



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

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Carlos Cervantes, Hispanic Caucus; Leticia Rada, Arkansas United Community Coalition (AUCC)

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 September 1, 2016

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

Business

General Election - November 8, 2016

Approval of Permanent Polling Location Change

Precinct 81 - Formerly Fire Station #18 to First Missionary Baptist Church

Voters in this precinct will be notified of polling location change by the County Clerk's office.

Commissioner Boyle moved to accept polling location change; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Election Day and Early Voting Locations

Early Voting and Election Day Polling Locations

111 Election Day Polling Locations

Main Site - Early Voting - 1

Offsite Early Voting - 8

Commissioner Boyle moved to accept polling locations with date correction (from November 7 to November 8, 2016); seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Notice of Election - General Election

Those voters who are in the Pulaski County Special School District but reside outside of the district in Faulkner, Saline and Lonoke counties, the polling locations they are to vote have been placed on the Notice of Election as a courtesy.

Mr. Poe noted two polling location name changes. Precinct 32, formerly First Baptist Church of Gravel Ridge, is now The Connection Church of Sherwood. Precinct 49 was previously Sherwood Youth Center and is now Duran Youth Center. Both locations are the same locations previously; only the name of the facilities have changed.

Because of space constraints on the ballot, municipal unopposed candidates will not appear on the ballots. Unopposed municipal candidates are not required to appear on the ballot. However, they are listed on the Notice of Election.

Also listed on the Notice of Election is the list of write-in candidates. Obviously, they will not appear on the ballot.

The seven ballot issues are also listed on the Notice of Election along with local ballot issues in those areas where affected.

Commissioner Gorman expressed concern for the Roosevelt Thompson Library and the setup of early voting and the possibility for improvement. Mr. Poe noted that the space is limited at this facility where early voting is located. However, he will talk to the facility manager to see if any other area can be utilized to improve early voting operation.

Commissioner Gorman moved to accept the Notice of Election; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Ballot Styles

Commissioner Boyle moved to approve ballot styles for the General Election; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Mr. Carlos Cervantes, who is a part of the Hispanic Caucus, and Ms. Leticia Rada, with the Arkansas United Community Coalition (AUCC), made a formal request to the board for the election commission to present two voting machine demonstrations to the Little Rock community with an emphasis on the Latino community. The two dates requested are September 27, 2016, which is National Voter Registration Day and October 22, 2016.

Mr. Cervantes and Ms. Rada noted that many Latino citizens are coming of voting age prior to the General Election in November and there is an ongoing voter registration drive being conducted between now and October 10, 2016, the deadline in Arkansas. Anyone who registers is being invited to attend these events to learn how to operate the voting

equipment. Mr. Cervantes is proposing both events at the SW Community Center from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Hays requested Mr. Poe to notify the County Clerk's office to see if that office can assist with voter registration at this event.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

Meeting adjourned.