



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2019
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present

Pat Hays
Joshua A. Price
Evelyn D. Gomez

Staff Present

Bryan Poe
Betty Green
Shawn Camp
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, Circuit/County Clerk's Office

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Certification of Logic and Accuracy Testing Results for the August 6, 2019 State House District 36 Special Primary Election

Commissioner Gomez moved for the certification of the logic and accuracy testing results; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Election Officials for the August 6, 2019 State House District 36 Special Primary Election

Commissioner Price moved for the certification of the election officials for the State House District 36 Special Primary Election; seconded by Commissioner Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Orders of Destruction for Previous Elections

Commissioner Gomez moved for the destruction of materials related to the Little Rock School District Special Election held on May 9, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Price moved the for destruction of materials related to the Pulaski County Special School District Special Election held on June 13, 2017; seconded by Commissioner Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Election Official Application and Brochure

The election official application and brochure have been updated. The new application and brochure will be distributed at polling locations and libraries. A PDF version will be posted on the website. Commissioner Price and Commissioner Gomez requested copies of the application and brochures as well for distribution at the various meetings they attend. Commissioner Gomez moved for the approval of the new election official application and brochure; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Voting Equipment Funding

The Election Commission is not able to obtain a 10-year bond because the department is a general fund department. The monies that will be received from the state will allow for the purchase of new equipment at a one to one swap for the current equipment that we currently have. There is a goal to increase the election day polling locations to 120, and the early vote polling locations to 15 or more. Chair Hays suggested the possibility of obtaining a smaller bond amount to be financed over a five-year period. Commissioner Gomez requested to table the discussion until after July 31, 2019. Director Poe has made reservations for himself and the Commissioners to attend a meeting to be held on July 31, 2019 for the voting equipment funding discussion to be held at the AAC building.

Candidate Letter

Director Poe and Assistant Director Camp created a letter to the candidates regarding courtesy at polling locations as far as placement of signage, trash and campaign personnel. This letter is aimed at the prevention of loss of polling locations. Commissioner Gomez moved for the approval of the use of letter; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Upcoming Events

July 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. State Board of Election Commissioners meeting regarding legislative updates.

July 31, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. Secretary of State meeting at Association of Arkansas Counties building regarding voting equipment funding.

Commissioner Gomez moved to schedule an organizational meeting after the new commissioner is chosen; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Price moved to establish a protocol regarding speaking engagements and communications with the media once the new commissioner is elected; seconded by Commissioner Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.