



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington

Visitors Present: Brandon Wood, County Clerk's Office

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 July 25, 2016

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

Business

Annual School Election, September 20, 2016

Certification of Logic and Accuracy Testing (L&A)

Commissioner Boyle moved to certify testing as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Appointment of Election Officials

Commissioner Gorman moved to approve election official appointments as submitted; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion passed by voice vote.

General Election, November 8, 2016

Review of Political Practice Pledges (PPPs)

There are two write-in candidate filings pending certification for the Secretary of State's office. One candidate filed for US Senate and one filed for US House of Representatives.

The only possibility of a General Election Runoff in November would be the City of Alexander. One of the races has three candidates.

Commissioner Gorman moved to approve the review of PPPs based on certification of write-in candidates list in process from the Secretary of State's Office; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion passed by voice vote.

Order of Destruction of Unused Ballots and Ballot Stubs
General Runoff Election, June 10, 2014

Commissioner Boyle moved to approve order of destruction; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Shawn Camp presented a detailed informational booklet to each board member regarding polling locations, the location within the facilities of the polling site and a directional map. This information has been uploaded to our website for public use as well.

Commissioner Boyle commented on his ongoing efforts to obtain poll workers from the disability community. He has been meeting with agencies in the community, i.e., Pathfinder, Goodwill and others. It will be a long process to determine eligible participants. It will be necessary to be selective, but not discriminate. Some of those selected would come from what is called a supported employment background. He noted that it may be necessary for some workers to be accompanied by a job coach to assist them. The job coach would be compensated by the agency supplying them for the day, rather than the Election Commission.

In doing so, he wants to see if the county can utilize a federal tax credit program (Work Opportunity Tax Credit) that would be beneficial in helping to compensate workers with disabilities for their work rather than using county funds to pay them. Mr. Poe noted that he will have the county attorney to research whether the county can utilize this opportunity. Commissioner Boyle expressed appreciation to the commission for assistance in helping in this effort.

Chairman Hays asked if the election commission would be in violation of election law by having a job coach in the voting facility, who is not an election official, to assist poll workers with disabilities. Mr. Poe stated that he will consult with the county attorney and the State Board of Election Commissioners (SBEC) to research this as well.

Mr. Poe stated that he is requesting the Memorandums of Understanding to be signed by the Lonoke, Saline and Faulkner County Clerks and returned in time for the board meeting scheduled on September 7, 2016.

Commissioner Gorman has participated in poll worker training during the first week of sessions. One poll worker stated the approval of smaller sessions which helps to achieve more individualized training. Mr. Poe noted that the Chief Judges are receiving forty-five (45) minutes of individualized training on the voting devices.

Brandon Wood stated that voter registration has completed the research on the list of felons. He noted that out of approximately 2000 felons, a few hundred of them were duplicates. Out

of the 2000, there were approximately 1700 felons to be determined eligible and ineligible. Approximately 600 of those were determined to be felons but had their rights restored. About 1100 were determined to have never committed a felony and have been cleared of ever being marked off of voter registration.

Commissioner Boyle requested to know whether these individuals were notified that they have been cleared. Mr. Wood stated that he would consult with voter registration and let Commissioner Boyle know. He did note those who have been verified as felons have been notified. Some of those individuals have contacted voter registration and have presented verification that they should not have been removed and have since been cleared.

Chairman Hays noted that the minutes for today's meeting and for the meeting on Friday, August 26 will be approved at the meeting scheduled for September 7, 2016.

Meeting Schedule

August 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. - Ballot Position Drawing, General Election November 8, 2016
September 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. to certify ballots for the General Election

Meeting adjourned.