

MINUTES

OF THE WAGONER COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

March 1, 2016

The Wagoner County Election Board met in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m., in the Wagoner County Election Board office at 208 N. Lee, Wagoner, OK. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the County Clerk on December 7, 2015 at 3:08 pm. In addition, an agenda was posted at the County Election Board office on February 24, 2016 at 10:36 am. One copy each of the notices and agenda is attached. Linda Dyer the Assistant Secretary contacted the Chairman and Vice Chairman by phone regarding the meeting.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING:

1. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jacob Peters at 4:07 pm when a quorum was achieved.
2. Roll was called with the following responses: Mr. Peters, present and Ms. Golden, present, Mr. Wilkinson was absent.
3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes of the meeting held February 12, 2016. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Golden moved that the minutes of the meeting held February 12, 2016 be approved. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Peters – aye; Ms. Golden – aye. Motion Passed, 2-0.
4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Process absentee ballots for the March 1, 2016 Presidential Preferential Primary Election. This included opening the outer envelopes and examining the affidavits for sufficiency, removing affidavit envelopes, opening secrecy envelopes and counting the ballots. **ACTION TAKEN:** The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined the affidavits for 235 absentee ballots received by mail. The Board determined that 220 absentee ballots received were sufficient. Ms. Golden made a motion to accept and count the 220 absentee ballots. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Peters – aye; Ms. Golden – aye. Motion Passed, 2-0.

The Board determined that 15 ballots were insufficient due to:

4 had no notary seal, 5 had no affidavit envelope, 2 had no witness signatures and 4 voted incorrect ballot. (2/9/16 election)

Mr. Peters made a motion that these ballots be rejected and set aside and not be counted. Ms. Golden seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Peters – aye; Ms. Golden – aye. Motion Passed, 2-0.

The Board members then followed established procedures to prepare the ballots for counting. The Board members observed as County Election Board employee, Kim Dorr scanned the ballots through the Escan voting device, the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports. The ballots were put in a transfer case and sealed and turned over to the custody of the Sheriff.

5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Approve substitute Precinct Officials. **ACTION TAKEN:** A substitute precinct official list was submitted stating the following persons were employed in today's election. (See attached sheet) Mr. Peters moved to approve the substitute Precinct Officials. Ms. Golden seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Peters – aye; Ms. Golden – aye. Motion passed 2-0.
6. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** There was no new business. **ACTION TAKEN:** None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.
7. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Recess meeting, if necessary, and reconvene no later than 6:45 pm in the same location. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Peters moved to recess meeting at 6:35 pm and reconvene at 6:45 pm in the County Election Board office. Ms. Golden seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Peters – aye; Ms. Golden – aye. Motion passed 2-0.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:45 pm in the County Election Board office and called to order by Mr. Peters. In attendance were Mr. Peters, Ms. Golden and Larry Wilkinson, Secretary who stated he was unavoidably detained helping at the precincts.

8. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass all absentee and precinct results for the March 1, 2016 Presidential Preferential Primary election for the State Election Board.

Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the process and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from all Precinct Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of sealed ballot transfer cases received from the Inspectors were turned over to the custody of the Sheriff.

Kathy Robinson an Inspector from precinct 730202 at Cedar Ridge Church arrived and said her escan voting device quit accepting ballots around 6:15pm. The ballots were put into the emergency bin. At 7:00, Ms. Robinson removed the ballots from the emergency bin as the Judge and Clerk watched and put them in a separate ballot transfer case, separate from the counted ballots. The Inspector, Judge and Clerk then signed the white seal and wrapped the seal around the transfer case. When Ms. Robinson arrived at the Election Board office the Board examined the unbroken seal on the ballots and decided to set up an escan voting device to count these segregated ballots. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mr. Peters made a motion to accept these addition ballots from precinct 730202 and count them. Ms. Golden seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Peters – aye; Ms. Golden – aye; Mr. Wilkinson aye. Motion passed 3-0.

The Board members then followed established procedures to prepare the ballots for counting. The Board members observed as County Election Board employee, Kim Dorr scanned the ballots through the Escan voting device, a total of 27 ballots were counted. The ballots were sealed with a blue tape and signed by the Board, then turned over to the custody of the Sheriff.

9. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Secretary's Report. Secretary Larry Wilkinson informed Board that two precincts 730103 at Glen Eagles and 730307 at Christian Family Center has staffing issues of not having the Judge and Clerk of opposite political parties. He informed them that due to illness of officials some officials were unable to work. All precinct officials that were available did work the election. In addition the Democratic Party Chairman and Secretary were contacted for additional names of prospective workers, but they were unable to provide any names. **ACTION TAKEN:** None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with this activity.

10. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjourn meeting. **ACTION TAKEN:** Ms. Golden moved to adjourn at 9:45 pm, until the next meeting. Mr. Peters seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Mr. Peters – aye; Ms. Golden – aye; Larry Wilkinson - aye. Motion Passed, 3-0.

Jacob Peters, Chairman

Ann Golden, Vice Chairman

Larry Wilkinson, Secretary