



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2014
12:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Chris Burks
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington
Amanda Dickens
Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present: David Berman, County Clerk's office; Bilenda Harris-Ritter, Ritter Law Firm

(The following meeting minutes are from the October 1, 2014 board meeting of the Pulaski County Election Commission and have not yet been approved. Meeting minutes are scheduled to be approved at the next meeting scheduled on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.)

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes, September 26, 2014

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

Business

General Election, November

Logic and Accuracy Testing Certification

Motion to certify the Logic and Accuracy Testing for the November 4, 2014 General Election, with the caveat that the write-in process be tested on the voting devices, was made by Chairman Boyle. It was moved by Chairman Gorman and seconded by Commissioner Burks, All in favor; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Appointment of Election Officials for the November General Election

Election officials have been appointed to election day polling locations, early vote sites and absentee. Appointments will include student poll workers who have been recruited from

Philander Smith College and UALR. The board, along with Mr. Poe, commended Chianti Madkins for her student poll worker recruiting efforts.

Commissioner Burks asked Bilenda Harris-Ritter of the Ritter Law Firm if the list of poll workers provided to their firm was adequate and she stated that it was.

Motion to appoint poll workers for the November General Election was made by Chairman Boyle. It was moved by Commissioner Gorman and seconded by Commissioner Burks. All in favor; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Other Business

Mr. Poe noted that he received an email response from Mr. Bobby Roberts regarding the security issue at McMath Library. Mr. Roberts stated that the CALS will incur the cost of security for the November General Election and that the CALS and Mr. Poe will discuss ways to incur the cost going forward. Mr. Poe stated that the Election Commission would be willing to absorb the entire cost, along with the facility fees, in order to maintain the use of the facility for early voting

An issue has come up regarding the voter registration of Attorney General candidate Leslie Rutledge. David Berman explained that Circuit County/County Clerk Larry Crane has cancelled the voter registration of Ms. Rutledge after receiving information that Mrs. Rutledge was registered in Washington, DC and Virginia. That information was confirmed and her Arkansas voter registration was cancelled. Apparently Ms. Rutledge attempted to update her voter registration in March 2013 by completing an address change form. Because she needed to transfer her voter registration from another state, a new voter registration application should have been completed. Chairman Boyle noted that it appears the Election Commission currently has no action to take in this matter.

Because there appears to be a conflict in Ms. Rutledge's residency, there may be a conflict in her candidacy for office. Commissioner Burks noted, for the record, if this error is not corrected, he will not vote for certification of someone who should not have been certified to the ballot. He stated that he hopes this can be fixed prior to certification.

Oral arguments in the Voter ID case will take place in the Supreme Court on Thursday, October 2, 2014.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to canvass absentee ballots in the November 4, 2014 General Election.

Meeting adjourned.