

Iowa Voter Registration Commission

Minutes: December 31, 3:15 P.M.

The Voter Registration Commission meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 3:15 P.M., in the SOS Small Conference Room at the Lucas State Office Building by Deputy Secretary of State and Commission Chairperson Carol Olson. Commissioner Chad Olsen, Commissioner Ben Foecke, and Commissioner Susan Bonham also were present via telephone. Election Administrator Eric Gookin, Director of Elections Dawn Williams and Election Division staff member Mike Sievers also were present.

1. Call to Order

Called to order by Deputy Secretary of State and Commission Chairperson Olson at 3:15 P.M.

2. Approval of 10-26-2015 minutes

Motioned by Commissioner Bonham, second by Commissioner Chad Olsen to accept the minutes of the meeting on October 26, 2015.

3. Adoption of ARC 2160c

Chairperson Olson provided an overview of ARC 2160c and rules regarding electronic voter registration. Roll call vote: Foecke, Aye; Olsen, Aye; Olson, Aye; Bonham, Aye. Motion to adopt ARC carried.

4. County Maintenance Fees

Commissioner Carol Olson delivered an overview over current fees and estimates if fees were increased. Commissioner Chad Olsen asked if the check was going to Arikkan. Chairperson Olson stated \$240,000 goes to Arikkan, but that doesn't include server support, security, periodic enhancements, etc. Commissioner Olsen went on to question if the Secretary of State's office had received money to explore other options and what was in place for 2016. Chairperson Olson responded that a revamp of the current system is being looked into, but will not be in place for 2016 due to the length to complete the update. Chairperson Olson mentioned if the commission were to adopt higher fees and the cost lowers in the future, the fees can always be lowered. Commissioner Chad Olsen questioned whether the fees could be changed during the first quarter. Commissioner Bonham stated that everything needs to be done by March 15th, but more like February 20th. Bonham went on to say a raise from \$0.135 to \$0.165 would not be significant for her county. Commissioner Olsen asked whether or not counties sense a raise in fees. Director of Elections Dawn Williams explained the counties were made aware of a possible increase in maintenance fees at the SEAT training in the summer.

Motion by Commissioner Bonham, second by commissioner Olsen to raise the I-Voters maintenance fees to \$0.165. Roll call vote: Bonham, Aye; Olsen, Aye; Olson, Aye; Foecke, Aye. All Ayes. Motion to raise I-Voters maintenance fees to \$0.165 carried.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Olson at 3:31 P.M.

