



WASHTENAW COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

August 11, 2005

MINUTES

A meeting of the Washtenaw County Election Commission was held in the Washtenaw County Clerk/Register's Conference Room at 200 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday, August 11, 2005.

Judge John Kirkendall called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Kirkendall, Circuit Court Judge
Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register
Catherine McClary, County Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrick Jackson, Director of Elections
Lyn Sebestyen, Deputy Clerk
Jennifer Beauchamp, Deputy Clerk
Kathy Giszczak, Augusta Township Clerk
Joann Kidder, Augusta Township Trustee
Richard Dietering
Becky Lockwood
Bill Manty
Pete Hafler, Sr.
Laverne Kailimai
Joan Gage

NEW BUSINESS

Judge Kirkendall requested that all present, state their names. He informed those present that the purpose of the meeting was to review the clarity of recall language that had been submitted to the County Clerk/Register's Office. He spoke about the nature of the Commission's decision.

Judge Kirkendall asked for public participation of those present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Richard Dietering, petitioner, thanked the Election Commission for taking the time to review the clarity of the recall language that he had submitted.

Kathy Giszczak spoke to encourage the petitioner, Richard Dietering, to consider the impact of the petition on the community of Augusta Township. She spoke about the potential cost of having a recall election and about the impact of a recall election on pending state grants. She encouraged Mr. Dietering to withdraw his petition.

Joann Kidder informed the Commission members that she would like her name changed in the petition language to have her middle initial reflected.

Catherine McClary asked whether the change in the name would hinder the clarity of the petition. Derrick Jackson informed her that it would not.

Kathy Giszczak asked that her middle initial also be included in the petition language.

Catherine asked if either Kathy Giszczak or Joann Kidder had any issue with the clarity of the recall language submitted. They did not.

Catherine McClary, seconded by Lawrence Kestenbaum, moved that the recall language that had been filed against both Kathy Giszczak and Joann Kidder, by Richard Deitering, be approved for sufficient clarity. 3 Yeas. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Catherine McClary, seconded by Lawrence Kestenbaum, moved that the minutes from the March 23, 2005 meeting be approved pending one correction. 3 Yeas. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Judge John Kirkendall, Chair

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Secretary

Lyn Sebestyen, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: _____