

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
OFFICIAL COMPLAINT FORM**

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Address: P.O. Box 218
Arkansas City, jAR. 71630
County: Desha
Day Phone: 870-222-0870
Email: countyclerk@deshacounty.org
Election/Date: May 24, 2022

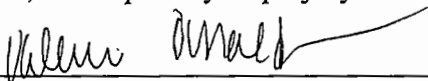
A complaint must be filed no earlier than forty-six (46) days before an election and no later than thirty (30) days following the certification of the election associated with the complaint. Arkansas Code Annotated § 7-4-120

Please describe the details of the complaint below and attach additional pages if needed. Be specific as to the nature of the alleged election irregularities or illegalities, indicate when and where the allegations occurred, provide supporting facts surrounding the allegations, and state your desired resolution.

Early voting sites were decided past the deadline.
Absentee ballots were not delivered to my office by the April 7, 2022 deadline.
Logic and Accuracy testing was not completed by the deadline.
Proper notice within 48 hours was not published in the newspaper before L&A testing was done.
I never received certified L&A results and if there were any they were never sent to the sec of state.
The county board of election commissioners did not forward me a list of poll-workers to post at the courthouse.
Poll-workers were still being picked on May 23rd the night before the election which is past the deadline.
There were no absentee clerks designated by the commissioners. There was nobody on election day to canvass the ballots.
The newspaper state that absentee ballot would be processed and canvased at the Desha County Courthouse on May 24, 2022.
The commissioner minurtes stated the Absentee ballots would be processed, canvased, and tabulated at a differnt location in McGehee.
The notice of election placed in the newspaper by the commissioners did not list the Desha County Courthouse as an early voting location.
The same DS200 tabulation machine was moved around to every early voting location besides the courthouse every day. The ballots were taken out of the machines and placed in envelopes and placed back into the machines. Metal ballot boxes were used only for election night. Several differnt days the commissioners physically counted the ballots to make sure the numbers matched the list of voters.
The County Judge Richard Tindall locked the county clerk out of the building where the voting machines were housed, The County Clerk had received them several years ago and the commisioners at that time allowed me the county clerk to provide a safe and climate controlled environent to house them. The Judge was on the ballot during all this time.
i was locked out of the portal by Kurt Sims which caused a lot of mistakes.
The County Judge signed for the absentee ballots and never told me they were at the courthouse. He locked them up from me causing me to miss a deadline. He was on the ballot and should've never handled them.(I have a video)
The county judge visited with people as they came in to vote on several occasions. He talked to the pollworkers working at the courthouse and even other candidate

AFFIRMATION

The facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, under penalty of perjury.



Signature of Complainant

06-02-2022

Date

Remit to: State Board of Election Commissioners

**501 Woodlane, Suite 122 South
Little Rock, AR 72201
501-682-1834 / 800-411-6996**

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I have attached an additional letter with the same complaints and a few others as well. I am attesting and affirming to them as well and they will be attached.

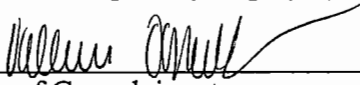
I would like the commissioners to in the future to continue to do their job but please advise me and allow me to work with them so we dont have these mistakes again. I would like an investigation into the election laws they broke. I do feel that Tommy Peacock did his job to the best of his ability. I feel like Kurt Sims would not cooperate with anyone and he cause major problems. He would always blame others for his mistakes. He needs to be dismissed as an election commissioner.

I would like a thorough investigation of the County Judges involvement in the entire election process. I want the judge to be prosecuted, removed from office, or a new election if he is found guilty.

i know i sound harsh but this has caused a lot of heartache and discord to all. The public is now leery of the integrity of the Desha County Election process.

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*Valerie Donaldson
County & Probate Clerk*

State Board of Elections,

06/02/2022

I have served as The Desha County Clerk for the past ten years. During my tenure I have always worked closely with the Desha County Election Commission during each election season. This past election I was informed my assistance wasn't needed.

I am expressing my concerns in hopes that appropriate actions will be taken to prevent future problems, and correct any wrong doing on behalf of the commissioners this past primary.

Violation 1.

Early voting sites were decided at the April 21, 2022 election commissioners meeting. I have attached the minutes from that meeting. The deadline to change polling sites was March 25, 2022. This is thirty three (33) days before the primary election held on May 24, 2022. Ark Code § 7-5-101(d)(2), Act 1063 of 2021 states the following (2)(A) The county board of election commissioners shall not change a polling site for any precinct less than sixty (60) days before a preferential primary election or general election, except in the event of an emergency.(B) The county board of election commissioners shall not change a polling site for any precinct less than thirty (30) days before an election other than a preferential primary or general election, except in the event of an emergency.

Ark Code § 7-5-101 (d)(1) Except for school elections under § 6-14-106, the polling sites for each election shall be the same as those established for the immediately preceding general election unless changed by order of the county board of election commissioners.

