



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2017
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Leonard A. Boyle, Sr.
Pat Hays
Bilenda Harris-Ritter

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Betty Green
Shawn Camp
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, County Clerk's Office

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Pat Hays. A quorum was determined; all commissioners were present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Boyle moved to accept the minutes with corrections; seconded by Commissioner Harris-Ritter. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Certification of Provisional Ballots for the Gray Township Special Election

There were nine total provisional ballots that were determined to be valid for this election.

Commissioner Harris-Ritter moved for the certification of the provisional ballots; Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Official Results for the Special Gray Township Special Election

There are six certification documents for Defunct Gray Township 1954, 1956 and Defunct Precinct 614. Copies of the results will be provided to the County Clerk's office. Jacksonville will receive copies of the results for Gray Township 1954 and Precinct 614. Sherwood will receive the copy of the results for Gray Township 1956.

Defunct Gray Township 1954 passed with 994 voting for the measure and 180 voting against. Defunct Gray Township 1956 passed with 652 voting for the measure and 151 voting against. Precinct 614 failed with 42 voting for the measure and 43 voting against. Precinct 614 can't vote on the measure again for two years.

Commissioner Boyle moved for the certification of the election results; Commissioner Harris-Ritter seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Polling Location Changes

Precinct 53 formerly Bethany Baptist will be moved to Glenview Community Center. Precinct 55 formerly Plantation Agriculture Museum will be moved to All Souls Church. Precinct 86 formerly Bess Chisum/Care Link will be moved to St. Mark Baptist Church. Precinct 115 formerly Franklin Elementary School will be moved to St. Mark Baptist Church. Commissioner Harris-Ritter moved for approval of these polling location changes; Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Boyle visited All Souls Church regarding the threshold. It is his recommendation that threshold covers not be utilized because of a tendency to move. The threshold is less than half an inch in height, therefore it meets the Americans with Disability Acts Accessibility Guidelines.

Other Business

Precinct 69 currently First Baptist Church has given notification that they will no longer be a polling location.

There will be a Special Election for Senate Seat 29, Primary Election will be held on February 13, 2018. Primary Run-off will be March 13, 2018. The seat will be filled during the May 22, 2018 General Primary Election. Precincts 13, 26, 27 and 28 are the precincts that will be included in this election.

Next meeting will be held December 15, 2017 at 11:00 am to determine ballot positions for the Special Election for Senate District 29.

State Board of Election Commissioners meeting will be held on November 29, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

Secretary of State's Office will be holding Equipment Training on December 13, 2017 on the old voting equipment. Training on the new equipment will be on December 14, 2017. Time for training has not been determined.

Commissioner Harris-Ritter moved for adjournment; Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.