



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2015
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp

Visitors Present: Steve Satterfield, County Clerk's office

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes September 15, 2015

Commissioner Gorman moved to accept minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Annual School Election

Preliminary Review of Provisional Ballots

Two (2) provisional ballots were presented for review. Both ballots were ruled unacceptable. Commissioner Gorman moved to accept the recommendation to reject both ballots as unacceptable. Motion passed by voice vote.

Order of Destruction of Unused Ballots and Ballot Stubs

September 17, 2013 Annual School Election

Commissioner Gorman moved to accept the order of destruction of unused ballots and ballot stubs from election noted. Motion passed by voice vote.

2016 Annual Budget

Noted items in the budget for next year:

Increased the Extra Help (Poll Worker Pay) by \$50,000 to \$750,000 to accommodate the increase in minimum hourly wage next year. This increase will be taken from the printing budget due to a significant decrease in our printing costs.

Plans are to increase the number of polling locations in order to break up combined polling locations which causes an overflow of voter turnout. This would cause an increase in the number of poll workers.

There is also plans to increase the advertising budget due to an 8% increase in advertising costs with the *Arkansas Democrat Gazette* and to ensure that our budget to eliminate the possibility of having to seek additional unexpected funding from the Quorum Court.

Commissioner Gorman moved to approve the 2016 Annual Budget as presented by Director Poe. Commissioner Boyle seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 25, 2015 @ 12:00 p.m.; provisional ballot hearing, certify election results. Certificates of Election will be ready to sign for elected school board members. Shawn Camp will conduct the meeting.

After the meeting, preparations can begin to move into the 2016 Primary Election next year.

Meeting adjourned.