In the previous general election early voting sites were the Desha County Courthouse, Dumas Community Center, and the McGehee Municipal Building. The May 24, 2022 primary, all eight (8) vote centers were also used as early voting sites.

I have attached the minutes from the 4/21/22 election commissioners meeting, copy of the current election laws, election calendar from the secretary of state, legal notice placed in the newspaper, and a printed copy from the vote@votedesha.com

election commissioners website listing the early and election day polling places. I have numbered them 1,2,3,4 and 5.

Violation 2.

April 7th was the deadline for the county board of election commissioners to deliver absentee ballots to my office. I received them from the County Judge. on April 22, 2022.

Ark Code § 7-5-407(a)(1) The county board of election commissioners shall prepare official absentee ballots and deliver them to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants as soon as practicable but not later than forty-seven (47) days before a preferential primary election, general election, school election, nonpartisan general election, nonpartisan runoff election, or special election. I have attached the current election laws and election calendar from the secretary of state. I have numbered them 6 and 7.

Violation 3.

April 30, 2022 was the deadline to publish in the newspaper the logic and accuracy testing of all voting machines. The deadline to test the machines were May 2, 2022. The notice was published May 4 2022 and the machines were tested on May 5, 2022 which was four (4) days before the start of early voting. This would not have been enough time to make any corrections if ballots were wrong or machines didn't work properly before the start of early voting on May 9, 2022. Any corrections would have been sent to Omaha Nebraska to Election Systems and Software also known as ES&S. Also publishing in the newspaper one (1) day before the day, although late, is not an adequate notice which is a required 48 hours' notice.

(a) Immediately upon the proper certification of candidates and questions, the county board of election commissioners shall oversee programming of the election, proof the ballots, prepare the voting machines, and test and adjust the voting machines for the election.

(b) In performing these functions, the county board of election commissioners may be assisted by experts appointed or employed by the county board of election commissioners.

(c)(1)(A) As soon as the election media is prepared, but no later than seven (7) days before the beginning of voting, the county board of election commissioners, with respect to all elections except a runoff election under subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section, shall conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media tested to ascertain that the voting system has been correctly configured and will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

(B) As soon as the election media is prepared, but no later than five (5) days before the beginning of voting, the county board of election commissioners, with respect to a runoff election, shall conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all runoff election media tested to ascertain that the voting system has been correctly configured and will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

(2) In addition to the logic and accuracy testing under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the county board of election commissioners shall conduct public testing as follows:

(A) The county board of election commissioners shall give public notice of the time and place of the test at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the public test by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the machines if a newspaper is published in the town, city, or county;

(B) The public test shall be open to representatives of the political parties, candidates, media, and the public;

(C)(i) The public test shall be conducted by processing a preaudited group of test ballots that are to be voted on the machines so as to record a predetermined number of valid votes for each candidate and on each measure.

(ii) The public test shall include for each office one (1) or more ballots which have votes in excess of the number allowed by law in order to test the ability of the machines to reject the votes; and

(D) If any error is detected, the cause shall be ascertained and corrected and an errorless count shall be made before the machine is approved.

(d) After completion of the logic and accuracy test and the public test, the ballots and programs used shall be sealed, retained, and disposed of as provided by law.

(e) After completion of the logic and accuracy test and the public test, the county board of election commissioners shall certify the accuracy of the voting system by:

(1) Sending a copy of the electronic results to the Secretary of State; and

(2) Filing the test results with the county clerk.

See attachments 8,9,10, and 11.

Violation 4.

The County Election Commissioners did not post a list of poll-workers in the County Clerk's office by the May 1, 2022 deadline. This list is important if objections are made to any person appointed to work the polls. I still don't have that list and still don't know who all the poll-workers were as of this date June 1, 2022.

Ark. Code 7-5-2029(b)(2)(A) At least fifteen (15) days before the beginning of early voting and the election day, each county board of election commissioners or county clerk shall prepare and post in a public place in the county clerk's office its list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting.

(B) The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Violation 5

The County Board of Election commissioners failed to appoint election clerks to process, count, and canvass absentee ballots. In the notice of election placed in the newspaper the canvassing was stated to take place at 8:30 a.m. at the Desha County Courthouse in Arkansas City. The Election minutes that were passed stated that the canvassing, counting and tabulation of absentee ballots would be held at the building at the corner of Main Street and Oak Street in McGehee. (This is a county owned building where the Community Action is held) See the 04/25/2022 election commission minutes and also the notice of election placed in the paper. There was also a poll monitor sent by the state that witnessed there were no election clerks to canvass and process at the time stated.

