



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2014
6:00 pm**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Chris Burks
Alex Reed

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, David Berman, County Clerk's office

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to table minutes until next meeting, March 13, 2014 made by Commissioner Burks and seconded by Commissioner Reed. All in favor; approval was by unanimous vote.

Pulaski Tech Millage Election, March, 11, 2014

Election Commission Director Bryan Poe updated the board of polling location operations. Meadowcliff Elementary School, Precinct 102 - There was a delay in opening the poll. Chief Judge scheduled to work was a no-show. Area Manager assisted in getting poll up and running. One of the other scheduled workers stepped up to serve as Chief Judge for the day.

Fire Station #10, Precinct 106/107 - Two (2) workers did not show up; Chief Judge was very efficient and kept operations going. Commissioner Burks commended the Chief Judge for her excellent work.

Ironton Baptist Church, Precinct 126 - Chief Judge and husband were involved in an accident resulting in a pedestrian fatality. Chief Judge was able to work the entire day.

Lakewood Middle School East, Precinct 51 - School experienced a power outage for a brief time. M100 was converted to storage bin to except ballots so that voting was not interrupted. Power was eventually restored and voting devices were resumed to full power.

Jess Odom Community Center, Precinct 3/8 - Chief Judge for Precinct 3/8 called in expressing issues with Justice of the Peace, District 14 candidate Belinda Harris-Ritter with

campaigning/electioneering issues. Area Manager was on the scene to assist and bring issues under control.

There have been problems with poll workers being able to reach voter registration. Apparently there have been phone issues throughout county government that are being addressed.

Work on the May Primary Election ballot is ongoing. There is not a lot of time in getting it completed. We will continue with the lawsuit and make adjustments as necessary to complete the ballot.

Mr. Poe stated that he has received numerous calls regarding the Valarie Bailey lawsuit. Mr. Poe is to testify in court on Friday, March 14, 2014. He will be conferring with the county attorney to prepare for Friday.

On Thursday, March 13, 2014, plans are to certify ballots of the Primary, designate early vote and election day polling sites. The Notice of Election will be approved on Friday, March 21, 2014.

For the Pulaski Tech Millage Election, 384 absentee ballots were returned. Eighty (80) of those were irregular; of those 76 did not have proper identification included. One (1) had not voter statement; one (1) returned everything but the ballot. Two ballots are to be examined for validation.

Ballot #1 - ID does not match the name between utility bill and voter statement. Motion to validate ballot made by Commissioner Reed; seconded by Commissioner Burks. All in favor; vote passed unanimously. Ballot is to be counted.

Ballot #2 - Birthdates are inconsistent across the forms. Appears that birthdate and birth year numbers are transposed. Motion to validate ballot made by Commissioner Burks; seconded by Commissioner Reed. All in favor; vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner noted that longtime Washington County Election Commissioner John Burrow passed away. He was commissioner for nineteen (19) years.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

On election nights, it will be the responsibility of the staff to report the unofficial results of elections. Commissioners will conduct meetings on election night and will be present and conduct meeting to certify the final results the following week.

Commissioner Reed asked what would be done concerning the 76 irregular ballots that had not been counted. Chairman Boyle stated that he did not believe they could be counted due to the attorney general's and the county attorney's opinions which contradicted with the secretary of state's office and the SBEC emergency rule. It was the advice of our county attorney not to follow those emergency rules because they are not the body to change the

law. Commissioner Reed expressed concerns of litigation if the board did not treat them as provisional.

There was considerable discussion on this issue. However, the majority agreed that the board should follow through and wait for an order from the court on how to proceed.

Meeting adjourned.

Other Business

The board received a letter from County Attorney Karla Burnett confirming the previous advice regarding absentee ballots submitted without identification.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 6:00 pm, Election Commission offices.

Meeting adjourned.