



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price
Kristi M. Stahr

Staff Present:

Betty Green
Jodie Dildy
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: KATV Channel 7 news reporter

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance. Commissioner Price was present via Zoom. The staff was present via Zoom also. Commissioner Price gave permission to Ms. Green to use his signature stamp as necessary during the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Stahr.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Stahr moved to accept the minutes; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Polling Location Change Orders for the November 3, 2020 General Election

The commissioners discussed various changes they would like made to the temporary polling location change orders, and the polling location order. Due to several corrections that needed to be made to the polling location order, the commissioners decided to have a meeting on October 1, 2020 to approve the polling location order and polling location change orders, allowing time for the corrections to be made. Commissioner Stahr expressed her concerns regarding the use of the Pulaski County Regional Building as a vote center polling location on November 3, 2020. After some discussion, it was suggested that at 7:30 when the polls close, the staff will clear the

voting equipment out of the Jeffrey Hawkins Conference Room and set up for the commission meeting. The meeting will be scheduled to start later to allow time for the staff to set up the conference room. The commissioners also expressed their concerns regarding security for the Pulaski County Regional Building on election day. After some discussion, the commissioners requested a security plan to be implemented for election night.

Notice of Election for the November 3, 2020 General Election

The commissioners tabled discussion of the notice of election until October 1, 2020. This will be discussed after the changes to the polling location order have been made.

Other Business

Discussion of Absentee Ballots

Commissioner Stahr shared an email that she sent to Circuit County Clerk Terri Hollingsworth requesting absentee ballot information from the clerk's office and clarification of statements made during August 21, 2020 meeting by a representative of the clerk's office. Circuit County Clerk Terri Hollingsworth provided a letter via email to address absentee ballot information. This letter was read for the record by Commissioner Stahr. The commissioners shared their views regarding absentee ballots and the voter registration files. They also suggested that a frequently asked questions section be created regarding absentee ballots and the process.

Discussion of Kevin Lilly vs. Pulaski County Election Commission

This lawsuit pertains to a candidate on the Sherwood ballot that lives in Cabot. The candidate requested to withdraw from the election. Chair Gomez provided a copy of the lawsuit to Director Poe, County Attorney Adam Fogleman, and Prosecuting Attorney Larry Jegley. All parties agree that any votes for this candidate should not be counted. Commissioner Stahr shared information regarding Chris Kingsby, candidate for Little Rock School District that utilized the address of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock as his mailing address. The commissioners requested an update regarding both matters.

Election Reimbursement for February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff

Commissioner Price moved to approve the election reimbursement for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff; seconded by Commissioner Stahr. Motion passed by voice vote.

Election Reimbursement for March 3, 2020 House District 34 Special General Election

Commissioner Price moved to approve the election reimbursement for the March 11, 2020 House District 34 Special General Election; seconded by Commissioner Stahr. Motion passed by voice vote.

Public Comments

David Maddox requested clarification regarding the availability of absentee ballot drop boxes for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Chair Gomez stated that no drop boxes will be available for absentee ballots, rules of the election cannot be change in the middle of the election.

Commissioner Price shared that a voter contacted him regarding the errors with incorrect sample ballots on voter view website. This matter has since been corrected.

Commissioner Price shared that a voter stated that polling locations have a maximum number of voters that can be assigned to the locations.

Commissioner Price shared that a voter requested clarification as to whether a person with a concealed carry permit would be allowed to carry their weapon in a polling location. This question will require a legal response and will need to be researched.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

October 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for certification of the notice of election and polling location orders for the November 3, 2020 General Election. This meeting will be virtual only.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.