



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2017
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Bilenda Harris-Ritter

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington

Visitors Present: Larry Crane, Circuit County Clerk; Jason Kennedy, County Clerk's Office;
George Ritter

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes January 17, 2017

Commissioner Boyle moved to accept minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Commission Swearing-In

Board members were sworn in by Circuit/County Clerk Larry Crane. New member Bilenda Harris-Ritter joined the board today.

Chairman Pat Hays welcomed Commissioner Bilenda Harris-Ritter to the board.

Commissioner Harris-Ritter nominated Pat Hays as Chairman of the Commission. It was seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion passed by voice vote.

Little Rock School District Special Election March 14, 2017

Board is set to rescind all orders/actions by the PCEC on January 17, 2017 regarding the March 14, 2017 Little Rock School District Special Election. A resolution was received from the LRSD, signed by AR Department of Education Director Johnny Keys and LRSD Superintendent Michael Poore requesting that this special election be canceled.

The following orders for the March 14, 2017 LRSD Special Election will be canceled:

- Certification of Ballot Styles
- Temporary Polling Location Orders
- Permanent Polling Locations Orders

Motion to rescind orders was made by Commissioner Boyle and seconded by Commissioner Harris-Ritter. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Motion to rescind order of Notice of Election for the March 14, 2017 LRSD Special Election was made by Commissioner Boyle. Motion was passed by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Poe updated the commission regarding Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) sent to Saline, Faulkner and Lonoke Counties. The MOU to these counties is in regards to poll book issues in Lonoke County during the Jacksonville North Pulaski School District Special Election in 2016. As a result it was agreed that all three counties would be given the same instructions due to the shared school districts between Pulaski County and those named. Saline County stated that this was not something their county wanted to do but they agreed to sign off as an acknowledgement. Mr. Poe is working with the remaining two counties to get resolve on this issue. Once all are signed off and received, the MOUs will be submitted to the State Board of Election Commissioners.

Mr. Poe noted an issue with our website. Someone has hacked into our system and loaded some malicious code on some of our templates. Mr. Poe contacted our web host about this issue. They were able to go into the system and identify the problem by removing it. Mr. Poe will be meeting with the web host next Tuesday, February 7, 2017 to discuss ways to prevent a repeat of this issue. The suggestion is to update our website hosting software to a newer version.

Our office will soon begin the installation process of a new phone system.

Mr. Poe stated that he has spoken with Jack Trumper, VP at Stephens, Inc. He is handling bond issues for both the LRSD and PCSSD. Dates for upcoming special elections have not been decided for either district. PCSSD is set to meet on February 14, 2017 to discuss the election and set a date. However, Mr. Poe noted that he spoke with Dr. Jerry Guess, Superintendent for PCSSD and he feels the date will possibly be set for May 9, 2017. Mr. Trumper is expected to communicate with Mr. Poe in the coming week as to plans for the LRSD.

HB 1151 regarding election mail notifications has not progressed.

A House Bill to permanently move the Preferential Primary from May to March has failed.

A bill sponsored by Sen Bart Hester of Cave Springs is said to be presented which will seek to secure appropriation of \$30 million dollars for voting equipment. This may happen next week.

Meeting adjourned.