CALL TO ORDER:

The Election Commission meeting was called to order by the Honorable Linda Hallmark on August 27, 2012 at 10:05 a.m., in the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan in the Elections Division, Board of Canvassers/Training Room, 1st floor, West Wing Extension, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341.

ROLL CALL:

ELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Hallmark, Bullard, Meisner. (3)
ABSENT: None. (0)
OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph Rozell, Director of Elections; Kim Noble, Election Specialist, Larry Doyle, Deputy County Clerk; Joellen Shortley, Corporation Counsel; John A. Scott, County Commissioner, District 5.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by MEISNER seconded by BULLARD to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2012 Election Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by BULLARD seconded by MEISNER to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF CANDIDATE LIST FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION.

Judge Hallmark stated that a sample of the candidate list was submitted to the commission for approval for the November 6, 2012 General Election.

The commission reviewed the list and there being no further comments, Judge Hallmark asked for a motion to approve the candidate list for the November 6, 2012 General election.

Moved by BULLARD seconded by MEISNER that the candidate list be approved.

VOTE ON APPROVAL OF BALLOTS: AYES: BULLARD, MEISNER, HALLMARK
NAYS: NONE
The candidate list was APPROVED

B. RULING ON CLARIFYING DESIGNATION OF JOHN A. SCOTT OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

The commission reviewed a request that was submitted by Commissioner Scott requesting a clarifying designation on the ballot due to a candidate filing for the County Commission, District 5 office with the same name.

Meisner requested that corporation counsel address the law as it pertains to clarifying designations and to site any case law in reference to previous instances where designations were used. He stated that there appeared to be a conflict between the statue and the constitution.

The commission asked Commissioner Scott to speak on behalf of his request. He stated that a similar occurrence took place in Genesee County and that the request was granted. Petitions were circulated by “John Scott” and signers signed the petitions thinking they were signing for “John A. Scott”. He stated that this demonstrates the need for a clarifying designation to avoid voter confusion at the polls on Election Day.

Discussion amongst the commission was held in regard to other clarifying designations such as date of birth and residence and it was determined that the most appropriate designation would be Oakland County Commissioner.

Hallmark asked for a motion to approve the clarifying designation of Oakland County Commissioner.

Moved by BULLARD seconded by HALLMARK that the clarifying designation be approved.

VOTE ON APPROVAL OF CLARIFYING DESIGNATION
AYES: BULLARD, HALLMARK, MEISNER
NAYS: NONE

The clarifying designation was APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Hallmark asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by HALLMARK supported by BULLARD. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:24 a.m.

Bill Bullard Jr.
Clerk/Register of Deeds and
Secretary to the Election Commission