

MINUTES FOR THE  
PITTSBURG COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

November 8, 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 October 26, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. One copy of each of the notice and agenda is attached.

The following members were present: Beulah Stacks, Chairman; Ted Kennedy, Vice Chairman and Cathy Thornton, Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Ms. Stacks.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve minutes of the meeting held November 1, 2016. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved that the minutes for the meeting held November 1, 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 November 8, 2016, General 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 676 absentee ballots submitted by mail and by nursing home voters.
3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Recess meeting if necessary, and reconvene no later than 6:30 p.m. in the same location. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved that the Board recess its meeting and reconvene at 3:00 p.m. in the County Election Board office. Ms. Stacks seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Stacks – yes; Mr. Kennedy – yes; Mrs. Thornton – yes. Motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was reconvened at 3:11 p.m. in the County Election Board office and called back to order by Ms. Stacks. All members were present.

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The Board determined that two ballots received by mail could not be counted because the affidavits had not been properly witnessed by two persons as required by law, four ballots could not be counted because the affidavit had not been properly been notarized by a notary as required by law and four ballots did not have an affidavit and one affidavit was not filled out at all.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion that the eleven ballots 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 six hundred sixty five affidavits were sufficient. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and count the remaining six hundred sixty five 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 Staff Carla Morris scanned the ballots through the eScan voting device to count the ballots.

4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Approve substitute Precinct Officials for the November 8, 2016, General Election. ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Stacks moved to approve substitute Precinct Officials for the November 8, 2016, General Election:

Precinct 610037, Jerry Donathan as substitute inspector for Barbara Thomas

Precinct 610040, John Grimm as substitute clerk for Lonnie Anderson

Precinct 610041, Caroline Swinton as substitute judge for Kimberly Clift

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

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5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the November 8, 2016, General Election returns. 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.
6. 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 November 11, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.in connection with the General Election.
7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjourn meeting. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, November 11th 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 9:30 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