



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington

Visitors Present: No visitors present

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes October 6, 2016

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

Business

General Election, November 8, 2016

Early Vote totals were 79,449. This broke the early voting record four years ago of 75,000+ votes.

Election Day Issues

Precinct 28 - Kellogg Valley Baptist Church - Electioneering issues; 1 Poll worker no-show

Precinct 68 - Chenal Valley Church of Christ - 1st 300 voters did not sign the list of voters; however, they did sign the poll books. Poll worker was sent to precinct from another location and corrected the situation. There were 2 poll worker no-shows.

Precinct 57 - Lake Maumelle Volunteer Fire Department - workers were requiring voters to sign the list of voters after signing the poll book. If the voter refuses, it's important to get the voter's name on the list for accounting purposes only in receiving a ballot. There was a

voter who refused and called the office complaining about having to sign twice to receive a ballot. Voter eventually did get to vote.

Precinct 53 - Bethany Baptist Church - workers lost M100 key; may not have started on time; asking political party preference; this was addressed and corrected early on in the morning.

Precinct 70 - Pleasant Valley Church of Christ - Posted wrong sample ballots from previous Primary Election; this was addressed and corrected.

Precinct 22 - Levy Church of Christ - Campaigners arguing with each other; several calls received regarding this issue; resolved in timely manner

Precinct 98 - Second Baptist Church - Battery stick replaced in voting device

Precinct 32 - The Connection Church of Sherwood - M100 Head replaced

Precinct 41 - Jack Evans Senior Citizens Center - M100 Head replaced

Precinct 43 - Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Church - M100 Head was replaced twice; new set of ballots were reprinted; contacted ES&S and instructed to replace the PCMIC Media Card along with the M100 Head again; all the heads had been tested prior to replacement; all of the ballots in the emergency bend were fed through the device and were accepted.

Precinct 79 - Henderson UMC - Confusion about provisional ballot procedures; talked to officials and resolved issues.

Precinct 82 - Lifeline Baptist Church - officials were using white-out on the ballots; could have caused problem with build-up on the rollers and issues with the ballot scanner

Precinct 86 - Bess Chisum Stephens Community Center - had voters calling the poll phones in the clerk's office. These are the phones reserved as a service center for polling locations to call and verify voters not found in the poll books. This number was apparently given out to the public and caused a barrage of calls, clogging the lines on Election Day.

Precinct 133 - Wrightsville City Hall - Letter "L" was missing from the poll book. Had book reprinted and sent out to polling location.

Precinct 132 - New Haven UMC - not following provisional ballot procedures. Issue resolved

Precinct 120 - Little Rock Adult Education Center - workers were calling voters in by letter of last name; this was fairly reasonable due to voting lines was stretching out the door. Several complaints received about this.

Precinct 23 - Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - Had three (3) democratic poll watchers in the in the poling area; asked two of them to leave

Precinct 109 - Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church - Chief Judge dropped out at the last minute; the assistant judge stepped up to cover the day.

Precinct 57 - Lake Maumelle Volunteer Fire Department - Chief Judge dropped out at the last minute; the assistant judge stepped up to cover the day.

Precinct 94 - First Church of the Nazarene had miscount on voter list; area manager had them to go back and revisit issue and was corrected and resolved.

Precinct 126 - Ironton Baptist Church - had a belligerent voter at the poll; Pulaski County Sheriff's officer dispatched to remove voter

Precinct 104 - Temple of Restoration Church - had a belligerent voter at the poll; LRPD officer dispatched to remove voter.

Early Voting Issues

EV1 - Pulaski County Regional Building - two voters got into a discussion in line and one poked the other with an umbrella; two sheriffs at the courthouse were dispatched to dispel the incident.

EV7 - Jess Odom Community Center - reports of not following provisional ballot procedures; issued provisional ballots to voters in active status

Discussion on voter at Precinct 57. Voter did eventually get to vote after alerting the poll workers of this incident. Issue will be addressed to place emphasis on procedure in future training.

For workers who did not show up on Election Day to work, unless there is a valid reason for not being in place on Election Day, these workers will be removed from the poll worker rolls.

Commissioner Gorman expressed gratitude to the staff and the County Clerk's office for assistance with policing electioneering and voter issues during early voting.

Meeting recessed at 7:06 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 10:43 p.m.

Review of absentee ballots

12 reviewed; all rejected due to signatures did not match.

There are a total of 1388 provisional ballots to review at the next meeting.

Meeting recessed @ 10:53 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:39 p.m.

Commissioner Boyle moved to approve the unofficial election results; it was seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

The board expressed appreciation to the staff and poll workers for all of their efforts in conducting a successful election. Commissioner Boyle expressed appreciation to the board for recruiting people with disabilities to work elections.

Meeting adjourned.