



Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Shawn Camp
Tonya Washington
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, County Clerk's Office; Samantha Toro, Acadia Roher, Neil Sealy; Rev. Maxine Allen, United Methodist Clergy; Lillie McMullen, Pulaski County JP, Dist. 5

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes April 6, 2017

Commissioner Boyle moved to accept minutes as presented; seconded by Commissioner Harris-Ritter. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Little Rock School District (LRSD) Special Election, May 9, 2017

Mr. Poe stated that he received an email from Neil Sealy expressing concern that the McMath Library had been removed as an early voting site for the LRSD Special Election. Mr. Sealy requested that the McMath Library be opened for early voting as well as other early voting sites in Little Rock. Mr. Poe stated that he contacted early voting sites in Little Rock, being McMath, Dee Brown, and Sue Cowan Williams Libraries. Contacts at all locations stated that the facilities were not available for early voting due to scheduling conflicts.

Ms. Acadia Roher asked if these were the only locations available for early voting. Mr. Poe explained that according to ACA §6-14-108(A) during school elections, all polling locations are to be located within the school district. All of these locations are within the district lines of the LRSD and would be eligible for early voting. Roosevelt Thompson Library is in Little Rock but lies outside of the LRSD and, therefore, cannot be used in this election.

Ms. Samantha Toro asked if there are any alternative locations or if her group could work with the libraries to see if they would reconsider opening. Mr. Poe stated that they could talk with the libraries but our office would need to know by Monday at noon.

Mr. Sealy asked why McMath Library had been removed as an early voting facility when it was previously listed as an early voting site on the PCEC website. Mr. Poe explained that representatives for the LRSD contacted our office a week after the notice was posted that the school district decided not to open the library location.

Rev. Maxine Allen asked, as a taxpayer, what she could do to ensure than an additional early voting site is available. Mr. Poe explained the necessary steps to ensuring that the location can accommodate all of the needs of conducting an election.

Lillie McMullen, JP District 5, asked what determines the number of early voting locations to be open in school millage elections. Mr. Poe explained that, generally, the main early voting site will be open for school and special elections only, but the possibly of other sites can be opened. It is always suggested that in school and special elections that the main site be opened only or to open those early voting sites located in the districts or areas affected by the election being held. However, the election commission will abide by the decision of the entity.

Mr. Poe restated that the board will need to be notified of any additional voting sites by Monday, April 17, 2017 by noon. The board will need to meet by Tuesday, April 18, 2017 to approve additional sites and other logistics to conduct this election.

Certification of Appointment of Election Officials

Commissioner Harris-Ritter moved to approve appointment of election officials; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification Logic and Accuracy Testing (L&A)

Commissioner Boyle moved to certify L&A Testing; seconded by Commissioner Harris-Ritter. Motion passed by voice vote.

June 13, 2017 Pulaski County Special School District

Approve Revised Election Day/Early Vote Polling Locations

EV8 - Jack Evans Senior Citizens Center was added as an early voting site by PCSSD.

Commissioner Harris-Ritter moved to approve the revised list of Election Day/Early Vote Polling Locations; seconded by Commissioner Boyle. Motion passed by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Appointment letters for poll workers in the LRSD Special Election will be mailed next week.

The County Clerk's office will be mailing voter cards to voters in the LRSD to voters affected by the temporary polling location changes in the school district.

Mr. Poe gave a brief explanation of changes made in election laws during the General Assembly. *Please see attached.*

Meeting adjourned.