

**PULASKI COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009
12:15 P.M.**

COMMISSIONER PRESENT

Kent Walker, Chairman
Ozell Snider, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT

Melinda Allen
Tonya Washington
Bryan Poe

VISITORS: Amanda Dickens, Tim Bryant, Pulaski County Clerk's Office.

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

Approval of Board meeting minutes of 6/17/09 delayed for corrections. Minutes are to reflect that Pam Walker would be posted at Wrightsville City Hall on Election Day.

However, it was decided today that the presence of security will not be provided by the Election Commission as suggested by the Wrightsville City Council. The Election Commission staff and commissioners will be present periodically throughout the day during the Wrightsville Mayoral Special Election on September 8, 2009. Melinda Allen stated that someone from the staff will make a visit during the day. Chairman Walker and Commissioner Snider stated that they would be present throughout the day as much as possible.

Security issues were raised by a member of the Wrightsville City Council member concerned that the mayor's race could be contentious due to recent decisions by the council and the interim mayor whether to have a special election or continue with the appointment of the interim mayor.

BALLOT POSITION DRAWING

	Number Drawn	Ballot Position
McKinzie "Mac" Riley	11	2
Patricia Rogers-Ward	9	1

POLL WORKER ROSTER LIST - APPROVAL

Motion to approve by Commissioner Snider; seconded by Chairman Walker. All in favor; motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION NOTICE – APPROVAL

Motion to approve by Chairman Walker; seconded by Commissioner Snider. All in favor; motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Letters to the State Board of Election Commissioners

1. Concerning reimbursement of facility fees. The SBEC is proposing to change the rule for reimbursement of facility fees from up to \$40 per site to \$20 per site. Chairman Walker stated that Pulaski County pays \$35 per site. This is not enough to cover the use of these facilities and lowering fees to \$20 would certainly not suffice. The Election Commission is asking that the fees remain at \$35 per site.
2. Concerning Proof of Payment from Polling Sites for Primary Elections. The SBEC is proposing to request that all polling locations submit an invoice to receive payment for use of facilities on election day in primary elections. The commission is requesting that an invoice be sent with annual permission form requesting stating the facilities desire to be paid for the use of the facility and having it returned when facilities grant the use of facilities each year.

The reason for the SBEC's proposal is that the cost of facility use is rising and the auditors believe it is necessary to provide adequate invoicing procedures to keep up with costs. The problem with requesting invoicing would be the issue of receiving invoices for each facility in time to receive reimbursement. The board believes that preventing the least paperwork required for our facilities as possible would be in the best interest of the election commission in being able to retain locations each year.

The SBEC will meet to discuss these rule changes on Wednesday, July 22, 2009.

Details of the Annual School Board election will be addressed in the next meeting on Monday, July 20, 2009.

One of the issues raised regarding school elections deals with legislation passed during the 2009 legislature. Splits in polling locations use to allow multiple school ballots in one location. As the law stands today, only polling locations in a particular school district can only have ballots pertaining to that specific school district. For instance, Berea Baptist Church is located in the NLR School District. Ballots for the Pulaski County School District can no longer be placed at that polling location. This will cause an inconvenience for voters.

Chairman Walker welcomed Tim Bryant to the meeting. He works in the County Clerk's office.

Meeting adjourned.