



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2014
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Chris Burks

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Tonya Washington

Visitors Present: Kevin Gorman, Observer

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leonard A. Boyle, Sr. A quorum was determined; Chairman Boyle and Commissioner Burks present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes, April 24, 2014

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

Business

Poll Worker Training

Mr. Poe stated that poll worker training is currently being conducted this evening. There will be one more training session for Election Day workers who have missed previous training sessions for this year and those who are new recruits replacing workers who won't be serving in the May Primary. That training will take place on Saturday March 17, 2014. Early Voting workers will be training on Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1, 2014. Absentee workers will be training on Saturday, May 17, 2014. As of today, approximately 750 poll workers have been training for the May Primary.

Mr. Gorman asked Mr. Poe if he was comfortable in being prepared to conduct the May Primary. Mr. Poe noted that training has been conducted well and he is confident that preparations have been made to conduct the election. He noted also that we are fortunate to have a staff that is experienced in conducting elections. Chairman Boyle commended the staff and to keep up the good work.

Mr. Poe stated that he talked to Karla Burnett Hutchens this afternoon and she informed him that the Arkansas Supreme Court issued a stay in one part of Judge Fox's ruling and denied another part. In the ruling, the Arkansas Supreme Court

issued a temporary stay with regard to the Circuit Court's declaration that Act 595 of 2013 is unconstitutional and the court denied the request for stay with regard to the Circuit Court's declaration that the challenged rules promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners are unconstitutional and void. At this point, the election will be conducted according to Act 595 of 2013 until further notice. Briefs in this case are to be filed with the court by Friday, May 2, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Burks stated that he is satisfied that no personnel issues need to be addressed in regards to the commission, commissioners or former commissioners. No further action needs to be taken at this time.

Chairman Boyle noted that there was a thought to require the previous commissioner, being that he was serving illegally, that he legally reimbursed the county for meeting fees paid in his capacity. At this time action will be deferred until this situation is addressed in the proper manner. No further action needed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.