



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2019
8:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price
Kristi McKinnon

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Betty Green
Jodie Dildy
Amanda Dickens
Bart Moreland

Visitors Present: Bailey McKinnon

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Bailey McKinnon.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Canvas Absentee Ballots for the September 3, 2019 House District 36 Special Primary Runoff Election

There is a total of 71 absentee ballots. Sixty of the ballots will be counted, one will be counted once it goes through the provisional ballot process, eight of them will not count due to missing materials and one will not be counted because I.D. was not provided. The Commissioners were requested to make the decision on one ballot due a discrepancy in the signature. Commissioner McKinnon moved to not count the ballot

of Corinthian Brown due to signature discrepancy; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Unofficial Election Results for the September 3, 2019 House District 36 Special Primary Runoff Election

Denise Ennett received 583 votes, 57.78% of the votes cast. Darrell Stephens received 426 votes, 42.22% of the votes cast. Commissioner McKinnon moved for the certification of the unofficial election results; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Unopposed Candidate Name Appearing on Ballot

A.C.A. § 7-5-207 went into effect on July 24, 2019, this law requires unopposed state, nonjudicial candidates' names to appear on the ballot. Director Poe requested the Commissioner's seek a clarification from the Attorney General in order to determine if the name of the winner of House District 36 Special Primary Runoff Election will need to appear on the ballot or if it falls under A.C.A. § 7-11-107 where the winner can be declared and certified by the Commissioners. Commissioner Price moved for a request for the Attorney General's opinion regarding clarification of the language of A.C.A. § 7-5-207 and A.C.A. § 7-11-107 pertaining to House District 36 Special Primary Runoff to be prepared by Director Poe and submitted to the Attorney General by Chair Gomez; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Polling Locations for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election

North Little Rock School District and Little Rock School District have provided resolutions to not open any polling locations on election day. Early voting and absentee voting will be utilized for these two school districts. For Pulaski County Special School District, it is the recommendation of the staff to consolidate Precinct 61, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church with Precinct 63, Martindale Baptist Church and Precinct 125, Baseline Academy with Precinct 105, Southside Church of Christ. Commissioner Price moved to approve the recommended consolidation of these polling locations; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Precinct 81, First Missionary Baptist Church will be open because it is the closest polling location for Saline County voters. Board member Mike Kemp suggested that we use Shannon Hills City Hall as our polling location; however, Shannon Hills is in Saline County. Pulaski County has never opened a polling location outside the county for a school election.

Pulaski County Special School District will also have a millage on the ballot. It is the recommendation of the staff to consolidate the remaining precincts into one polling location and that location should be at Pulaski County Regional Building.

Commissioner McKinnon moved to approve the recommended consolidation of the polling location for zones 2 through 7 to Pulaski County Regional Building; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Pulaski County Election Commission Media and Communication Plan for 2020 Election Cycle

The Commissioner's made their recommendations of changes to the media and communication plan to Director Poe.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

September 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for preliminary review of provisional ballots for House District 36 Special Primary Runoff.

September 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for provisional ballot hearing and certification of election results for House District 36 Special Primary Runoff.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.