



**Pulaski County Election Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2014  
5:00 p.m.**

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Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.  
Chris Burks  
John Parke

Staff Present

Bryan Poe  
Tonya Washington  
Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present: Holly Dickson, Jillian Fisher, ACLU of Arkansas

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes, April 30, 2014**

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

**Business**

Mr. Poe noted that he was served with a subpoena today in the ACLU of Arkansas case.

**Poll Worker Training** - early voting training being conducted at the time of this meeting.

In the event that a chief judge has not attended training, we have a system in place where an assistant judge has been trained and ready to step up in the event a replacement is necessary. The assistant judge has been trained with all the information and responsibilities of the chief judge to be able to fulfill the role. Also among those essential positions, as with the chief judge, the equipment clerks will be trained as needed in the days leading up to the election to make sure those positions are filled.

Mr. Poe presented two sets of documents that will be sent out to early voting sites on Monday in the event a decision is made regarding Act 595 of 2013. One set is to be used in the event Act 595 of 2013 is upheld in court. The other set would be used if Act 595 of 2013 is overturned. If Act 595 is upheld, the first set of documents contain

a list of postsecondary education institutions and a list of long-term care facilities in Arkansas. These are not mandated law to be provided but we feel will be helpful to voters and election officials the polling locations. A couple of the postings are different for Voter ID requirements that have been updated as well and there are different procedures for computer clerks who identify voters during early voting. Basically, if Act 595 is overturned, we will go with the previous procedures. If it is upheld, we will proceed with the current procedures.

Poll workers have been trained on both sets of procedures and are prepared for either set of procedures.

Mr. Poe stated that the all Area Managers are in place. He explained all of the duties and responsibilities of the Area Managers.

Commissioner Burks asked if there is a procedure to report problems at the polls whereby the commission is notified of those problems. Mr. Poe explained that at this time, any problems that occur, the chief judge at each location is to note those issues on the Election Protocol. Those forms remain in our office after elections. Mr. Poe said he is very interested in improving our tracking procedures for calls that come in on Election Day. Commissioner Parke suggested a public software called Spice Works, a public tracking system.

Chairman Boyle noted the issues with losing polling sites due to problems caused by campaign electioneering particularly with campaign signs. He suggested that each commissioner notify their perspective party candidates of the things that can and cannot be done at the polling locations during elections to avoid any potential problems. Mr. Poe noted that when the candidate filing packets were distributed at the county clerk's office, he provided a letter in regards to the issue/loss of polling places. The letter provided pointers on common courtesies and being polite to voters and others at the sites. He stated that letter would be sent out again to all the campaigns, as we do every election season, prior to the election.

Commissioner Parke requested a list of polling locations and the chief judges. Mr. Poe stated that a list is provided to the commissioners on Election Day which also includes the chief judge's phone numbers.

### **Other Business**

Mr. Poe noted that he has been served with a subpoena for testify on Friday at 1:00 p.m. in Judge Tim Fox's court. Three briefs are due on Friday in the three cases before the Arkansas Supreme Court.

The next meeting is scheduled:

- Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.