



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price
Kristi McKinnon

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Betty Green
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, Circuit County Clerk's Office; Kat Stromquist, Arkansas Democrat Gazette

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Amanda Dickens.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Price moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Certification of Logic and Accuracy Testing for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election

Commissioner Price moved for the certification of the logic and accuracy testing results; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Appointment of Election Officials for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election

Chair Gomez requested the list of election officials be reworked, citing the number of Republican election officials versus the number of Democrat election officials.

Director Poe explained that the Commission does not use a partisan affiliation for assigning election officials and that if this is to be changed the board would need to move to do so. Commissioner Price inquired as to whether there are enough Republican election officials to meet the requested criteria. Assistant Director Camp explained the process that is used when assigning election officials. Commissioner McKinnon recommended that in the interest of time that the process of assigning election officials be addressed later, and to accept the list that is provided. Commissioner Price agreed with Commissioner McKinnon. Commissioner McKinnon moved for the certification of election officials; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Logic and Accuracy Testing for the November 5, 2019 House District 36 General Election

Commissioner McKinnon requested that the media and the candidate be notified that this is an uncontested race. Commissioner Price moved for Commissioner McKinnon to assist Director Poe with media notifications or transparency issues that might arise regarding House District 36 General Election; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner McKinnon moved to certify the logic and accuracy testing for the November 5, 2019 House District 36 General Election; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Election Officials for the November 5, 2019 House District 36 General Election

Commissioner Price moved to certify the election officials for the House District 36 General Election; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

2020 Budget Update

Director Poe informed the Commissioners that the Circuit County Clerk's office met with the County Comptroller on October 8, 2019 and an agreement was met for the Circuit County Clerk's office will purchase the electronic poll books. Therefore, the line item for the Election Commission that was increased to \$300,000 has been reduced to \$15,000.00. Commissioner McKinnon requested of Mr. Kennedy for the Circuit County Clerk's office to keep the commissioners informed of anything that their office will be able to assist with in the future. The budget meeting will be October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Chair Gomez will attend the meeting with Director Poe.

Discussion of Voting Equipment Funding

Director Poe was instructed to obtain four quotes for voting equipment from Electronic Systems & Software LLC: (1) machines only, (2) machines with kiosks, (3) machines with printers, (4) machines with printers and kiosks. These four quotes should be without the quote for the electronic poll books. He is also to obtain the difference in pricing with soft cases versus hard cases for the machines. As well as create a pros and cons list for the numbers and any safety issues there might be regarding new equipment.

Reimbursement for the September 3, 2019 House District 36 Special Primary Runoff

Commissioner McKinnon requested a breakdown of the cost of the election versus the number of people that voted. The amount of the election was \$20,426.89 and there were 1,015 actual votes casts, which breaks down to \$20.13 per vote cast.

Commissioner Price moved to approve the reimbursement for the House District 36 Special Primary Runoff; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Designation of Election Official Training for 2020

Director Poe and Assistant Director Camp will be attending the election official training tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2019 in Little Rock. Chair Gomez would like to attend the election official training tentatively scheduled for November 19, 2019 in Fayetteville. Commissioner Price would like to attend as well depending upon the finalization of the schedule.

Update regarding Tyray Carr v Jim Wyatt et al

Chair Gomez stated that Judge Wendell Griffen ruled that Jim Wyatt's name will not appear on the judicial ballot for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary, depending upon the appeals process. The Election Commission was represented by the County Attorney Adam Fogleman.

Commissioners Training for 2020

Commissioners training for the State Board of Election Commissioners is scheduled for October 22, 2019. This training is mandatory for all commissioners. Director Poe and Assistant Director Camp will be in attendance also. Director Poe was instructed to publish a notification that the commissioners will be in mandatory training.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

November 5, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. to canvass absentee ballots and certify unofficial election results for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election.

November 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. for preliminary review of provisional ballots for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election.

November 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for review of political practice pledges for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election.

November 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for provisional ballot hearing and certification of official results for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election.

December 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to conduct the ballot position drawing for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election.

Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.