



Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2020
5:00 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 5:00 p.m. by Chair Gomez. A quorum was present, with all commissioners present via Zoom. The staff was present via Zoom also. The commissioners gave Director Poe permission to use their signature stamp as necessary during the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jodie Dildy.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Provisional Ballot Review for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election

There are two provisional ballots for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election. Director Poe stated these were mislabeled during the canvassing of absentee ballots, he apologized for this error. The optional verification of identification was unsigned. Commissioner Stahr requested clarification regarding the proposed rules of guidance for counting provisional ballot. Director Poe stated that if the voter signs the optional verification of identification, then the ballot should be counted. However, the rules did not get passed. Commissioner Price requested clarification regarding whether the

voters provided their I.D., nor did they sign the optional verification of identification. Director Poe stated that is correct. Commissioner Stahr moved to reject the two provisional ballots for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election, seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

At the request of the commissioners, Director Poe will send a letter and sample of the form to the voter's with the missing information so that the voter will know what information they need to provide in order to prevent the rejection of their votes in the future. He is also contact the voters via phone call regarding this matter also.

At the request of the commissioners, a tutorial regarding frequently asked questions and mistakes made on absentee ballot submission should be created. The tutorial should contain samples of the forms that are included with the absentee ballots, highlighting the important sections that should be filled out. This tutorial should be posted to the web site, as well as Facebook and Twitter.

Certification of the Official Results for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election
The election results are as follows:

Michael Dietz	382 votes
Jeff Elmore	370 votes
Pat Thomas	186 votes

There will be a runoff between Michael Dietz and Jeff Elmore on July 7, 2020. Commissioner Price moved to certify the official results for the June 9, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election; seconded by Commissioner Stahr. Motion passed by voice vote.

Designation of Early Voting and Election Day Polling Locations for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff

There will be one less day of early voting due to the observance of Independence Day on July 3, 2020. Commissioner Stahr moved for the approval of the polling locations for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Certification of Ballot Styles for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff
There are fourteen ballot styles for the Jacksonville Special Election Runoff. Commissioner Price moved for the certification of the ballot styles for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff; seconded by Commissioner Stahr. Motion passed by voice vote.

Appointment of Election Officials for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff

Commissioner Price moved to approve the election officials for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election; seconded by Commissioner Stahr. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Notice of Election for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff

Commissioner Stahr moved to approve the notice of election for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election; seconded by Commissioner Price. Motion passed by voice vote.

Other Business

Email Notification Regarding a Write-in Candidate

Chair Gomez mentioned an email that she received regarding a write-in candidate for the presidential election which she forwarded to Director Poe. Director Poe forwarded the email to the other commissioners. Director Poe stated that Arkansas does not have a procedure regarding write-in presidential candidates. Commissioner Stahr suggested that emails containing social security numbers not be forwarded to others to protect others privacy.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

June 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to certify logic and accuracy testing results for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff.

July 7, 2020 at 8:30 p.m. to certify the unofficial election results for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff.

July 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for preliminary review of provisional ballots for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff.

July 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the certification of election results for the July 7, 2020 Jacksonville Special Election Runoff.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.