



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2019
4:45 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price
Kristi McKinnon

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Betty Green

Visitors Present: Ryan James, 1st Vice Chair of the Pulaski County Republican Party; Adam Fogleman, County Attorney; Susan Inman, Citizens Advisory Committee; Kat Stromquist, Arkansas Democrat Gazette; Chris Burks; Christina Cazort-Camp

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Susan Inman.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Update on Secretary of State Election Equipment Funding

Chair Gomez apologized on behalf of the Commission for a violation of the Freedom of Information Act whereby a notice regarding the meeting with the County Judge and the Secretary of States office was not published. Therefore, Commissioner Price and Commissioner McKinnon were not allowed to stay in the meeting. Chair Gomez informed the board there is not a required matching by the county as previously reported was inaccurate. The monies that are assigned to Pulaski County and will be available for when the final decision is made for the purchase of new equipment. The

decision for purchasing new equipment will be made after the budget for 2020 has been finalized.

Ms. Susan Inman requested to ask a question and Chair Gomez told her that there would be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the meeting. Mr. Chris Burks requested clarification regarding the opportunity to ask questions or make comments. Mr. Burks also requested the opportunity to speak regarding the next item on the agenda which is a personnel matter. Chair Gomez stated let the record reflect that Mr. Burks has requested the opportunity to speak and he was told that he would be allowed to do so at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner McKinnon moved for the meeting to go into executive session; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting went into executive session at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 5:55 p.m.

Personnel Matter

Commissioner Price moved for disciplinary action to be taken against an employee; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Burks asked several questions and made several comments regarding the personnel matter. He was requesting information regarding which employee the commissioners were planning to take disciplinary action against. Chair Gomez thanked him for his questions and comments.

Ms. Inman asked questions regarding vote center models. She stated that she was unaware that Pulaski County was considering vote center models. Chair Gomez told her that the board has not voted on it at this time. Ms. Inman told her that it is not the decision of the Commissioners to decide about vote centers that it was the decision of the Quorum Court. Chair Gomez thanked her for her questions and comments.

Other Business

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

October 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for certification of logic and accuracy testing; appoint election officials for the November 5, 2019 Annual School Election.

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 meeting for the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.