



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021
8:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Kristi M. Stahr
Susan Inman
David G. Scott

Staff Present:

Melinda Lemons
Amanda Dickens
Betty Green
Darrell Lane
Jodie Dildy
Bart Moreland

Visitors Present:

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Stahr. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the minutes for the November 5, 2021 meeting as written. Motion passed by voice vote.

Business

Review and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the November 9, 2021 Little Rock Special Election for Central Arkansas Library Systems

There were 118 absentee ballots canvassed by the absentee election officials, fourteen of which were deemed irregular absentee ballots and were canvassed by the election department staff. Two of the irregular absentee ballots were missing the voter statement. Seven of the irregular absentee ballots were missing the date of birth on the voter statement. Four of the irregular absentee ballots were missing a

photo I.D., and one has a discrepancy with the date of birth on the voter statement not matching the date of birth on the absentee ballot application. The election department staff recommended the fourteen irregular absentee ballots not be counted. Commissioner Scott moved to accept the recommendation of the election department staff. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting recessed at 8:57 p.m. to wait for election results.

Meeting resumed at 9:30 p.m.

Certify Unofficial Election Results for the November 9, 2021 Little Rock Special Election for Central Arkansas Library Systems

The unofficial election results for the November 9, 2021 Little Rock Special Election for Central Arkansas Library Systems are:

For .5 mills tax levy	4,482	71.05%
Against .5 mills tax levy	1,973	28.95%

Other Business

Redistricting

Director Lemons shared some suggestions that were provided by a voter regarding redistricting.

Electronic Poll Books Error

Director Lemons clarified the electronic poll book error that took place on November 2, 2021 where twenty-nine voters were checked in on the wrong electronic poll book. There was a misinterpretation in requesting the commissioners to make a motion to have the voter credits corrected by the clerk's office. This event needed to be declared as an election irregularity and the events documented.

The events of November 2, 2021 are as follows: the poll workers at Highland Valley United Methodist Church and Greater Christ Temple Pentecostal Church accidentally opened the electronic poll books for the November 9, 2021, Central Arkansas Library Special Election, but should have used the electronic poll books for the November 2, 2021, Annual School Election. There was a total of twenty-nine voters that were checked in on the wrong electronic poll book, sixteen were recorded at Highland Valley United Methodist Church and thirteen were recorded at Greater Christ Temple Pentecostal Church. The poll workers realized their error the morning of November 2, 2021, notified the election department office and were told to switch to the correct electronic poll book. The voter credits were retrieved from the incorrect electronic

poll books by a member of the election department staff and a list was provided to the clerk's office for the correction of voter credits to be made.

Clarification of Provisional Ballot Explanation for November 2, 2021 Annual School Election

Assistant Director Dickens shared the provisional ballot for voter I.D. number 1657536 was a different person's signature in Central Point, the provisional ballot will be counted.

Announcements

November 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., public meeting for questions regarding redistricting. This meeting will be held at the Pulaski County Regional Building, Jeffrey Hawkins Conference Room, 501 W. Markham, Little Rock, AR 72201.

November 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., public meeting for questions regarding redistricting. The meeting will be held at the Roosevelt Thompson Library, 38 Rahling Circle, Little Rock, AR 72223.

November 13, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., public meeting for questions regarding redistricting. This meeting will be held at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center, 51 Shelby Road, Sherwood, AR. 72120.

November 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., public meeting for questions regarding redistricting. This meeting will be held at Wrightsville City Hall, 10324 AR-HWY 365, Little Rock, AR 72206.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Public Comments via YouTube:

There were no public comments on YouTube.

Schedule of Upcoming Meeting

November 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the preliminary review of provisional ballots for the November 9, 2021 Central Arkansas Library System Special Election. Also, provisional ballot hearing for the November 2, 2021 Annual School Election and certification of official results for the November 2, 2021 Annual School Election.

November 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for the provisional ballot hearing for the November 9, 2021 Central Arkansas Library System Special Election and the certification of official election results for the November 9, 2021 Central Arkansas Library System.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.