

MINUTES OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

January 15, 2007

6:30 p.m.

Chair John Miller called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call. Dave Cummins was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Rod Fleck moved to approve the minutes with corrections, Ken Wiersema seconded, mc

Adoption of Agenda

Rod Fleck moved to amend the agenda to include a short oral biography of each of the Commissioners as the first item of new business, Patti Morris seconded, mc

Communications and Petitions

None

Reports of Committees

None

Public Comment

- Nelson Cone 52 Hanusa Lane, Port Angeles, presented the Commissioners with a packet of information on instant run-off voting and spoke in support. The information is on file with the Secretary of the Charter Review Commission. He explains that the purpose is to make elections more open, solicit more voter participation, and to send a message that votes DO count. He explains that elimination of the primary will save the County about \$56,000. Following his presentation he fielded questions from the Commissioners.
- Ron Richards, 124 Township Line Road, Port Angeles, notes he was originally attracted to instant runoff voting until the proposal went too far and became an attack on the parties and the primary system.
- Clint Jones, 555 Evans Road, Sequim, spoke in support of instant runoff voting.

Unfinished Business

- Bylaws: Rod Fleck moved to approve, Patti Morris seconded, mc
- Rules: Rod Fleck moved to approve, Terry Roth seconded. Discussion ensued about limiting expenditures to a minimum amount; \$50 was proposed, mc

New Business

- Commissioner biographies
- Feedback on Electronic Distribution of Packet – Commissioners would like to receive packets by e-mail
- Proposed Media List: Terry Roth moved to approve, Randy Simmons seconded, mc
- Proposed List of Interviews – It was noted that historically interviews have included elected officials. Discussion ensued and it was suggested that interviews be held in February.

- Consideration of Field Sessions – Suggested sessions be held in March in Port Angeles and Sequim; and in April in Forks.
- Use of Website for Commission Information – Trish is developing site with assistance from the Information Technology Department to include links on home page for minutes and agenda.
- League of Women Voters' Request to Include Commissioners in "They Represent You" publication – an e-mail address crc@co.clallam.wa.us will be created and listed in the publication.
- Presentation by Mark Nichols Regarding Timelines/Ballot Measures – Items must be filed with the Auditor by August 8 with is at least 90-days before November 6 election.
- Additional Items for the Good of the Order:
 - * Norma Turner brought forth two items that will be placed on the agenda for next meeting.
 - * Packets will be e-mailed on the Wednesday before the meeting
 - * John Miller asked members to read through the Charter to determine what changes they might want to consider. Items are to be to the Secretary before the end of Tuesday.
 - * Trish distributed a list she compiled based on an e-mail from Dave Cummins about the sections he would like opened for discussion.
 - * Discuss committee formation at next meeting
 - * Go through Charter at next meeting to determine what to open for discussion

Adjournment

Sue Forde moved to adjourn, Terry Roth seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Holden

Trish Holden, CMC, Secretary
Charter Review Commission

Approved: February 5, 2007