: Ark. Code § 7-5-414 (2019)

- (a) The county board of election commissioners shall appoint election clerks to process, count, and canvass the absentee voters' ballots in all elections.
- (b)
 - (1) The election clerks who are to canvass the absentee ballots shall be appointed in the same manner and at the same time the poll workers are selected to serve at the regular voting precincts.
 - (2) The election clerks shall possess the same qualifications as the poll workers who serve at the regular voting precincts.
- (c) The processing, counting, and canvassing of the absentee ballots shall be under the supervision and at the direction of the county board of election commission.

Other complaints:

There was nothing in the notice of election that stated the date, time and place of the provisional ballot count.

The election commission did not state in the notice of election that the courthouse would conduct early voting.

I was locked out of the storage facility where I keep my files along with the other elected officials. This facility is where we have always stored the voting machines also. County Judge Richard Tindall was on the ballot. He had access to the facility and was aloud around the voting machines, but I was not allowed to be there.

I witnessed the Desha County Judge Richard Tindall talking to poll workers, voters, and candidates during early voting several times. I politely explained to him that he could not do that. He asked a poll worker in front of me if that was true? They didn't say anything to him in front of me standing there. I explained to him again that it was true. He continued to do it on several different occasions.

One early vote tabulator was used at 8 different early voting sites. This was not a good practice. Inexperienced election commissioners told people to hand count the ballots at several places because the numbers didn't match the list of voters or centralpoint at the end of the day and there are several witnesses.

I was locked out of the portal after I explained to Commissioner Sims that all of his ballots needed to be corrected due to the school millage being transposed to the opposite ballots.

Machines at the McGehee Municipal Building on Election Day were not working for several hours as reported by citizens calling to my office and they were not offered a provisional ballot because the ballots were not there until later that morning.

I was not given but only one set of sample ballots to display on the opening of the first early of early voting by the commissioners after asking several days in advance. I was given the second set late that afternoon.

It is my concern that the public was very confused and did not know where to go early vote because of the different sites everyday voting was being held and there was no notice by the commissioners that the courthouse was having early voting.

Several of these mistakes caused voters to be turned away because they were not offered a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots were not at the polling places when the polls opened on Election Day for several hours. It is my opinion that this could have affected the outcome of the election.

There were too many mistakes to be a fair election in my opinion. It was up to the commissioners to work together and in conjunction with my office from the very start to ensure a professional and successful election.

I understand you all work very hard and I appreciate you very much. Thank you for all that you.

Kindest regards,



Valerie Donaldson
Desha County and Probate Clerk

The facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Valerie Donaldson
Desha County Clerk

4-2-22

(c)(1) Within thirty (30) days after the boundaries of an election precinct are altered or a new election precinct is established, the county clerk shall submit written, printed, and digital copies of the map and boundaries required under subdivision (b)(4) of this section to the:

- (A) Secretary of State; and
- (B) Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office.

(2) Upon receipt of the changes, the Secretary of State immediately shall forward a copy to the:

- (A) Office of the Attorney General;
- (B) Census State Data Center;
- (C) Geographic Information Systems and Mapping Section of the Transportation Planning and Policy Division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation; and
- (D) Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office.

(3) The Secretary of State may:

(A) Designate each precinct in the state with a unique alphanumeric description that clearly references:

- (i) The precinct designation assigned by the county board of election commissioners; and
- (ii) The county in which the precinct exists;
- (B) Create a map of the State of Arkansas that is divided by precinct; and
- (C) Display the map with the alphanumeric precinct designations on the Secretary of State's internet website.

(d)(1) Except for school elections under § 6-14-106, the polling sites for each election shall be the same as those established for the immediately preceding general election unless changed by order of the county board of election commissioners.

(2)(A) The county board of election commissioners shall not change a polling site for any precinct less than sixty (60) days before a preferential primary election or general election, except in the event of an emergency.

(B) The county board of election commissioners shall not change a polling site for any precinct less than thirty (30) days before an election other than a preferential primary or general election, except in the event of an emergency.

(3)(A) Notice of a change made in a polling site shall be provided by posting information at the polling site used in the last election and by the county clerk mailing notice to affected registered voters at least fifteen (15) days before the election unless:

- (i) The election is a school election;
- (ii) The election is a special election; or
- (iii) The change in polling sites is due to an emergency arising less than fifteen (15) days before the election.

(B) If the change in polling site occurs in a school election, special election, or due to an emergency arising less than fifteen (15) days before the election, notice of a change made in the polling site shall be provided by posting information at the polling site used in the last election.

(4)(A) If the county board of election commissioners reduces the total number of polling sites available in the county in a preferential primary election or a general election, a qualified elector of the county may appeal the decision to close the polling site that adversely affects the qualified elector's ability to cast a ballot to the State Board of Election Commissioners.

(B) An appeal made to the State Board of Election Commissioners shall:

- (i) Be filed in writing within seven (7) days of the vote of the county board of election commissioners to reduce the number of polling sites available in the county;
- (ii) Describe clearly the polling site that was closed;
- (iii) Describe the reason the closure of the polling site in question adversely affects the election process; and
- (iv) Be signed by the appellant under penalty of perjury.

