

## Davidson County Election Commission Meeting on 8/18/2016

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on August 18, 2016 with newly appointed Administrator of Elections, Jeff Roberts, presiding.

At the meeting, the Commissioners unanimously certified the results of the August 4<sup>th</sup> State Primary and County General Elections. Members commented that they had received statements from voters that the election had gone smoothly, though it was noted that the low voter turnout might have had an impact.

The Commission also unanimously approved staff's recommendations on the locations of early voting sites and times for the November 8 election. Staff noted that uniformity, to allow voters a level of predictability during elections was a goal and that all of the recommended sites had been used previously.

The Commission unanimously voted to unlock absentee ballots from the November 8 election at 7 a.m. on November 8 and to unlock provisional bags on November 9 at 9 a.m. During the meeting, the absentee and provisional bags were locked for the November 8 election.

Staff reported that as much as \$25,000 could be saved by purchasing rather than continuing to lease Election Poll Books. After considerable discussion, it was decided to purchase the books, with the acknowledgement that new books and voting machines would likely be in place prior to the 2020 election. The desire to use the savings to purchase more books was noted. There was also a discussion about the need for equipment technicians to have some identifying badges or clothing, inasmuch as voters had questioned why election equipment was being moved from the trunks of cars into polling places.

Efforts related to the DCEC credit card policy were also discussed. Staff noted that it had conferred with Metro's Treasury Department, which had stated that documentation of all purchases was DCEC's responsibility. Staff noted that some changes would be made to the policy, including a clarification of Metro's definition of "reimbursement", which is simply payment of the properly documented credit card bill, unlike the State of Tennessee's practice of requiring employees to pay the bills prior to State reimbursement of purchases.

Finally, resolutions honoring staffers Joan Nixon and Bobby Medley for over 30 years of employment with the DCEC were read into the record.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2016 at 3:30.