



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, County Clerk's Office; Richard Wilhelm

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes November 29, 2016

Commissioner Boyle moved to accept minutes with corrections; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Certification of General Election Runoff, November 29, 2016

Motion to certify election results of the General Election Runoff was made by Commissioner Boyle; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Poe updated the board on the complaint filed by Charles Marston regarding Precinct 57 - Lake Maumelle VFD.

Richard Wilhelm, Chief Judge at Precinct 65 - St. Michael's Episcopal Church - appeared before the board to commend the staff for work conducting elections. He also had a couple of concerns. Because voters came from other parts of the state, and other states, they were told they could not vote on Election Day due to no residency verification. Voters said they were told that they could vote anywhere in the state, which is erroneous information. He also has concerns about long lines during early voting and what can be done to eliminate long lines.

Chairman Hays explained that the board is sympathetic to voters who vote provisional and take very seriously having to tell them that their vote may not count when they are not in the correct precinct on Election Day. In relation to early voting, she noted that Commissioner Gorman has researched and made recommendations to the upcoming legislature the possibility of extending the hours of early voting to help ease long lines and accommodate the working sector.

Commissioner Gorman stated that it will be important to have facilities that can serve as early vote sites and accommodate the capacity, parking, accessibility, traffic and the entire process of conducting early voting. A bill has currently been drafted and is being discussed among legislators. Hopefully it will be picked up and championed by the legislature.

The commission thanked Mr. Wilhelm for this service and feedback.

The holiday luncheon with the commission and staff will be at the Little Rock Club on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gorman announced that he will be stepping down from the board. Chairman Hays and Commissioner Boyle thanked Commissioner Gorman for his service.

SBEC met today and the board approved additional supplemental funds of \$3,520.00 from the May Primary Election

Meeting adjourned.