



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2017
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Betty Green
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Pat Hays. A quorum was determined; all commissioners present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Annual School Election

Provisional ballot hearing for the September 19, 2017 election, there were four provisional ballots accepted. Commissioner Boyle moved to certify the provisional ballots; Commissioner Harris-Ritter seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certify Official Election Results

Copies of the certification results will be provided to the Circuit Clerk's office, School Districts or Candidates, the Board of Education and one copy will be placed in the file. There will also be a memo submitted regarding North Little Rock Board of Directors School Zone 5 position. No one filed for candidacy during the filing period. Under Arkansas Constitution 19 § 5, the incumbent shall continue in office after the expiration of their official terms, until their successors are elected and qualified.

Commissioner Harris-Ritter moved to certify the Jacksonville/North Pulaski School District results. Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Boyle moved to certify the North Little Rock School District results. Commissioner Harris-Ritter seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

The Chief Judge letters will be mailed out for the November 14, 2017 election on Friday, September 29, 2017. Training for the Chief Judges will take place on October 31, 2017 at 10:00 am and November 2, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

The Quorum Court budget committee meeting for this office will be held on October 12, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Director Poe will be presenting the 2018 budget request.

Schedule for the next meetings:

October 23, 2017 at 3:30 pm for L&A Certification

November 14, 2017 at 8:30 pm to Certify Unofficial Election Results

November 17, 2017 at 3:30 pm for Initial Review of Provisional Ballots

November 28, 2017 at 5:00 pm for Provisional Ballot Hearing and Certification

Due to the issues that we have had with voters not signing the provisional ballot envelopes, Commissioner Hays suggested that we try highlighting the signature line on the form. Director Poe stated that this will also be incorporated into the training sessions.

Commissioner Harris-Ritter attended the State Board of Election Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. There was discussion regarding the regional training that Pulaski County was not invited to. A second round of regional meetings will be scheduled for some time in October.

Commissioner Boyle moved for the meeting to be adjourned; Commissioner Harris-Ritter seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.