(C) When a timely and sufficient appeal is filed under this subsection, the State Board of Election Commissioners shall determine if the reduction in polling sites is permissible in a timely fashion and shall issue an order resolving the appeal no less than thirty (30) days before the date of the election.

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE DESHA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: ~~4/21/2022~~

Chairman Kurt Sims called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Kurt Sims, Commissioner Tommy Peacock, and Commissioner Pamela Blissitt.

In old business, the minutes were reviewed by all commissioners. Pamela Blissitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings on March 14, 2022 and March 31, 2022. Kurt Sims seconded the motion. All approved.

Chairman Kurt Sims then discussed the poll worker form available at votedesha.com/work for all interested parties wanting to work the polls in the upcoming election. The deadline to approve poll workers was sited as being May 2, 2022. It was discussed among the commissioners for a time to have the meeting to select the poll workers. The commissioners all agreed on Thursday April 28th, at 12 p.m. @ the Desha County Courthouse as the date, place and time of the meeting. Commissioner Sims made a motion that each poll worker attending one session of training be paid the sum of \$100.00 plus reimbursable expenses for travel. Commissioner Blissitt seconded the motion and all unanimously approved.

The next item to come before the meeting was the dates for poll worker training. After discussion among all commissioners it was decided that training would take place on the following dates:

May 3, 2022 First Session 9 am. to 12 pm.

May 3, 2022 Second Session 1 pm. to 4 pm.

May 4, 2022 First Session 9 am. to 12 pm.

May 4, 2022 Second Session 1 pm. to 4 pm.

An item of business to come before the meeting was the approval of all eight vote centers as early voting sites. Chairman Sims made a motion that all eight vote centers be approved as early voting sites for the primary and general primary elections. Commissioner Peacock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Tommy Peacock was going to confirm if Holy Temple Church of God and Christ was going to serve as a vote center, or if the emergency clause would be used to move the vote center to St. Peter's Rock. Commissioner Peacock agreed to confirm with the contact person at Holy Temple.

Commissioner Kurt Sims then notified the commissioners the deadline for L and A Testing of all voting machines was May 2, 2022. Commissioner Sims made a motion that testing of all machines occur on April 29, 2022 beginning at 10 am. Notice will be sent to County Clerk by Commissioner Chairman Kurt Sims.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

* Election Calendar from Sec of State

March 13, 2022 - Sunday*

72 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for ballot draw. The order in which the names of candidates shall appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the CBEC not less than 72 days before the Preferential Primary Election. (Recommend including school candidates.)

Ark. Code § 7-7-305(b)(1)(A); § 6-14-111(k)(1)

Deadlines falling on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, March 14, 2022.]

March 15, 2022 - Tuesday

14 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE

Deadline for county clerk to notify each candidate in person or by mail of the deadlines for filing the financial disclosure reports, including the ten-day pre-election and final reports required, and at that time, furnish each candidate with the appropriate forms and instructions for complying with deadlines. If notice is sent by mail, then notice shall be postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the deadline for filing for office.

Ark. Code § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)

March 25, 2022 - Friday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD MAY

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots.

Ark. Code § 7-5-405(a)(1)

Deadline for CBEC to change precinct boundaries.

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(b)(2)

Deadline for CBEC to change polling sites (deadline applies only to the Preferential Primary election).

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(2), Act 1063 of 2021

Deadline for school district to submit to the county clerk the language to be used to submit the rate of tax to the voters during the annual school election if held in May.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(i)

April 7, 2022 - Thursday

47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD IN MAY

Deadline for the CBEC to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(1)

April 8, 2022 - Friday

UOCAVA DEADLINE - 46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD IN MAY

Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under § 7-5-406 (members of uniformed services and other citizens residing outside the United States).

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(2)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Preferential Primary /Nonpartisan Judicial General/School Election

Provided by the Desha County Board of Election Commissioners For more information visit VoteDesha.com

Pursuant to Arkansas Election Law, Arkansas Code Annotated 7-5-202, all qualified electors are notified that the 2022 Preferential Primary /Nonpartisan Judicial General/School Election will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. The election will submit to a vote of the electorate all candidates by name and office and all other measures and questions required by law to be submitted to the electors.

VOTE CENTERS AND EARLY VOTING

The following 8 vote centers have been set by the Desha County Board of Election Commissioners, and hereby posted in accordance with the election laws of the State of Arkansas. Voters may vote early on the dates and times listed for each vote center. Go to votedesha.com for more information.

Arkansas City Hall

606 Sprague Street,
Arkansas City

Early Vote on May 9
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Reed City Hall

848 US-65, Reed

Early Vote on May 10
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

St. Peter's Rock M. B.

