



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2014
2:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Chris Burks
John Parke

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Tonya Washington
Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present: No visitors

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes, May 1, 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

Poll Worker Training - early voting training being conducted at the time of this meeting. Final Election Day poll worker training will be conducted on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Early Voting is currently under way at eight sites.

Issue at Roosevelt Thompson - There had been a miscommunication issue with Chenal Properties and their landscaping company, Deltic Timber. The landscaping company had been told to remove all political signs from the library premises, not realizing that the Early Vote signs were not political. The signs have been replaced and all is well.

Computer Issues - The *I Power* software, which is the statewide Voter Registration system operated by the AR Secretary of State shut down late afternoon on Tuesday for a period of two hours, on Wednesday for about one and one-half hours. On Thursday there were issues present but it maintained operation without going down. On Friday, the system went down for about an hour late in the afternoon. So far no issues today. *I Power Profile* is the web-base computer interface program where

voters can be verified through the statewide voter registration system during early voting, eliminating the poll books that would be needed for each polling location. When issues arise with the computer system, workers directly in the voter registration are available as a back up to assist with verifying and marking voters who appear to vote during early voting on *I Power Profile*.

Commissioner Burks asked Commissioner Parke what he thought of this situation and if the board needs to do anything at this point or have concerns moving into early voting in the November General Election. Commissioner Parke stated that we may need to check with the Secretary of State (SOS). Mr. Poe stated that he contacts the SOS when situations like this occur. However, this is rare for the system to react on several occasions especially during such a light turnout. The board suggested that Bryan make formal contact via email with the SOS office to let them know that the board has discussed these issues and concerns about the system that the SOS office would ensure that these issues are addressed prior to the General Election in November. Chairman Boyle also suggested that this would give the SOS sufficient time to contact the vendor and get an update on this situation and then refer back to our office of their findings. Mr. Poe stated that he would contact the SOS office outlining the issues and concerns relating to the Primary Election and what those possibilities could be concerning the November General Election.

Mr. Poe noted that that early voting turnout has dropped about 17% since the 2012 Primary election. This is based on the first five days of early voting for this primary. However there could be a rush for voter turnout in the last few days of early voting. This is an indication that there will be a lower voter turnout on Election Day. This could be due to the low number of contested races which may lessen the motivation for voters to turn out to vote.

Mr. Poe said that a meeting was held Friday, May 9, 2014 with officials of the Lonoke and Pulaski County Clerk's offices regarding the Jacksonville School District. The petitioners who are driving the Jacksonville School process were also in attendance. The State Board of Education has called for an election to be held during the Annual School Election on September 16, 2014 to establish a school district outside of the Pulaski County Special School District. The meeting was held to discuss the logistics of this election. Pulaski County Special School District will be responsible for the cost of this election.

Other Business

All of the preliminary work is being doing to prepare for a General Primary Runoff. All 115 polling locations will be open as well as the eight early voting sites.

Voter ID Issues during early voting:

At EV1, a voter chose not to present ID and voted a provisional ballot. At EV5, a voter tried to use a Kentucky drivers licenses as photo ID and was not happy when told it was not valid. She stated that she would go to the County Clerk's office to obtain a voter ID card and then early vote after doing so.

Ballot allocation has been completed for the primary. Delivery of voting machines will begin on Monday. Logic and Accuracy testing has been performed on extra machines if needed on Election Day.

The next meeting is scheduled:

- Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.