

MINUTES FOR THE
PITTSBURG COUNTY ELECTION BOARD MEETING

June 26, 2018

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 29, 2017 at 2:20 p.m. and posting an agenda at the County Election Board on June 20, 2018 at 8:30 a.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 April 6, 2018. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved that the minutes for the meeting held April 6, 2018, 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 June 26, 2018, Primary and City of McAlester General Elections. 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 196 absentee ballots submitted by mail and by nursing home voters. The Board determined that three ballots could not be counted one because the affidavit had not been properly been notarized by a notary as required by law and one ballot because the affidavit was not signed by the voter and one ballot did not have an affidavit.

Cathy Thornton, Secretary had to leave at 10:23 a.m. to check on an issue at a polling place.

Cathy Thornton, Secretary returned to the County Election Board at 11:10 a.m.

Mr. Kennedy made a motion that three ballots be rejected and not counted. Ms. Stacks seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Stacks – yes; Mr.

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Kennedy – yes; Mrs. Thornton - yes. Motion passed 3-0. The Board determined that the remaining one hundred ninety four affidavits were sufficient. Mr. Kennedy made a motion to accept and count the remaining one hundred ninety four 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 Assistant Secretary Tonya Barnes scanned the ballots through the eScan voting device to count them.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Approve substitute Precinct Officials for the June 26, 2018, Primary and City of McAlester General Elections. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved to approve substitute Precinct Officials for the June 26, 2018, Primary and City of McAlester General Elections:

Precinct 610003, John Grimm as substitute clerk for Sally Roberts
Precinct 610034, Birdie Ray as substitute inspector for Romarie Morrow
Precinct 610034, Robert Craig as substitute clerk for Birdie Ray
Precinct 610040, Ryan McPhetridge as substitute clerk for Lonnie Anderson
Precinct 610043, John Freeman as substitute clerk for Carolyn Heathcock
Precinct 610046, Lynn Wood as substitute judge for Charles Parkhurst
Precinct 36, Joseph Finger as substitute inspector for Nona Wood
Precinct 36, Mary Finger as substitute judge for Juliet Mitchell
Precinct 36, Frances Strickland as substitute clerk for Alta Johnson
Precinct 45, Nona Wood as substitute inspector for Joseph Finger
Precinct 45, Rose Gwin as substitute judge for Mary Finger
Precinct 45, Alta Johnson as substitute clerk for Frances Strickland

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

4. 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 6:30 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 6:45 p.m. in the County Election Board office and called back to order by Ms. Stacks. All members were present.

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5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass all results for federal, state and county offices. 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:** Canvass all precinct results for state and county questions included on the ballot. 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.
7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass all precinct results for the June 26, 2018 City of McAlester General Councilman Ward 6 a home rule charter municipality totally contained within Pittsburg County. 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.
8. **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 June 29, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.in connection with the Primary and City of McAlester General Elections.

9. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjourn meeting. ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Kennedy moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, June 29th 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 10:25 p.m.


Beulah Stacks, Chairman


Ted Kennedy, Vice Chairman


Cathy Thornton, Secretary

Shirley Williams, Republican Alternate

Clare Thomas, Democratic Alternate