
 - In favor: All
- Motion to reschedule Logic and Accuracy Testing to Friday, April 14th at 3:00 PM made by Commissioner Williams, Second by Commissioner Boucher.
 - In favor: All
- Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Williams.
 - In favor: All

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Moxley at 10:21 AM. Respectfully submitted,

John Paul Williams, Secretary, Crawford County Board of Election Commissioners



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RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF _______
STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION
PROVIDING FOR THE REDUCTION OF VOTER FRAUD AND INCREASE IN
ELECTION INTEGRITY BY USE OF PAPER BALLOTS.

WHEREAS, recent elections have cast doubt on or otherwise called into question the accuracy of the use of electronic voting and vote tabulation equipment; and,

WHEREAS, electronic voting and electronic vote tabulation by machines or computer programs do not appear to be fair, open, honest, or transparent to the electorate; and

WHEREAS, many voters no longer trust election results in which the votes are cast or tabulated electronically; and,

WHEREAS, manually counted paper ballots have been used for decades without voters distrusting the results; and,

WHEREAS, observers can easily observe the counting of paper ballots ensuring the accuracy of the tabulations; and

WHEREAS, early or delayed counts of absentee ballots is subject to fraudulent tabulation or manipulation;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the duly elected Quorum Court of _______County, Arkansas, that, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-301(a)(3), all casting and counting of votes in future elections in this county shall be by paper ballots counted by hand. However, those voters with disabilities may, if they so choose, vote by a machine selected by the Secretary of State that is accessible to voters with disabilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all ballots be secured and guarded by a sworn and certified law enforcement officer with a chain of custody log to be maintained with the ballots for the required preservation period and that all votes, in-person and absentee be tabulated in a manner consistent with Arkansas law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this	DAY of	(Year)
Sponsored By: (list names)	APPROVED:	
	COUNTY JUDGE	
	Dated:	



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