

## Pulaski County Election Commission Meeting Minutes February 3, 2015 5:00 p.m.

Members Present Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.

Pat Hays

Kevin Gorman

Staff Present Bryan Poe

Shawn Camp

Tonya Washington

Visitors Present: Larry Crane, David Berman, County Clerk's office

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leonard A. Boyle, Sr. A quorum was determined; all members present.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes, January 12, 2015

Commissioner Hays moved to approve meeting minutes. It was seconded by Commissioner Gorman. All in favor; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Pulaski Circuit/County Clerk Larry Crane administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.

## **Business**

Chairman Boyle opened the floor for nominations for board chairman. Commissioner Gorman withdrew his name from any nominations and nominated Pat Hays for Chairman. Chairman Boyle passed chairmanship to the majority. Motion to close nominations was made by Commissioner Gorman and seconded by Commissioner Hays. All in favor; motion passed by voice vote. Mrs. Hays is the new Commission Chair.

## **Other Business**

Mr. Poe stated that the membership to the Arkansas County Election Commissioners Association (ACECA) is due March 1, 2015 so the board could decide whether to renew the membership for this year. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Boyle moved to renew membership for the ACECA and it was seconded by Commissioner Gorman. All in favor; motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Poe stated that the Jacksonville Wet/Dry issue is currently having petitions verified by the County Clerk's office for an election. David Berman noted that currently the signatures will

fall short. The organization for the petition drive will be notified and will have a 30 day cure period to gather more signatures.

Mr. Poe noted that he is currently reviewing the 2014 Elections and will be scheduling group panel discussions to discuss issues to improve upon the election process.

Mr. Poe stated that there are currently ten (10) polling locations that have more than 3,000 voters. Those precincts are 4, 5, 14, 39, 60, 64, 77, 80, 103 & 118. According to Act 1211 of 2013 those precincts will have to be narrowed down to 3,000 voters. The Commission is currently working with Metroplan to determine the geographical area of these precincts and should have it outlined in about one week. The deadline to have these precincts completed is 120 days prior to an election which in this case will be May 2015. However, none of the precincts are in the area that may be holding a May 2015 election.

There were two issues pending with the State Board of Election Commissioners regarding voter issues. A voter was flagged in the voter system needing to show ID. Resolution was that the voter should not have been flagged. After verification from voter registration, the voter was able to vote a regular ballot. The poll workers followed the correct procedures but could use training reinforcement in handling voter ID situations.

The other issue was a complaint regarding procedures for determining eligibility of provisional voting. Mr. Poe stated that he has been in contact with the SBEC after verifying those procedures and it appears that both issues will be resolved without further review.

Mr. Gorman expressed his appreciation of working with the director and staff. He wants to make sure that the board can be helpful during elections and the day-to-day workings for the commission. In doing that, he wants the staff to continue keeping the board informed of issues and workings of the commission, making sure not to violate the open meeting act. All commissioners should also continue to have the opportunity to inject input into the agenda for each meeting.

In handling of the press, the board is to know what is going out to the press ahead of time.

Mr. Poe stated that the office has an open-door policy. The commissioners are welcome to call or come in to the office at any time.

Mr. Crane also noted that his office has an open-door policy to the Election Commission and will continue to do so.

Commissioner Gorman noted that any helpful changes that the staff may see to help the commission can be submitted to the board for discussion. Anything that can be done to help prepare for next year, the commission can address those things this year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss precincts.

Meeting adjourned.