



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Evelyn D. Gomez
Joshua A. Price

Staff Present:

Bryan Poe
Betty Green
Shawn Camp

Visitors Present: Jason Kennedy, Circuit County Clerk's Office; Kat Stromquist, Arkansas Democrat Gazette

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with two commissioners in attendance.

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 Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Preliminary Review of Provisional Ballots for the January 14, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Election

There are five provisional ballots, two will be counted and three will not be counted. The three that will not be counted are because one voter registered after the deadline; the other two failed to sign the optional verification of identity was not signed and didn't provide ID. Commissioner Price moved to accept the House District 34 provisional ballots as presented; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

House District 34 Special Primary Election Issues

Director Poe conducted the investigation regarding the results tapes not being posted at Precinct 76, Parkway Place Baptist Church and Precinct 99, St. Luke United Methodist Church, it was determined that the results tape was posted at Parkway Place Baptist Church. However, the tape was not posted at St. Luke United Methodist Church, this was due to a miscommunication among the election officials. Director Poe spoke with the election officials that worked at St. Luke and expressed the importance of making sure that the results tapes are posted when the polls close. Commissioner Price suggested that the election officials at St. Luke United Methodist Church take a picture of the posted results tapes and text it to Director Poe. Chair Gomez suggested that the commissioners drop by the location during election day also. Commissioner Price moved for the election officials that work at St. Luke United Methodist Church take a picture of the posted results tape and text it to Director Poe; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chair Gomez requested Director Poe present a written report regarding why the results tape were not posted for the commissioners at the next meeting. Commissioner Price requested that Director Poe include the resolution regarding the election officials not posting the tapes in the report.

Designation of Election Day and Early Voting Locations for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff

There will be ten election day polling locations and four early voting locations for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff. Commissioner Price recommended that the information pertaining to the election be pushed out on social media. Chair Gomez requested Director Poe to have a press release that will promote the runoff election and the polling locations that will be open prepared for the commissioner's approval at the next meeting. Commissioner Price moved to approve the election day and early voting polling locations for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Appointment of Election Officials for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff

Commissioner Price moved to approve the election officials for the February 11, 2020 House District 34 Special Primary Runoff; seconded by Chair Gomez. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Update regarding the March 3, 2020 Preferential Primary Election

Jason Kennedy, Circuit County Clerk's Office, stated that the overseas ballots have been delivered to the post office and that about 1,500 absentee ballots are expected to be delivered to the post office on Friday.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. meeting with the League of Women Voters at John Gould Fletcher Library located at 823 North Buchanan Street in Little Rock.

January 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. for the provisional ballot hearing and certification of the January 14, 2020 Special Primary Election.

February 11, 2020, time not set, for the House District 34 special primary election runoff if necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.