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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
March 11, 2016

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Gene Haley called the Garland County Election Commission meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.
- 2.** Per Secretary of State Rules for Provisional Ballot Public Hearing §7-5-308(c)(1)(2) , Chairman Haley announced that the Provisional Public Hearing for the 2016 Primary election is now open.
- 3. ATTENDING:** Chairman Haley, Commissioner Ginna Watson, Commissioner Dennis Bosch, Executive Secretary Sundra Mallory and Reporter David Showers, *The Sentinel Record Newspaper*, County Clerk Sarah Smith arrived after the meeting had started.
- 3. MINUTES:** Motion by Commissioner Bosch to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2016. Seconded; Approved by Acclimation.
- 4. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS:** Chairman Haley modified the AGENDA to include discussing a probable June 28, 2016 special election.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. PROVISIONAL HEARING.** Opened as schedule from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 NOON.
 - b. Certification of 3/1/16 Election.** Motion by Commissioner Watson; Seconded, Approved by Acclimation.
 - c. Critique 3/1/16 Election.** After reviewing and discussing the number of registered voters and electronic poll book recorded number of voters at each polling location, Commissioner Bosch Moved to close Election Day polls at the Arkansas Math and Science School, Mountain Pine location, and Rock Springs Baptist Church location; Seconded; Approved by Acclimation. Following another review of the voter attendance report, Commissioner Bosh amended the motion to include Lonsdale City Hall for closure on Election Day. Amended Motion Seconded; Approved by Acclimation. With further discussion and review of the research, County Clerk Sarah Smith asked the Commission about closing the Webb Center on Election Day. Chairman Haley and Commissioner Watson refused to discuss closing Webb Center.

Of the 21,856 votes cast in the 2016 Primary, electronic poll books recorded 228 voters at the Arkansas School for Math and Science, 235 voters at the Mountain Pine Location, 102 voters at Rock Springs Baptist Church, and 137 voters at Lonsdale City Hall. Closing these four sites on Election Day will provide eight (8) additional voting machines for Election Day in November 2016, seven (7) additional electronic poll books and additional personnel.

After further discussion of locations voters preferred, Commissioner Watson moved that the Garland County Election Commission location be open for voting on Election Day as well as Early Voting; Seconded; Approved by Acclimation.

EARLY VOTING

13 Hot Springs Memorial Airport, #27 Faith Fellowship Church.
#25 Garland County Election Commission

ELECTION DAY VOTING

#2 Webb Community Center	#3 Bates Community Church
#4 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church	#5 Richard Street Baptist Church
#6 Oaklawn First Church of God	#7 First Church of Nazarene
#8 Creekside Community Church	#9 Lakeside Baptist Church
#10 Red Oak Baptist Church	#11 Lake Hamilton Fire Dept. (290)
#12 Center Fork Baptist Church	#13 Hot Springs Memorial Airport
#14 Piney Grove Methodist Church	#15 Antioch Baptist Church
#16 First Baptist Church of Royal	#17 Old Armory Building
#20 Jessieville First Baptist Church	#21 Unitarian Universalist Village Church
#22 Village Bible Church	#23 Fountain Lake School
#25 Garland County Election Commission	#27 Faith Fellowship Church

County Clerk Sarah Smith approved for #28 Absentee canvassing be conducted at the Garland County Courthouse, County Clerk's office, on Election Day, by the Garland County Election Commission.

Commissioners agreed that voter lines were a result needing more ExpressVote machines and a change in programming. The program requires voters to review every page of every race. If a voter saw the name of the candidate, they wished to vote for on the first page, they are required to view additional pages then come back to the first page to cast their vote. In one race, the number of candidates was four (4) pages long. The voter was required to look at all four (4) pages then go back and either vote for "FOR" the UNOPPOSED or skip voting that race after viewing all four (4) pages and returning to the first page. Consensus is that the Commission will contact the company providing the equipment to ask for changes in the programming, and research purchasing additional ExpressVote machines.

d. Special Elections A.C.A. §7-11-204 Content of calling document. The election commission must receive authorized documentation from the properly constituted authority calling a special election. Upon receipt of such documents, the Election Commission will begin planning for any special election.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. OTHER:

8. ADJOURN: Motion by Commissioner Bosch to close the Business Meeting at 11:07 A.M.; seconded; Approved by Acclimation.

9. PROVISIONAL PUBLIC HEARING: No voter attended the Provisional Ballot Public Hearing. At 12:00 NOON Chairman Gene Haley announced that the Public Hearing is closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Commissioner Ginna Watson