



**Pulaski County Election Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 6, 2019  
5:00 p.m.**

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Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez  
Joshua A. Price  
Kristi McKinnon

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe  
Shawn Camp  
Betty Green

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, Circuit County Clerk's Office; Greg Elysée

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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 Chair Gomez.

*Approval of Meeting Minutes*

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

**Business**

*Preliminary Review of Provisional Ballots for the September 3, 2019 House District 36 Special Primary Runoff Election*

There are a total of seven provisional ballots, three will be counted and four will not. The four that will not be counted are because they are registered in a different county, didn't submit I.D. or should have voted at a different polling location. Commissioner Price moved to accept the provisional ballots as recommended by the Circuit County Clerk's office; seconded by Commissioner McKinnon. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Other Business**

*Letter Requesting Attorney General's Opinion*

Director Poe delivered the letter regarding the name of an unopposed candidate appearing on the ballot.

#### *Saline County Voting Equipment and Voting Equipment Funding*

Doug Curtis, Saline County Clerk has agreed to give all their old voting equipment to Pulaski County Election Commission when Saline County purchases the new voting equipment. Director Poe has contacted County Judge Barry Hyde in order to obtain more storage space for the equipment, special funding for the purchase of new equipment and the transfer of Saline County equipment to Pulaski County.

Director Poe also spoke with County Attorney Adam Fogleman regarding the special fund. In order to establish a special fund, we will have to do an independent audit to establish a baseline cost for conducting elections; meet with the municipalities to negotiate a fair price, and then seek approval from the quorum court. The commissioners have requested that at least three bids be obtained for the independent audit.

County Judge Barry Hyde has requested a meeting with the Secretary of State's Office be scheduled regarding voting equipment. The County Judge has requested that Director Poe, Chair Gomez and Circuit County Clerk Terri Hollingsworth to attend the meeting. The Commissioner's would like to attend the meeting as well as for the sponsors of the bill for voting equipment funding to be in attendance.

#### *Budget for 2020*

Commissioner McKinnon moved for Director Poe to draft a letter to the Comptroller's Office requesting an number of customers that VOIP is supporting; detailed list of all the buildings VOIP is supporting; data breakdown for each building and the number of users and the formula that is used for charging the departments; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

#### *Schedule of Upcoming Meetings*

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

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 6:04 p.m.