

MINUTES FOR THE
PITTSBURG COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

April 5, 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 March 29, 2016 at 10:45 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 5:25 p.m. At that time the following members were present: Beulah Stacks, Chairman; Ted Kennedy, Vice Chairman; Cathy Thornton, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ms. Stacks.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve minutes of the meeting held March 4, 2016. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved that the minutes for the meeting held March 4, 2016 be approved with the following correction: Cathy rejoined meeting at 4:50 p.m. 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 April 5, 2016, Annual School Runoff Election and City of McAlester 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 43 absentee ballots submitted by mail and by nursing home voters.

The Board determined that one ballot received by mail could not be counted because the affidavit had not been properly notarized by a notary as required by law. Mr. Kennedy made a motion that the one ballot be rejected and not counted. Ms. Stacks 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 42 affidavits were sufficient. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and count the remaining 42 absentee affidavits. Ms. Stacks seconded the 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 April 5, 2016 Annual School Runoff and City of McAlester Primary Elections. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved to approve substitute Precinct Officials for the April 5, 2016, Annual School Runoff and City of McAlester Primary Elections:


Precinct 610006, Kimberly Porter as substitute inspector for Evelyn Kerns
Precinct 610040, Claudius Lively as substitute clerk for Lonnie Anderson
Precinct 610042, Robert Hass as substitute inspector for Vicky Church

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 April 5, 2016, Annual School Runoff Election Board member returns for the following school districts totally contained in Pittsburg County (single county districts) or for which the Pittsburg County Election Board is the parent County Election Board: Crowder I-28, Office 1. 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 and unofficial certification reports. ACTION TAKEN: None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass all precinct results for the April 5, 2016 Primary Election for (Mayor) for the City of McAlester. 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 and unofficial certification reports. ACTION TAKEN: None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.
7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss dates and times for future County Election Board meetings, Secretary Thornton informed the members that the next County Election Board meeting is expected to be held on April 8, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in connection with the 2016 Annual School Runoff and City of McAlester Primary Elections.
8. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjourn meeting. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, April 8th 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 8:43 p.m.

Beulah Stacks, Chairman



Ted Kennedy, Vice Chairman



Cathy Thornton, Secretary

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Shirley Williams, Republican Alternate

Clare Thomas, Democratic Alternate