



Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2015
5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Brandon Wood, David Berman, Steve Satterfield, County Clerk's office; Barry Haas, poll worker, concerned citizen.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Hays. A quorum was determined; all members present; Commissioner Boyle present via teleconference call.

The meeting minutes from April 13, 2015 were tabled for approval until the next scheduled meeting on May 12, 2015.

Business

Discuss Adjustment of Precinct Boundaries

Mr. Brandon Wood, Pulaski County Clerk's office, explained that there are two current projects where street filings on precinct changes are imminent; Jacksonville School District changes have to be completed for the Annual School Election in September and the shrinking down of precincts to 3,000. There are two nine-day windows where these changes can be made. Changes cannot be made during an active election. The two window periods are May 22-31, 2015 and July 24-August 2, 2015. In order to make sure that changes are done efficiently, it is the County Clerk's recommendation to make the Jacksonville School District changes during the May 22-31, 2015 window and the shrinking down of precincts to 3,000 during the July 24-August 2, 2015 window.

After some discussion, Commissioner Gorman recommended that, because of time and budget constraints in the County Clerk's office, the original plan of changes to the shrinking down of precinct boundaries be made until there is a later time to address further changes. Mr. Wood made note that deep changes can be addressed in 2021 during the redistricting changes.

Commissioner Gorman moved to adopt the original proposed precinct boundaries and that the precinct orders would be prepared to approve at a July meeting of the County Board of

Election Commissioners. It was seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Meetings scheduled:

Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 14, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 21, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

The City of Little Rock Board of Directors is expected to vote on a resolution to call a CALS Special Election tentatively for July 14, 2015.

Patrick Wilson, General Counsel for the Jacksonville/North Pulaski School District, notified us that a letter will be presented to the election commission outlining the school zone lines for the new district certifying that the lines are correct. The election commission will need to vote to certify that the district is in compliance with federal and state laws.

The State Board of Election Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 1:30 p.m. to have voting equipment demonstrations from Hart InterCivic. Also to be discussed will be the provisional complaint 2014-55.

The 2014 grant funds account from the Secretary of State's (SOS) office has been closed.

The RFP deadline for proposals of voting equipment to the SOS office has been amended and extended to May 12, 2015. At this point, two vendors have been certified: Election Systems and Software (ES&S) and Hart InterCivic.

Mr. Poe suggested to the board to begin discussions on the selection of voting equipment for Pulaski County to be considered so that when the Secretary of State presents to the commission the amount of funding available to purchase equipment there will be clear and decisive information available to make a decision.

March 1, 2016 is the deadline to have new voting equipment fully implemented statewide.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Barry Haas has been actively concerned about the number of voters at Precinct 73/76. He stated that he has contacted an official at Parkway Place Baptist Church to the possibly of having another polling location at their facility. That person was agreeable and Mr. Haas has passed that information on to Mr. Poe.

Precinct 82 - Mabelvale UMC will be changed to Lifeline Baptist Church beginning with the next scheduled election.

Early voting begins tomorrow (May 5th) for the May 12, 2015 PCSSD Special Election.

Meeting adjourned.