



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2014
2:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Chris Burks
Alex Reed

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington
Amanda Dickens
Pam Walker

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

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes, March 10 & 11, 2014

Motion to approve meeting minutes as written along with ballot draw results made by Commissioner Burks; seconded by Commissioner Reed. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote.

Preliminary Review of Provisional Ballots

Mr. Bryan Poe noted the following:

24 Provisional Ballot - Election Day and Early Voting

- 22 - Various Voting Issues
- 2 - made provisional because Voter ID not submitted

The final disposition is as follows:

- 8 - Yes
- 13 - No
- 1 - Disallowed; Voter ID not submitted - No
- 1 - AB vote counted - Yes

Ruth Lacey Chandler voted absentee and was unsure whether she submitted her ID. As a precaution, she voted a provisional ballot on Election Day in order to submit her ID. Motion to accept the provisional ballot with proper ID submitted by Ruth Lacey Chandler and consider vote as counted made by Commissioner Reed; seconded by Commissioner Burks. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote.

“Yes” vote count changed to 9.

Motion by Commissioner Burks to accept nine (9) provisional ballots as “yes” and thirteen (13) provisional ballots as “no”; 2 provisional ballots w/o Voter ID have until Monday, March 17, 2014 to present ID. Seconded by Commissioner Reed. All in favor; vote passed by voice vote.

Mr. Poe noted the complaint filed by Stu Stoffer has been withdrawn because the emergency rules approved by the State Board of Election Commissioners (SBEC) are not yet in effect.

Commissioner Burks spoke with Karla Burnett who stated to him that this complaint was baseless and did not have jurisdiction to hear this complaint.

Commissioner Burks stated that he requested Justin Clay (SBEC) to make sure that any communication concerning this issue with the SBEC would be communicated to the Election Commission staff, all commissioners and county attorneys so that everyone is aware at all times.

Preferential Primary/Nonpartisan General Election, May 20, 2014

Temporary Polling Location Changes

Precinct 23, formally Crestwood Elementary, temporarily combined with **Precinct 25**, Indian Hills Church

Precinct 78, formally The Church at Rock Creek, temporarily combined with **Precinct 85**, W. Williams NW Patrol Division

Precinct 77, formally The Church at Rock Creek, temporarily combined with **Precinct 75** Immanuel Baptist Church

Precinct 100, formally Western Hills UMC, temporarily combined with **Precinct 99**, St Luke UMC

Precinct 101, formally Western Hills UMC, temporarily combined with **Precinct 83**, Heart’s Journey Church

Construction has been completed at **Precinct 96**, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. They will return to hosting our polling location in the May Primary.

Early Voting Site

EV9 - McMath Branch Library will not be available to due ongoing construction/improvements. It is expected that they will be ready to host us in the fall. Second Baptist Church on Barrow was approached about replaced McMath for the primary. However, the facility would not be able to accommodate the two-period of early voting. There will be eight (8) early voting sites open for the May Primary.

Commissioner Reed noted that he visited eleven (11) polling sites on during the Pulaski Tech Millage Election and only encountered basic issues that were quickly resolved. No major issues encountered.

Motion to approve temporary polling locations made by Commissioner Reed; seconded by Commissioner Burks. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote. Orders signed.

Ballot Styles

There are 480 ballots styles. Breakdown is as follows:

- 155 Nonpartisan
- 162 Republican
- 163 Democrat

Pam Walker and Amanda Dickens have reviewed all ballots for accuracy. Mr. Poe commended them on their work and attention to detail making sure the ballots are correct. Shawn Camp and Mr. Poe spot checked ballots to make sure ballot draw positions were correct, races, names and offices.

The Pulaski County Election Commission, along with the Secretary of State, are currently being sued in order to remove judicial candidate Valerie Bailey off of the May judicial ballot. The suit is claiming lack of experience. The first hearing will take place Friday, March 14, 2014. Assistant County Attorney Amanda Mankin Mitchell is asking for a quick ruling in the matter. If candidate receives ruling to be removed, she will be eliminated from the contested race box on the ballot and her opponent, Judge Tim Fox, would be moved to the box of uncontested races. The ballots would have to be recertified. Our printer as stated that if the ballot order is delivered to him by March 27, he can guarantee absentee ballots to the clerk's office by April 3. We have requested delivery of Election Day ballots on April 16. He can guarantee that date as well. We for some reason we cannot meet the delivery deadline, because of the timing of the judge's ruling, the order will proceed with her name on the ballot and the results will be handled at the time of certification. If the judge orders her name removed from the ballot, the board will have to reconvene to recertify ballots. At the advice of our attorney, the process needs to move forward.

Motion to approve ballot styles as prepared by the election commission staff made by Commissioner Burks; seconded by Commission Burks. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote.

Order of Destruction - February 14, 2012 North Little Rock Special Election and March 13, 2012 CALS Special Election

Motion to approve destruction of unused ballots, marked ballots, ballot stubs and election materials for said elections made by Commissioner Reed; seconded by Commissioner Burks. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Included in today's packet is a copy of the Petition for Declaratory Judgment regarding the emergency rules passed by the SBEC.

The ballot printing contract ends July 31, 2014. The bid process will be opening in April.

Commissioner Burks noted in the event this is Commissioners Reed's last day on the commission, he thanked him for taking time out to serve on the commission during this time. He encouraged him to stay on the commission if he sees fit to do so.

Meeting adjourned.