



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Kevin Gorman

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington
Amanda Dickens
Pam Walker
Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, County Clerk's Office

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes November 14, 2016

Commissioner Gorman moved to postpone approval of meeting minutes until later in the meeting; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

General Election, November 8, 2016

Mr. Poe noted that twenty-two (22) provisional voters were reviewed a second time by the county clerk's office to determine voter eligibility. Votes were determined to be valid and changed from no to yes.

Commissioner Boyle moved to accept the changes and seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote. These changes in vote eligibility will not change the outcome of any race.

The following voters appeared in person concerning provisional voter notices received by mail:

Prec Voted Voter Name Decision Reason for Decision

Precinct 105 Frank Whitmire - NO - voter registration was not received by the deadline

Precinct EV5 - James Rucker - NO - Not registered; Inactive Voter; Removable

Precinct 121 - Lisa McCoy - NO - Not registered; Inactive Voter; Removable

Voter stated that she all voted in major elections since 2004; VR showed not voted since 2004; she stated that she has voted provisional since that time because she could not be found in the poll book at her polling location. It was determined that she had been removed due to lack of voter activity since 2004, according to VR records. Her record was updated immediately and was issued a new VR card.

Provisional Ballot Certification

A total of 1419 provisional ballots were reviewed; 231 - YES; 1188 - NO

Commissioner Boyle moved to certify provision ballot results; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Abstract of Ballots Cast

Commissioner Boyle moved to certify abstract of ballots cast; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Logic & Accuracy (L & A) Testing - November 29, 2016 General Runoff Election

Commissioner Gorman moved to certify results of L & A Testing; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2016

Commissioner Boyle moved to approve meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion passed by voice vote.

Early Voting for the General Runoff Election will be November 22, 23 & 28, 2016

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gorman stated that he would be making recommendations to the SBEC, working with the county board and the Quorum Court, to propose changing early voting from two weeks to one week and to propose extending the hours from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. With the purchase of new voting equipment, Commissioner Gorman would like to see the use of vote centers in Pulaski County during early voting. With potentially forty (40) vote centers in Pulaski County, there would be a need of fifteen (15) voting devices at each center to accommodate the crowds. Commissioner Gorman would also like to partner with realty companies, through the county judge, to secure polling locations large enough to accommodate parking, capacity, accessibility, power and utilities. He will be asking the legislature for the latitude to make necessary decisions to extend Early Voting hours as needed.

Mr. Poe noted that there is no funding available in the county budget for 2017 to purchase new equipment. He also noted that in order to do all that is being proposed, Pulaski County will need at least 680 machines; 600 for Election Day, 80 for Early Voting.

Mr. Poe asked the commission for assistance in speaking with legislators to help get funding appropriated in next year's legislative session for new voting equipment for the remaining counties in Arkansas.

Chairman Hays thanked the clerk's office for their assistance in today's meeting and to the election commission staff for a successful election.

Meeting adjourned.