



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2012
4:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Ozell Snider
Phil Wyrick
Susan Inman

Staff Present

Melinda Allen
Tonya Washington
Bryan Poe
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Karla Burnett, County Attorney; Chris Heller, Legal Counsel, Little Rock School District; Kristi McKinnon, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ozell Snider. A quorum was determined; all members present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2012

Motion to approve meeting minutes made by Commissioner Inman; seconded by Commissioner Snider. All in favor; motion passed unanimously.

Certification of Results of Logic and Accuracy Testing (District Judge, District 32)

Results signed by board.

Other Business

The Election Commission will have a summer intern working in the office this summer. Her name is Catherine Salazar. She will begin on May 21, 2012.

Meetings Scheduled

- Municipal candidates in the cities of Jacksonville and Sherwood have filed for office for the November General Election. The filing deadline is Monday May 21, 2012 at noon. Candidates must be certified by May 22, 2012. Meeting to certify is set for May 22, 2012 at 8:30 p.m.
- Preliminary review of provisional ballots and possible runoff preparations will be Thursday, May 24, at 4:15 p.m.
- Certify Primary Election Results on June 1, 2012 at 4:15 p.m.

The board denied a request from the Pulaski County Central Health Unit to give flu shots to voters in the November General Election.

Karla Hutchins, County Attorney, explained that the statute that requires Election Commissions to approve school district zones was passed in 1993. There are several exceptions to the statute. The school districts in Pulaski County are exempt from the statute. Although school districts in Pulaski County draw their lines to comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act and the Federal Constitution, they don't do it subject to that statute. There is no Election Commission oversight according to federal law. Once it was reviewed, and confirmed that the districts were exempt and the school districts claimed that exemption, then it was apparent that it was not an action this board needed to take.

There was a theft of a personal cell phone and an election commission cell phone at EV3 - Dee Brown Library.

A group on tour with the Council of International Visitors will visit the office at 10:30 a.m. on Monday May 21, 2012 to observe early voting and tabulations on May 22, 2012, Election Day.

Chairman Snider asked that all media requests be made available to all commissioners through the office and among commission members.

The board agreed to be present on Election Day in all areas of the county to observe and be available at polling locations.

Meeting adjourned.