100 N Cherry St, Dumas

Early Vote on May 11
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Dumas Community Center

18 Belmont St, Dumas

Early Vote on
May 12, 13

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
May 14, 10:00 AM

- 4:00 PM

Mitchellville City Hall

216 Emily Bowen St,
Dumas

Early Vote on
May 16, 17

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Union Chapel

103 Meadow Rd,

McGehee

Early Vote on May 18
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

McGehee

Municipal Building

901 Holly Street,
McGehee

Early Vote on
May 19, 20

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
May 21, 10:00 AM

- 4:00 PM

Watson City Hall

500 Clayton St, Watson

Early Vote on May 23
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Redistricting from the 2020 census has created several precinct boundary changes throughout Desha County. Please check out your ballot information prior to election day by visiting the site www.voterview.arnova.org/VoterView provided by the Secretary of State.

Absentee Ballots

Contact the County Clerk at (870) 222-0870 for information regarding absentee ballots, or voter registration. Election Officials will begin canvassing absentee ballots on Election Day, May 24th at 8:30 a.m. and begin opening and counting absentee ballots on Election Day, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Desha County Courthouse at 608 Robert More Ave in Arkansas City.

Preferential

Primary/Nonpartisan Election Candidates Republican Candidates

U.S. Senate

Jake Bequette

Jan Morgan

Heath Loftis

Senator John Boozman

U.S. Congress,

District 01

Congressman

Rick Crawford

Representative

Brandt Smith

Jody Shackelford

Governor

Sarah Huckabee

Sanders

Francis "Doc" Washburn

Lieutenant Governor

Doyle Webb

Judge Joseph Wood

Senator Jason Rapert

Chris Bequette

Attorney General

Leslie Rutledge

Greg Bledsoe

Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor

Tim Griffin

Leon Jones, Jr

State Treasurer

State Representative

Mark Lowery

Senator Mathew W. Pitsch

Secretary of State

John Thurston

Eddie Joe Williams

State Representative,

District 62

State Representative

David Tollett

Representative Mark D.

McElroy

Unopposed Republican

Candidates

Auditor of State -

Treasurer of State Dennis

Milligan, Tommy Land

Commissioner of State

Lands, State Representa-

tive District 94 Jeffrey

Wardlaw, Sheriff - Clint

Bradberry, Treasurer -

Faye Ann Moreland,

County Clerk - Renee

Baxter, Justice of the

Peace District 5 Hollis

Mankin, Justice of the

Peace District 6 - Ken Holt
JR, Justice of the Peace
District 7 Rita K. Kolb,
Justice of the Peace
District 8 - Lynn Bliss,
Justice of the Peace
District 9 Norris Sims,
Constable Dennis
Blankenship, Levee Board
Greg Simpson

Democratic Candidates

U.S. Senate

Dan Whitfield

Jack E Foster

Natalie James

Governor

Jay Martin

Chris Jones

Supha Xayprasith-Mays

James "Rus" Russell, III

Anthony "Tony" Bland

Secretary of State

Josh Price

Anna Beth Gorman

State Representative,

District 62

Kelley Mitchell Farris

Dexter R. Miller

State Representative,

District 94

Curley Jackson

Andrew C. Pritt

Desha County Judge

Patricia Collins

Judge Richard Tindall

Desha County Sheriff

Carroll W. Sirmon

Mitch Grant

Desha County Assessor

Assessor

Jessica Ferguson

Glory "Ann" Richardson

Desha County Coroner

Jamie Evans

Billy R. Bates

Desha County Justice of

The Peace, District 1

Troy Jackson, Jr

Rick Reyes

Unopposed Democratic

Candidates

U.S. Congress District

01 - Representative Monte

Hodges, Lieutenant

Governor - Kelly Ross

Krout, Attorney General -

Jesse Gibson, State

Treasurer - Pam Whitaker,

Auditor of State -

Diamond Arnold-

Johnson, Commissioner

of State Lands - Darlene

Goldi Gaines, State Senate

District 08 Senator

Stephanie Flowers, State

Representative District 64

Representative Ken

Ferguson, Circuit Clerk

Kristen' Christmas,

Collector Lisa Hutch-

inson, Treasurer Shirley

Snow Kozubski, County

Clerk Valerie Donaldson,

Justice of the Peace

District 2 G. Lynn

Weatherford, Justice of

the Peace District 3

Patricia Watkins, Justice

of the Peace District 4 -

Ricky Helton, Justice of

the Peace - 5 Ricky

Cantrell, Justice of the

Peace District 6 Richard

C. Smith, Justice of the

Peace District 8 Dollie A.

