

NORMAN ELECTION COMMISSION MINUTES

May 4, 2015

The Norman Election Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, Oklahoma, met in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 201 West Gray on the 4th day of May, 2015, at 2:01 p.m. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building 48 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Allen
Richard Hilbert
Elizabeth Pierce
Elizabeth Windes
Ty Hardiman, Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brenda Hall, City Clerk

Item 2. Approval of minutes from the January 21, 2015, Orientation Meeting, as corrected, the February 2, 2015, meeting, as corrected, and the March 31, 2015, meeting. Member Hilbert moved that the minutes from the January 21, 2015, orientation meeting, as corrected, the February 2, 2015, meeting, as corrected, and the March 31, 2015, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Pierce;

Items submitted for the record

1. Norman Election Commission minutes of January 21, 2015, orientation meeting, as corrected
2. Norman Election Commission minutes of February 2, 2015, as corrected
3. Norman Election Commission minutes of March 31, 2015

and the question being upon approving the minutes from the January 21, 2015, orientation meeting, as corrected, the February 2, 2015, meeting, as corrected, and the March 31, 2015, meeting a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

Chairman Hardiman declared the motion carried and the minutes from the January 21, 2015, orientation meeting, as corrected, the February 2, 2015, meeting, as corrected, and the March 31, 2015, meeting were approved.

Item 3. Review of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reports from the following:

Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5
Friends of Cindy Rosenthal
Clint Williams for Norman
Friends of Jerry Lang
Philip Daniel Quinn
Friends of Jackie Farley

Member Hilbert moved that the Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5, continued:

Items submitted for the record

1. State of Oklahoma, County of Cleveland, Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 received April 28, 2015

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Lynne Miller for Norman City Council Ward 5 was accepted.

Chairman Hardiman said the supplementary information (schedules) was not included with Lynne Miller's report and asked that it be included in the future and posted on the website and Ms. Brenda Hall, City Clerk, said that was an oversight on her part and supplementary materials will be included with reports going forward and placed on the website.

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Friends of Cindy Rosenthal

Member Hilbert moved that the Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. State of Oklahoma, County of Cleveland, Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal received April 28, 2015

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Cindy Rosenthal was accepted.

Chairman Hardiman said quarterly reports are usually the first three months of the year or second three months of the year, etc., but Mayor Rosenthal's report period says January 27, 2015, through April 28, 2015. Ms. Hall said the filing periods are a little odd because a candidate's second report can be filed anytime in April from April 1st to April 30th, but the reporting period is for activity from January 1st through March 31st. She said none of the candidates had activity in January 2015. She did not catch this oversight on any of the reports and will amend all the reporting periods to January 1st through March 31st. Chairman Hardiman asked if future reports will reflect the true calendar quarter and Ms. Hall said yes, the next report's reporting periods will be April 1 through June 30, 2015, and so on going forward.

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Clint Williams for Norman

Member Hilbert moved that the Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Clint Williams for Norman be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. State of Oklahoma, County of Cleveland, Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Clint Williams received April 28, 2015

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Clint Williams for Norman, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Clint Williams for Norman was accepted.

Chairman Hardiman said Clint Williams asked Ms. Hall to explain the negative balance on Clint Williams' report. Ms. Hall said in 2013, Councilmember Williams spent more money than he took in so he had to use his own money leaving a negative balance. If he were to get additional contributions during his term of office, he could reimburse himself.

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Friends of Jerry Lang

Member Hilbert moved that the Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jerry Lang be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. State of Oklahoma, County of Cleveland, Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jerry Lang received April 28, 2015

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jerry Lang, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS: Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, Windes, and
Chairman Hardiman

NAYES: None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jerry Lang was accepted.

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Philip Daniel Quinn

Member Hilbert moved that the Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Philip Daniel Quinn be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Allen;

Items submitted for the record

1. State of Oklahoma, County of Cleveland, Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Philip Daniel Quinn received April 28, 2015

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Philip Daniel Quinn, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, Windes, and Chairman Hardiman
NAYES:	None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Philip Daniel Quinn was accepted.

Chairman Hardiman asked if the dates on Schedule H were correct and Ms. Hall said she would need to verify that.

Chairman Hardiman asked about donations listed as surplus funds and Ms. Hall said any donation from one candidate to another candidate or a non-profit organization are entered as expenditures; however, she would contact the Ethics Commission to discuss further and provide an explanation to the Norman Election Commission.

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Friends of Jackie Farley

Member Hilbert moved that the Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jackie Farley be accepted, which motion was duly seconded by Member Windes;

Items submitted for the record

1. State of Oklahoma, County of Cleveland, Municipal Candidate Committee Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jackie Farley received April 28, 2015

and the question being upon accepting the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jackie Farley, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Members Allen, Hilbert, Pierce, Windes, and Chairman Hardiman
NAYES:	None

The Chairman declared the motion carried and the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report for Friends of Jackie Farley was accepted.

Item 4. Discussion and possible action regarding the Preliminary Election Report to be submitted to City Council on May 2, 2015.

Chairman Hardiman said a short preliminary report will be submitted to Council on May 2, 2015, which he will prepare and email to members for their review. He said the final report is more comprehensive and detailed and will include all of the paperwork that has been reviewed by the Norman Election Commission to be submitted at a future meeting.

Item 5. Miscellaneous Discussion.

Chairman Hardiman said a Senate Bill SB438 (SB438) is currently being considered affecting election commissions. SB438 was introduced by Senator John Sparks and Representative Emily Virgin. The Bill started out addressing campaign contribution limits for Municipal elections, after consideration by the House of Representatives, it now no longer addresses contribution limits. Currently, the Bill states if a Municipality wants to create an election ordinance, a commission to oversee elections, and an enforcement body they can basically step out of the State Ethics Commission oversight. He said if the Bill passes, he does not know if this commission would want to take that on and if they did he did not know if the City Council would want to take it on.

Co-Chairman Hilbert said change must be comprehensive, it cannot be a small change and Ms. Hall said that is correct. She said in December, Council had some opposition to deleting the City's local rules and adopted a resolution requesting the legislative delegation consider allowing that. Council asked for some deviation or waiver on contribution limits as well. The current Bill will allow municipalities to establish their own rules, procedures, reporting requirements, financial disclosure requirements, and enforcement requirements to be filed with the State Ethics Commission and to opt out of the statewide regulation, but municipalities would have to regulate those rules. She said the State Ethics Commission was not opposed to this, but they do not have enough staff to enforce other municipalities' rules and regulations.

Chairman Hardiman said the City would not be allowed to use their old rules and regulations because they are antiquated. Ms. Hall said the City's old rules and regulations did not have an enforcement provision or address financial disclosures, which SB438 states must be done. She said a new ordinance could look similar to the old rules and regulations, but would need to have more provisions in place. Chairman Hardiman said the State process could take up to a year and the Senate may not pass the Bill. He said if the Bill passes, the Norman Election Commission would discuss the Bill at that time.

Item 4. Adjournment.

Chairman Hardiman declared the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.