



**Pulaski County Election Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 2015  
7:00 p.m.**

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Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.  
Pat Hays  
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe  
Shawn Camp  
Tonya Washington  
Amanda Dickens  
Pam Walker  
Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present: Cynthia Howell, Reporter, *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Hays. A quorum was determined; all members present.

*Approval of Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2015 and May 4, 2015*

Commissioner Boyle moved to accept minutes from both meetings. Commissioner Gorman seconded. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Business**

*Provisional Voter Certification*

Procedures for certifying provisional ballots will now require individual certifications for each ballot envelope and will require signatures of the commissioners on each certification. The state board will be meeting in June to make changes in the board rules and the commission will be requesting to revert back to the previous procedure due to the high volume of provisional voting in primary and general elections.

Mr. Poe noted that the Secretary of State(SOS) is requesting commissioners across the state to offer input during the voting equipment selection process by Thursday, May 14, 2015. The board is recommending that the Arkansas County Election Commissioners Association representative be allowed to have a seat at the table to speak on behalf of commissions across the state. The board also is giving Mr. Poe authorization to speak on behalf of the staff and commission in making equipment recommendations and to include a “wish list” for Pulaski County.

It was moved by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

### *CALS Special Election*

Presented ordinance passed by the City of Little to call for a CALS Special Election on July 14, 2015. Mr. Poe provided the election calendar for this election. Commission will meet soon to approve the ballot, polling locations and the notice of election. Absentee ballots are due to be delivered to the county clerk by May 28, 2015. Absentee ballots will be mailed on May 29, 2015. There are some corrections to be made to the ballot language. The Little Rock City Attorney will review and have approval by Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

Governor Asa Hutchinson has called for a Special Legislative Session to begin on May 26, 2015. There has been discussion of a possibility of moving the May Primary to March 2016. Not sure if it will be the presidential primary or the entire primary process. It was agreed that Mr. Poe would speak before the legislature regarding the issues of changing the primary process. It was moved by Chairman Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Gorman to accept Mr. Poe as the speaker on behalf of the election commission before the legislature. Passed by voice vote.

### *Review of Absentee Ballots*

A total of 119 ballots were accepted. Seven (7) of the total were reviews by the Commission. Four (4) of those reviewed were accepted. The remaining three (3) were rejected.

### *Unofficial Results of the PCSSD Special Election*

For - 2,352

Against - 7,206

It was moved by Commissioner Boyle to accept the unofficial results and seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

### **Other Business**

Commissioner Boyle noted that he received comments from election officials at the polls that the communication devices used at the polls were not up to date. Mr. Poe noted that the office has funding in the budget to replace all phones used at the polls on Election Day by the end of this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.