

MINUTES FOR THE  
PITTSBURG COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

March 1, 2016

The Pittsburg County Election Board met in a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Room 101 of the Pittsburg County Courthouse annex. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the County Clerk on November 17, 2015 at 10:29 a.m. and posting an agenda at the County Election Board on February 22, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. One copy of each of the notice and agenda is attached.

Due to the lack of quorum at 10:00 a.m. the meeting did not convene until 5:31 p.m. At that time the following members were present: Beulah Stacks, Chairman; Ted Kennedy, Vice Chairman and Cathy Thornton, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Ms. Stacks.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve minutes of the meeting held February 12, 2016. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved that the minutes for the meeting held February 12, 2016 be approved. Ms. Stacks seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Stacks – yes; Mr. Kennedy – yes; Mrs. Thornton - yes. Motion passed 3-0.
2. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the March 1, 2016, Presidential Preferential Primary Election. Including opening outer envelopes and examining the affidavits for sufficiency, removing the affidavit envelope, opening the secrecy envelope, and counting the ballots. ACTION TAKEN: The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined the affidavits for 105 absentee ballots submitted by mail and by nursing home voters.

The Board determined that seven ballots received by mail could not be counted because the affidavits had not been properly witnessed by two persons as required by law, three ballots could not be counted because the affidavits had not been properly notarized by a notary as required by law and two ballots did not have an affidavit. Ms. Stacks made a motion that the twelve ballots be rejected and not counted. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Stacks – yes; Mr. Kennedy – yes; Mrs. Thornton – yes. Motion passed 3-0. The Board determined that the remaining ninety three affidavits were sufficient. Ms. Stacks made a motion to accept and count the remaining ninety three absentee affidavits. Mr. Kennedy seconded the

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motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Stacks – yes; Mr. Kennedy – yes; Mrs. Thornton – yes. The motion was approved, 3-0. The Board members then followed established procedures to prepare the ballots for counting. The Board members observed as County Election Board Chief Clerk Carla Morris scanned the ballots through the eScan voting device to count them.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Recess meeting. Recess not necessary. ACTION TAKEN: None. Board action not required.
4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Approve substitute Precinct Officials for the March 1, 2016, Presidential Preferential Primary Election. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved to approve substitute Precinct Officials for the March 1, 2016, Presidential Preferential Primary Election:

Precinct 610027, Ed Chappel as substitute clerk for Karen Fisher  
Precinct 610031, George Martin as substitute judge for Pam Brown  
Precinct 610032, Wanda Crenshaw as substitute clerk for John Grimm  
Precinct 610036, Barbara Sather as substitute judge for Juliett Mitchell  
Precinct 610041, Carline Swinton as substitute judge for Pat Bocher  
Precinct 610048, Tommy Vaughn as substitute clerk for Barbara Harkey  
Precinct 610007, Peggy Cosgrove as substitute clerk for Patricia Lively

Ms. Stacks seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Stack – yes, Mr. Kennedy – yes; Mrs. Thornton – yes. Motion passed 3-0.

5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the March 1, 2016, Presidential Preferential Primary Election. Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of sealed ballot transfer cases from precincts and sealed ballot transfer cases containing counted absentee ballots into the custody of the Sheriff. The Board also examined tabulation reports unofficial certification reports. ACTION TAKEN: None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.

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6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjourn meeting. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, March 4th at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Stacks seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Stacks – yes; Mr. Kennedy – yes; Mrs. Thornton – yes. Motion passed, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

  
Beulah Stacks, Chairman

  
Ted Kennedy, Vice Chairman

  
Cathy Thornton, Secretary

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Shirley Williams, Republican Alternate

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Clare Thomas, Democratic Alternate