Wilson

Nonpartisan Judicial

Candidates

State Supreme Court -

Assoc. Justice Position 2

Supreme Court Associate
Justice Robin Wynne
Judge Chris Carnahan
David Sterling
State Supreme Court
Assoc. Justice Position 6
Supreme Court Justice
Karen Baker

Judge Gunner DeLay
Circuit Judge, District 10,
Division 04, Sub-district
101

Circuit Judge Quincey
Ross

Demetria L. Edwards

May Annual School Election

McGehee School District McGehee School Board, Zone 2

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Hood, Sr

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Dumas School District

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| Vote Center Name | to Courthouse | Vote Center Address | Dates | Open/Close |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Arkansas City Hall | 0.3 miles | 606 Sprague St, Arkansas City | May 9 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Reed City Hall | 36 miles | 848 US-65, Reed | May 10 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| St. Peter's Rock M. B. | 64.2 miles | 100 N Cherry Street, Dumas | May 11 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Dumas Community Center | 61.6 miles | 18 Belmont St, Dumas | May 12, 13, 14* | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Mitchellville | 65.4 miles | 216 Emily Bowen Street | May 16, 17 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Union Chapel M.B Church | 23.6 miles | 103 Meadow Rd, McGehee | May 18 | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| McGehee Municipal Bldg | 26.2 miles | 901 Holly Street, McGehee | May 19, 20, 21* | 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| Watson City Hall | 48.6 miles | 500 Clayton St, Watson | May 23 | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM |
| | | | | *Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
| Dumas Community Center | | 18 Belmont St, Dumas | May 24 | 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM |
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(B) Promptly notify each county clerk and each county board of election commissioners of changes in relevant laws, rules, federal regulations, or procedures.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions in this title, if selected by any grantor, this state or any county in this state may participate in a Federal Voting Assistance Program project which allows members of the uniformed services and voters overseas to register to vote and to vote in elections electronically, according to state laws and rules, and federal laws, rules, and regulations, if funds are available.

(c)(1)(A) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(1)(B) of this section, for the qualified electors in the categories named in subsection (a) of this section who are temporarily outside the territorial limits of the United States, the county board of election commissioners shall prepare a special absentee ballot for each preferential primary and general election to be sent to the voter in addition to the regular absentee ballot.

(B) The county board of election commissioners shall not prepare a special absentee ballot for a nonpartisan judicial election.

(2)(A) The special absentee ballot shall contain a list of all offices contested by three (3) or more candidates and the candidates qualifying for the election in each office.

(B) The special absentee ballot shall permit the elector to vote in the general primary election or in a general runoff election by indicating his or her order of preference for each candidate for each office.

(C)(i) To indicate his or her order of preference for each candidate for each office, the voter shall put the number one (1) next to the name of the candidate who is the voter's first choice, the number two (2) for the voter's second choice, and so forth, so that, in consecutive numerical order, a number indicating the voter's preference is written by the voter next to the candidate's name on the ballot.

(ii) However, the voter shall not be required to indicate his or her preference for more than one (1) candidate on the ballot if he or she chooses.

(3) The special absentee ballot shall be marked as a "special runoff ballot".

(4) Instructions shall be sent with the special absentee ballot to the voter explaining the special runoff voting process.

History. Acts 1969, No. 465, Art. 9, §§ 5, 7, 8; 1971, No. 184, § 2; 1971, No. 261, §§ 25, 26; 1977, No. 739, § 1; 1983, No. 430, §§ 2, 4; 1985, No. 1019, § 2; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 3-905, 3-907, 3-908; Acts 1997, No. 1092, § 3; 2001, No. 1180, § 1; 2003, No. 107, § 1; 2003, No. 749, § 1; 2003, No. 994, § 9; 2005, No. 751, § 1; 2007, No. 233, § 1; 2007, No. 261, § 1; 2007, No. 556, §§ 5, 6; 2009, No. 250, §§ 7, 8; 2009, No. 659, § 6; 2009, No. 703, § 1; 2011, No. 1188, § 3; 2019, No. 315, §§ 417-419; 2019, No. 462, § 8.

7-5-407. Preparation and delivery of ballots.

(a)(1) The county board of election commissioners shall prepare official absentee ballots and deliver them to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants as soon as practicable but not later than forty-seven (47) days before a preferential primary election, general election, school election, nonpartisan general election, nonpartisan runoff election, or special election.

(2) Upon the receipt of the absentee ballots, the county clerk shall begin delivering ballots to absentee voters as soon as practicable and, no later than forty-six (46) days before the applicable election, shall deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under:

(A) Section 7-5-406; or

(B) The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301 et seq., as existing on January 1, 2011.

(b) The county board of election commissioners shall prepare official absentee ballots and deliver them to the county clerk for mailing to any qualified applicant as soon as practicable but in any event not later than ten (10) days before all other elections not included in subsection (a) of this section.

History. Acts 1969, No. 465, Art. 9, § 2; 1971, No. 261, No. 649, § 1; 2001, No. 1789, § 10; 2007, No. 1049, § 17; § 28; A.S.A. 1947, § 3-902; Acts 1997, No. 1092, § 4; 1999, 2011, No. 1185, § 7; 2013, No. 1110, § 5.

