

Pulaski County Election Commission Meeting Minutes November 18, 2015 5:00 p.m.

Members Present Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.

Pat Hays

Kevin Gorman

Staff Present Bryan Poe

Shawn Camp

Tonya Washington Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Steve Satterfield, Sherry Means, County Clerk's office; Adam Fogleman, County Attorney's Office

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Hays. A quorum was determined; all commissioners present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes September 25, 2015 Commissioner Boyle moved to accept minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Preferential Primary/NP Judicial Election, March 1, 2016 Review of Candidate Political Practice Pledges (PPPs)

On the County List of Candidates to Appear on the Ballot, the following changes were noted:

Justice of the Peace District 10, R. Green - Filed as R. Green, JP - the law does not allow for suffixes, only prefixed. JP was moved to proceed Mr. Green's name for the ballot.

Justice of the Peace District 7 - Andrew Norwood. The law does not allow for professional titles to accompany candidate's name. Mr. Norwood filed as Andrew Norwood, PhD. The professional title was removed. Candidates notified of these changes.

Mr. Poe noted that the secretary of state's office will submit the certified state candidate list by Thanksgiving.

In response to a complaint from the Jacksonville School District, a complaint was filed with the State Board of Election Commissioners (SBEC) regarding the polling location for Lonoke County voters who voted in the Annual School Election in Pulaski County. The district complained that those Lonoke County voters were not adequately notified that their voting location would be at the Berea Baptist Church instead of their regular voting location in Lonoke County. However, in past election, this has been the normal voting location during the Annual School Election with no issues regarding location. The resolution will be to make note of this change in the publication of the Notice of Election in the future and the PCEC Director will do more follow-up with the affected school district sister county to effect proper voter notifications.

The poll worker training schedule has been set. The training will be set to occur for all training to be completed in three day sessions. Additional days have been scheduled in the event sessions are canceled due to inclement weather. This will ensure that all workers are trained prior to the Primary Election on March 1, 2016.

The City of Little Rock is looking to call a special election on February 9, 2016. The city has been contacted regarding the logistical aspects of holding a special election at that time. The cost of holding an election will be considerably more expensive. We are waiting to hear back from city officials.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The candidate ballot position drawing for the Preferential Primary, March 1, 2016, will be conducted at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned.