

Pulaski County Election Commission Meeting Minutes October 16,2020 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Evelyn D. Gomez

Joshua A. Price Kristi M. Stahr

Staff Present: Bryan Poe

Betty Green Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present: Adam Fogleman, County Attorney; Daniel Schultz, State Board of Election Commissioners

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance, with all commissioners present via Zoom. The staff and visitors were present via Zoom also. The commissioners gave permission to use their signature stamp as needed.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Fogleman.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Other Business

Discussion of Election FAQ

The commissioners discussed some frequently asked questions that were relevant to the election and would be beneficial for the voters. The answer to the questions were provided by the Election Commission, County Attorney, County Judge, Circuit County Clerk, and the State Board of Election Commissioners. The questions and answers are attached. Commissioner Stahr moved for the edits to be made as discussed, to have

the frequently asked questions published on letterhead, published on the website, published on social media, sent to the media and the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette for publication no later than Sunday; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Website

Commissioner Stahr had requested the language regarding the building being closed be removed from the website. The language was removed prior to the meeting.

Downtown Parking for Early Voting

Commissioner Stahr has contacted the office of Mayor Frank Scott Jr., requesting parking be provided for the voters in downtown Little Rock. She is awaiting a response regarding this matter. The commissioners requested that parking be provided for the commissioners on election day.

International Election Observers

The State Board of Election Commissioners approved international election observers. A member of the State Board will accompany the visitors. Commissioner Price moved to approve the international election observers for the November 3, 2020 General Election for early voting and election day; seconded by Commissioner Stahr. Motion passed by voice vote.

Requests from Nonprofit Organizations

There have been some requests from various organizations regarding distribution of food, bottled water, and hand sanitizer. The commission has no opinion regarding this matter; however, election laws must be followed. Director Poe will prepare a final response for the emails and submit it to Chair Gomez for approval, before distributing a response to the various organizations.

Monitor Request for November 3, 2020 General Election

The State Board of Election Commissioners approved the request for an election monitor for the November 3, 2020 General Election during early voting, election day and the tabulation process.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

November 3, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. for the certification of unofficial election results for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

November 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the preliminary review of provisional ballots for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

November 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for the provisional ballot hearing, and certification of election results for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Setup for possible runoff on December 1, 2020.

November 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the certification of logic and accuracy testing results for the December 1, 2020 General Election Runoff.

December 1, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. for the certification of unofficial results for the December 1, 2020 General Election Runoff.

December 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for the preliminary review of provisional ballots for the December 1, 2020 General Election Runoff.

December 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for the certification of official results for the December 1, 2020 General Election Runoff.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.