



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Pat Hays
Joshua A. Price
Evelyn D. Gomez

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Betty Green
Amanda Dickens
Shawn Camp

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, Circuit/County Clerk's Office; Cynthia Howell, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Pat Hays. A quorum was present, with Chair Hays in attendance via Skype.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Price moved to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Commissioner Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Provisional Ballot Hearing for May 21, 2019 Jacksonville North Pulaski School Election
Commissioner Gomez moved for the certification of the provisional ballots; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Results for May 21, 2019 Jacksonville North Pulaski School Election
There were four provisional ballots that were counted, with two for the millage and two against. The final count was 911 votes for the millage and 808 votes against the millage. Commissioner Price moved for the certification of the election results; seconded by Commissioner Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Voting Equipment Funding

Justice of the Peace Barry Jefferson and Justice of the Peace Phil Stowers have agreed to co-sponsor the ordinance for obtaining the funding for new voting equipment. Commissioner Gomez moved for Director Poe to meet with County Comptroller Mike Hutchens to explore other possible revenue options; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Voting Equipment Specialist

There are 15 applicants for the vacant voting equipment specialist. Director Poe anticipates the interviewing process to begin during the week of June 3-7, 2019. The applicants will be narrowed to the top three for the commissioners to interview.

Pulaski County Vote Centers-Proposed Implementation Plan (Draft)

Commissioner Gomez voiced her objections to the rough draft of a proposed implementation plan due to lack of funding, the lack of working equipment and the wording of the plan. Commissioner Hays requested Director Poe to add “draft” watermark to the proposal so that it stands out. Commissioner Price requested Director Poe to add a disclaimer to the draft stating the plan is contingent upon whether funding for the new equipment is received and the approval of the commissioners. Once the disclaimer has been added Commissioner Gomez stated that she would agree with the potential plan.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

June 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for the review of the political practice pledges for House Seat for District 36 Special Election.

June 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for the ballot position draw for House Seat for District 36 Special Election.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

June 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for the presentation to the Quorum Court regarding new voting equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.