PULASKI COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2011 4:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT Kent Walker, Chairman

Ozell Snider, Commissioner Phil Wyrick, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT Melinda Allen

Tonya Washington

Bryan Poe

VISITORS: Larry Crane, Brandon Wood, Shawn Camp, Kristi McKinnon, County Clerk's Office; Hans Helstrom, Metroplan; Paul Elliott, Justice of the Peace, Judy Green, Justice of the Peace, Bruce Moore, Little City Manager

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2011

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

Metroplan Quorum Court Redistricting Proposals

Hans Helstrom, Metroplan office, gave a brief description of how the redistricting maps were drawn.

Alternative 1 map changed JP districts using the House and Senate boundaries as close as possible.

Alternative 2 map was totally redone. This alternative produced the most compact boundaries.

Alternative 3 map consisted of the least amount of changes.

Alternative 4 map has minimal changes to JP districts but changed to match the House and Senate districts as close as possible.

Chairman Walker applauded the swift efforts of Metroplan's completion of the redistricting proposals. Mr. Helmstrom noted that the maps were drawn without knowledge of JP home residences.

Commissioner Snider asked what would be the next move in the redistricting process.

Chairman Walker referred question to Mr. Helmstrom. He stated that depending how many options are required of the commission, any changes to be made should not be a problem.

Public comment period will take place through November 1, 2011, 12:00 p.m. Comments can be received in written form, fax or email.

Commissioner Wyrick requested that alternative maps be drawn without contested races among incumbent JPs. Modified maps to the existing proposals will be completed for the next meeting and will be presented for public comment.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Early voting for the Statewide Special Election begins Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

Bruce Moore, LR City Manager, stated that the City of Little Rock would be represented at the next meeting. Chairman Walker stated that the commission is set to approve the Little Rock City Wards.

Meeting adjourned.