



Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2020
8:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price
Kristi M. Stahr

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Betty Green
Jodie Dildy

Visitors Present:

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners present via Zoom. The staff was present for the meeting via Zoom. The commissioners gave Director Poe permission to use their signature stamp as necessary during the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Price.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Canvass Absentee Ballots for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election

There was one absentee ballot presented to the commissioners for a decision regarding the ballot. The person signed the documentation two different ways and provided her ID. After some discussion, the commissioners decided to allow the ballot to be counted. Commissioner Price moved to accept the ballot for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election; seconded by Commissioner Stahr. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Unofficial Election Results for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election

Director Poe announced the election results as follows:

Pat Thomas	186 votes	19.83%
Jeff Elmore	370 votes	39.42%
Michael Dietz	382 votes	40.72%

There will be a runoff election held on July 7, 2020. Commissioner Stahr moved to certify the unofficial election results for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Pulaski County Calendar of Events

Chair Gomez requested Director Poe to have the election commission meetings added to the Pulaski County calendar of events. Director Poe will contact Cozetta Jones regarding adding this information.

State Board of Election Commissioners Email Regarding Absentee Ballot Rules

Chair Gomez discussed some concerns regarding the email. She is going to send a copy of the email and the response that she received from the State Board of Election Commissioners to the Commissioner Price, Commissioner Stahr and Director Poe.

CARES Act Survey

There was a survey sent out by the Secretary of State's office to the County Judge, Circuit County Clerk, and the Election Commissioners in which one response needed to be provided by May 29, 2020. Director Poe stated that the Circuit County Clerk's office has already completed the response to the survey and submitted it before the deadline. The commissioners stated they did not receive the original email and did not have a part of preparing the response. Director Poe stated that some of the information for the survey was provided by himself and Assistant Director Shawn Camp. Director Poe shared the questions and answers that were provided on the survey by the Circuit County Clerk. Commissioner Price stated that he received an email on June 3, 2020 which was after the deadline. Chair Gomez stated Director Poe did not have the permission of the commissioners to meet with the Circuit County Clerk office regarding the CARES Act survey.

Public Comments

Commissioner Price shared comments from voters regarding the voting process at the polling location. The voters were pleased to see all the steps that were taken to try

to keep the voters safe. The commissioners thanked Director Poe and the staff for their hard work.

Director Poe thanked the staff and the election officials that worked the election. They performed very professionally. He also thanked the voters of Jacksonville for being willing to take the safety precautions for COVID-19. A big thank you to Mayor Bob Johnson for his help also. Chair Gomez requested the thank you messages be added to Facebook and Twitter.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

The previously scheduled meeting for June 11, 2020 for the provisional ballot review has been cancelled because there are no provisional ballots.

June 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the certification of election results for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.