



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 30, 2014
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Chris Burks
John Parke

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Tonya Washington
Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present: No visitors present

Prior to today's meeting new commissioner John Parke was sworn in as the Republican Committee member.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leonard A. Boyle, Sr. A quorum was determined; all members present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes, April 29, 2014

Motion to approve meeting minutes was made by Chairman Boyle. It was moved by Commissioner Burks and seconded by Commissioner Parke. All in favor; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Business

Mr. Poe noted that he has been subpoenaed in the lawsuit involving the ACLU of Arkansas on Friday, May 2, 2014. The case involves a direct challenge to the constitutionality of Act 595 of 2013. Although the Election Commission is not a part of this case, Mr. Poe has been asked to testify as an expert witness as to the mechanics of the election process. Because the Election Commission does not have sovereign immunity, Commissioner Burks asked that the board be informed in the event that the Election Commission is made a party to the suit in the event that one of the defendants decides to counterclaim. Mr. Poe noted that the commissioners will not need to be present for this hearing.

Poll Worker Training

As of today, 735 poll workers have been training for the May Primary. There are 62 Election Day workers scheduled for this election remaining who need to be trained. Arkansas Law states that all poll workers must be trained before working the Primary

Election. Commissioner Parke asked if there is a process for recruiting poll workers. Mr. Poe noted that the commission has a liberal policy for bringing in poll workers. The schedule of training sessions/commission meetings remaining is as follows:

- Saturday, May 10, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 17, 2014, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

Other training scheduled will be for absentee workers on Saturday, May 17, 2014, 11:00 a.m. and early voting workers, today, April 30, 5:00 p.m. and May 1, 5:00 p.m.

Other Business

Commissioner Burks made the request for Mr. Poe to inform the board what plan of action is for poll workers, specifically chief judges, who have been assigned to work the primary, do not attend training. The board wants to know what the plan is to make sure those positions are covered

Meeting adjourned.