

**FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
AND VOTER REGISTRATION**

MINUTES

*July 29, 2016
4:00 P.M.*

Board Members Present: Darryl Hicks, Chairman
Addison Lester
Aaron Wright

Staff Present: Leigh Combs, Elections Officer
April Crosby, Elections Officer
Beverly Westmoreland, Part-time Elections Clerk

Others in Attendance: Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Sig Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hicks called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. with himself, Member Lester and Member Wright present.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Hicks asked that the agenda be amended to include under “New Business”, number 5, the name of Linda Pritchett, candidate for State House District 63. Member Wright made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Linda Pritchett, candidate for State House District 63 under New Business. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes: June 28, 2016

Member Lester made the motion to approve the June 28, 2016 BOE minutes. Member Hicks seconded. **Motion carried.**

D. HEARINGS

1. DECEASED ELECTORS

Elections Officer Combs presented the list of deceased Fayette County voters for July, 2016. Member Lester made the motion to approve the list of cancelled deceased Fayette County voters. Member Wright seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

2. FELON ELECTORS

Elections Officer Combs presented the list of felon Fayette County voters for July, 2016. Member Wright made the motion to approve the list of cancelled felon Fayette County voters. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Officer Crosby spoke to the Board about the one provisional ballot that was cast by Larry Oglesby for the July 26, 2016 Runoff election. Mr. Oglesby was apparently given the wrong precinct ballot to cast during Early Voting. He was given a ballot that only had the office for the District Attorney. He should have been given the ballot which would have included the office for U.S. Congressional District 3. To correct the error, he was allowed to cast a provisional ballot for that District 3 Congressional Office.

Dennis Davenport, County Attorney, added comments to this scenario as he was voting early at the time this event occurred. He read from the Secretary of State Code Book and offered the Board advice on this subject. He recommended the provisional vote be counted as it did **not** add an additional voter to the total number of votes cast for the July 26, 2016 Runoff election. The provisional ballot only enabled the vote to be counted for that District 3 Congressional office.

After the Board discussed this provisional ballot, Member Lester made the motion to count the provisional vote cast for Congressional District 3 by Mr. Larry Oglesby. Member Wright seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

2. CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

a. General Primary Runoff July 26, 2016

Member Lester made the motion to certify the General Primary Runoff for July 26, 2016. Member Wright seconded. Motion carried.

3. POLLING PLACE

a. Town of Woolsey

Officer Combs explained to the Board the dilemma that exists for the Town of Woolsey. She had spoken to Stacey Collins, the Town Clerk for Woolsey, regarding the eviction from their meeting place in Woolsey. The Town of Woolsey is considering having another meeting place, which would also serve as their polling place, but the facility would be just outside of the city limits of Woolsey. Officer Combs wanted to present this situation to the Board and asked for their opinion and input regarding this issue.

Chairman Hicks asked that this item be held until the next Board meeting for further discussion. **No action taken.**

4. POLL WORKERS FOR GENERAL ELECTON

There was brief discussion regarding poll workers for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Officer Crosby was asked to give an update and an assessment in August and again in September on this subject.

5. LINDA PRITCHETT - CANDIDATE FOR STATE HOUSE REPRESENTIAVE FOR THE 63RD DISTRICT

There was discussion regarding the candidate, Linda Pritchett, who was the Democratic candidate, for State Representative for the 63rd District. Officer Combs had spoken with Ms. Pritchett regarding an issue with two voters. Officer Combs did research on the issue presented by Ms. Pritchett and said the SOS Database referred to as "Enet" shows the two voters in question as being in District 73 and therefore unable to vote for a candidate in District 63. Officer Combs told the Board she has spoken with Linda Pritchett and has given her all the pertinent information.

There was further discussion regarding this issue and Attorney Davenport said if any further research is done, the State must first certify the July 26, 2016 Primary Runoff election.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

1. DEMOCRACY LIVE

Officer Crosby spoke to the Board regarding a proposed website involving audio sample ballots being made available for blind voters. She said the Secretary of State will be doing more research and development on this proposed website.

2. SOCIAL MEDIA/CHANNEL 23

Officer Combs gave the Board an update regarding the plans for the Election Office having a Facebook page for information purposes being made available for the public. Officer Combs told the Board she has spoken to the County Chief Information Officer, Phil Frieder, for his input regarding this being implemented. Mr. Frieder told her a “webmaster” would need to be named for the task of maintaining current information on the website. Officer Combs said it would be used like a billboard to present current and pertinent information regarding elections. There was further discussion relating to this topic and Chairman Hicks said he is in favor of proceeding with this project using electronic email to the Elections Group for any responses from the public relating to this website.

Member Wright then made the motion to proceed with the process of making the Fayette County Board of Elections social media website available to the public. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

H. OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chairman Hicks made the suggestion that Public Comments be moved up on the Agenda to make that available for the convenience of guests attending meetings.

Officer Combs told the Board she will have an assessment of reducing the number of precincts at the next Board meeting in August.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel and Legal Issues

Member Wright made the motion to go into Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Member Wright made the motion to come out of Executive Session at approximately 5:15 p.m. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Member Wright made the motion that the Board consider the March 23, 2016 Executive Session Minutes and the April 29, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Member Wright made the motion to accept the March 23, 2016 Executive Session Minutes and the April 29, 2016 Executive Session Minutes. Member Lester seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

There was some discussion regarding the process of approving minutes. Attorney Davenport outlined the approval process to the Board from the legality standpoint.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.