Secretary of State Election Calendar

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March 13, 2022 - Sunday*

72 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND NONPARTISAN ELECTION

Deadline for ballot draw. The order in which the names of candidates shall appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at a public meeting of the CBEC not less than 72 days before the Preferential Primary Election. (Recommend including school candidates.)

Ark. Code § 7-7-305(b)(1)(A); § 6-14-111(k)(1)

Deadlines falling on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday are extended to the following business day, per Ark. Code § 7-1-108. The actual deadline will be Monday, March 14, 2022.]

March 15, 2022 - Tuesday

14 DAYS AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE

Deadline for county clerk to notify each candidate in person or by mail of the deadlines for filing the financial disclosure reports, including the ten-day pre-election and final reports required, and at that time, furnish each candidate with the appropriate forms and instructions for complying with deadlines. If notice is sent by mail, then notice shall be postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the deadline for filing for office.

Ark. Code § 7-6-208(b)(3)(A)

March 25, 2022 - Friday

60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD MAY

Deadline for county clerks to make available applications for absentee ballots.

Ark. Code § 7-5-405(a)(1)

Deadline for CBEC to change precinct boundaries.

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(b)(2)

Deadline for CBEC to change polling sites (deadline applies only to the Preferential Primary election).

Ark. Code § 7-5-101(d)(2), Act 1063 of 2021

Deadline for school district to submit to the county clerk the language to be used to submit the rate of tax to the voters during the annual school election if held in May.

Ark. Code § 6-14-111(i)

April 7, 2022 - Thursday

Deadline Commissioners

to find Absentees

to Co. Clerk

47 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD IN MAY

Deadline for the CBEC to deliver absentee ballots to the county clerk for mailing to all qualified applicants.

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(1)

April 8, 2022 - Friday

UOCAVA DEADLINE - 46 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND SCHOOL ELECTIONS HELD IN MAY

Deadline for county clerk to deliver ballots to those absentee voters who made timely application under § 7-5-406 (members of uniformed services and other citizens residing outside the United States).

Ark. Code § 7-5-407(a)(2)

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county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting. The list may appoint election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting in the event of a runoff election.

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(b)(2)(A), Act 448 of 2021

Deadline for CBEC to give first public notice of the following in a newspaper of general circulation in the county:

- The date of the election.
- The hours of voting on Election Day.
- The places and times for early voting.
- Polling sites for holding the elections in the county.
- The candidates and offices to be elected at that time.
- The time and location of the opening, processing, canvassing, and counting of ballots.
- The location where a list of appointed election officials, deputy county clerks, or additional deputies hired to conduct early voting can be found and the date the list is available.
 - A person shall not serve as an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy if: the person is married to or related within the second degree or consanguinity to a candidate running for office in the election, the spouse of a member of the CBEC, or a county party chairman or his/her spouse, AND another person makes an objection to his or her service to the CBEC within Seven (7) calendar days after posting the list of officials.
- Directions for filing an objection to the service of an election official, deputy county clerk, or additional deputy.

Ark. Code § 7-5-202(a)(1)(A-H) and (2)(B), Act 448 of 2021

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~~May 1, 2022~~ – Monday

7 DAYS PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF EARLY VOTING FOR PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MAY
Deadline for CBEC to conduct logic and accuracy testing and public testing of voting machines, election media, and vote tabulation devices. After completion of the logic & accuracy test and the public test, the CBEC shall certify the accuracy of the voting system by sending a copy of the electronic results to the Secretary of State and filing the test results with the county clerk.

Ark. Code § 7-5-515(c); § 7-5-611(a) and (c)

~~May 3, 2022~~ – Wednesday

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION, NONPARTISAN ELECTION, AND ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IF HELD IN MAY

Deadline for CBEC to appoint a sufficient number of election officials for each polling site and other duties.

Ark. Code § 7-4-107(b)(1)

20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Deadline for CBEC to upload sample ballots to voter view.

Ark. Code § 7-5-206 (b)(2)(A), Act 128 of 2021

from 2021
election laws of
Arkansas book

7-5-607. Arrangement of polling place.

In precincts where an electronic vote tabulating device is used, sufficient space shall be provided for the use of the device, and it shall be arranged in such a manner as to assure secrecy in voting.

History. Acts 1977, No. 77, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 3-1803; Acts 2005, No. 2233, § 39.

7-5-608. [Repealed.]

Publisher's Notes. This section, concerning sample voting materials, was repealed by Acts 2007, No. 222, § 10. The section was derived from Acts 1977, No. 77, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 3-1803; Acts 1997, No. 446, § 26; 2005, No. 2233, § 40.

7-5-609. Spoiled ballots.

Any voter who spoils his or her ballot or makes an error may return it to the election officials and mark another, not to exceed three (3) in all.

History. Acts 1977, No. 77, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 3-1803; Acts 2005, No. 2233, § 41; 2015, No. 1218, § 17.

7-5-610. Write-in ballots.

