



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2013
4:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Susan Inman
Phil Wyrick
Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.

Staff Present

Melinda Allen
Bryan Poe
Tonya Washington
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Larry Crane, County Clerk's Office; Karla Hutchens, Amanda Mankin Mitchell, County Attorney's Office; Steve Cobb, Sherwood City Attorney; Terry Hartwick

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Inman. A quorum was determined; all members present.

Chairman Inman announced the passing of Joe Valenzuela, Systems Administrator for the Pulaski County Election Commission. Mr. Valenzuela passed away this morning after suffering a massive heart attack on Tuesday evening, May 14, 2013. He leaves a wife and four adult children. The Election Commission feels this deep loss and extends heartfelt condolences to the family. He will be missed.

Commissioner Wyrick requested that public notice of Mr. Valenzuela's death be posted on the Commission website.

Commissioner Boyle noted Mr. Valenzuela's kindness and friendliness when coming on the board this year and that his presence will be missed.

Approval of Resolution for Defunct Voting Districts

A new act in the 2013 Legislative Session charges the Election Commission to determine Defunct Voting Districts. The Commission search elections dating back to 1944 to establish all of the districts. Metroplan was instrumental in establishing all of the legal boundaries for the maps.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Commissioner Wyrick; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote.

The resolution will be published. The cost will be tremendous.

Karla Hutchens noted that there is a 10 period from the first day date of publication to contest the boundaries of the resolution in county court. if someone wants to hold an election they must gather 38% of the voters in that district. The election will take place within 60 days of the resolution from the clerk's office indicating the petition is sufficient.

Sherwood Special Election, May 14, 2013

Provisional Ballots - three (3) total; 1 authorized

Motion to accept provisional ballot outcome make by Commissioner Boyle; seconded by Commissioner Wyrick. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to certify the Sherwood Special Election.

Chairman Inman noted her recent announcement to run for Arkansas Secretary of State. She formally resigned as chairman of the Election Commission and nominated Commissioner Boyle who accepted the nomination. Motion to accept Commissioner Boyle as chairman made by Inman; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote. For clarification, Ms. Inman will remain on the board as commissioner and will resign from the board at a later date.

Mr. Terry Hartwick spoke in recognition and thanks to the Election Commission and County Clerk's office and everyone involved with drafting and passing the Defunct Voting Resolution. He also called for a moment of silence for the Election Commission's loss.

Meeting adjourned.