



**Pulaski County Election Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Kristi M. Stahr
Susan Inman
David G. Scott

Staff Present:

Shawn Camp
Betty Green
Jodie Dildy
Amanda Dickens

Visitors Present: Zach Stahr; Pulaski County Voter; Wayne Beech

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Stahr. A quorum was present, with all commissioners in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mrs. Dickens.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Business

Certification of Logic and Accuracy Testing Results for the September 14, 2021 Little Rock Special Election

There were 60 DS-200's and 75 Express Votes tested for the September 14, 2021 Little Rock Special Election. There were no problems during the testing. Commissioner Scott moved for the certification of the logic and accuracy testing results for the September 14, 2021 Little Rock Special Election. Motion passed by voice vote.

Appoint Election Officials for the September 14, 2021 Little Rock Special Election

There was much discussion regarding the role of election officials and making sure that all election officials live in Pulaski County, including the staff of the Pulaski

County Election Department that are performing election duties. There was also much discussion regarding the policy of providing the commissioners with the list of election officials prior to the meeting for their review.

Commissioner Scott moved for the board to empower Chairwoman Stahr to take care of any day-to-day operations the board does not have to statutorily vote on. Motion passed by majority vote; Commissioner Inman voted against the motion.

Commissioner Inman moved for the State Board of Election Commissioners and the County Attorney to provide advice regarding the execution of Commissioner Scott's motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the list of election officials for the September 14, 2021 Little Rock Special Election. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approve Notice of Election for the September 14, 2021 Little Rock Special Election
Commissioner Scott moved to approve the notice of election for the September 14, 2021 Little Rock Special Election. Motion passed by voice vote.

Resolution for North Little Rock School District Election by Candidate for the November 2, 2021 Annual School Election

In accordance with Act 448 or 2021 North Little Rock School District does not have to open a polling location because their millage is unchanged and there are no contested races on the ballot. Commissioner Inman moved for the staff to notify the candidates for the North Little Rock School District to come to the Pulaski County Regional Building to cast their ballots. Motion passed by voice vote.

Commissioner Inman moved to attest to the receipt of the resolution from North Little Rock School District for an election by candidate for the November 2, 2021 Annual School Election. Motion passed by voice vote.

Review Calling Document for the November 9, 2021 Central Arkansas Library System Special Election

Commissioner Scott moved to approve the review of the calling document for the November 9, 2021 Central Arkansas Library System Special Election. Motion passed by voice vote.

Discussion of Polling Locations and Voting Equipment Needs for the November 2, 2021 Annual School Election and the November 9, 2021 Central Arkansas Library System Special Election

There was some discussion regarding a proposal presented by Acting Director Camp and Acting Assistant Director Dickens for the polling locations and voting equipment for the November 2, 2021 Annual School Election and November 9, 2021 Central Arkansas Library System Special Election. The commissioners requested an updated proposal be presented at the next meeting. This discussion was tabled until August 30, 2021.

New Business

2022 Election Department Budget

The deadline for submitting the budget to the County Comptroller's office is August 31, 2021. The commissioners requested more information to assist with preparing the budget for election related expenses. Commissioner Scott moved to table this discussion until August 30, 2021. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approve Social Media Advertising Graphic

Chairwoman Stahr will present an updated social media graphic on August 30, 2021 for the upcoming elections.

Review/Approve Board Policies

Chairwoman Stahr presented a communications policy and a policy on the qualifications for the Pulaski County Elections Coordinator. Commissioner Inman moved to table the review of the policies until they could be reviewed by the County Attorney and Human Resources. Motion failed by voice vote with Chairwoman Stahr and Commissioner Scott voting against the motion.

Chairwoman Stahr read the draft of the policies for the record. After much discussion, Commissioner Scott moved for the immediate consideration of the policies. Motion passed by voice vote; Commissioner Inman voted against the motion.

Commissioner Scott moved for the approval of the communications policy and the qualifications for the Pulaski County Elections Coordinator. Motion passed by voice vote; Commissioner Inman voted against the motion.

Public Comments

Pulaski County Voter requested information regarding poll watchers and poll workers. The commissioners and Acting Director Camp provided answers to her questions.

Wayne Beech inquired about whether there was a contingency plan in place for any problems that might arise during an election. The commissioners and Acting Director Camp assured him that there are contingency plans in place.

Comments via YouTube:

Cheryl Yopp: "Sound is echoing". This was corrected during the meeting.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

August 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for discussion of the November 2, 2021 Annual School Election and the November 9, 2021 Central Arkansas Library System.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.