In all elections in which write-in candidacies are allowed, the ballot shall permit electors to submit the names of persons who have qualified as write-in candidates and whose names are not on the ballot.

History. Acts 1977, No. 77, § 4; A.S.A. 1947, § 3-1803; Acts 2005, No. 2233, § 42; 2015, No. 1218, § 18.

7-5-611. Preparation of electronic vote tabulating devices — Test — Disposition of voting materials.

(a)(1) The county board of election commissioners, with respect to all elections, shall cause the electronic vote tabulating devices used for voting to be properly programmed and tested before delivery to the election precincts.

(2) As soon as the election media are prepared, but no later than seven (7) days before the beginning of voting, the county board of election commissioners, with respect to all elections except a runoff election as described in subdivision (a)(3) of this section, shall conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all election media from each electronic vote tabulating device tested to ascertain that the devices will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

(3) In a runoff election, as soon as the election media are prepared, but no later than five (5) days before the beginning of voting, the county board of election commissioners shall conduct logic and accuracy testing by having all runoff election media from each electronic vote tabulating device tested to ascertain that the devices will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

(b) In addition to the logic and accuracy test under subsection (a) of this section, the county board of election commissioners shall conduct public testing as follows:

(1) The county board of election commissioners shall provide public notice of the time and place of the public test at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto by publication one (1) time in one (1) or more daily or weekly newspapers published in the town, city, or county using the devices, if a newspaper is published therein;

(2) The public test shall be open to representatives of the political parties, candidates, the press, and the public;

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE DESHA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: 4/21/2022

Chairman Kurt Sims called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Kurt Sims, Commissioner Tommy Peacock, and Commissioner Pamela Blissitt.

In old business, the minutes were reviewed by all commissioners. Pamela Blissitt made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings on March 14, 2022 and March 31, 2022. Kurt Sims seconded the motion. All approved.

Chairman Kurt Sims then discussed the poll worker form available at votedesha.com/work for all interested parties wanting to work the polls in the upcoming election. The deadline to approve poll workers was cited as being May 2, 2022. It was discussed among the commissioners for a time to have the meeting to select the poll workers. The commissioners all agreed on Thursday April 28th, at 12 p.m. @ the Desha County Courthouse as the date, place and time of the meeting. Commissioner Sims made a motion that each poll worker attending one session of training be paid the sum of \$100.00 plus reimbursable expenses for travel. Commissioner Blissitt seconded the motion and all unanimously approved.

The next item to come before the meeting was the dates for poll worker training. After discussion among all commissioners it was decided that training would take place on the following dates:

May 3, 2022 First Session 9 am. to 12 pm.

May 3, 2022 Second Session 1 pm. to 4 pm.

May 4, 2022 First Session 9 am. to 12 pm.

May 4, 2022 Second Session 1 pm. to 4 pm.

An item of business to come before the meeting was the approval of all eight vote centers as early voting sites. Chairman Sims made a motion that all eight vote centers be approved as early voting sites for the primary and general primary elections. Commissioner Peacock seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Tommy Peacock was going to confirm if Holy Temple Church of God and Christ was going to serve as a vote center, or if the emergency clause would be used to move the vote center to St. Peter's Rock. Commissioner Peacock agreed to confirm with the contact person at Holy Temple.

Commissioner Kurt Sims then notified the commissioners the deadline for L and A Testing of all voting machines was May 2, 2022. Commissioner Sims made a motion that testing of all machines occur on April 29, 2022 beginning at 10 am. Notice will be sent to County Clerk by Commissioner Chairman Kurt Sims.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
OF ELECTION

**Preferential Primary
(Nonpartisan Judicial
General/School Election**
Provided by the Desha County Board of Election Commissioners For more information visit VoteDesha.com

Pursuant to Arkansas Election Law, Arkansas Code Annotated 7-5-202, all qualified electors are notified that the 2022 Preferential Primary (Nonpartisan Judicial General/School Election) will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. The election will submit to a vote of the electorate all candidates by name and office and all other measures and questions required by law to be submitted to the electors.

VOTE CENTERS AND
EARLY VOTING

The following 8 vote centers have been set by the Desha County Board of Election Commissioners, and hereby posted in accordance with the election laws of the State of Arkansas. Voters may vote early on the dates and times listed for each vote center. Go to votedesha.com for more information.

Arkansas City Hall
606 Sprague Street,
Arkansas City

Early Vote on May 9
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Reed City Hall

848 US-65, Reed
Early Vote on May 10
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

St. Peter's Rock M. B.
100 N Cherry St. Dumas

Early Vote on May 11
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

**Dumas Community
Center**

18 Belmont St. Dumas
Early Vote on
May 12, 13

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
May 14, 10:00 AM
- 4:00 PM

Mitchellville City Hall
216 Emily Bowen St.

Dumas -

Early Vote on
May 16, 17

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Union Chapel**M.B. Church**

103 Meadow Rd.
McGehee

Early Vote on May 18
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

McGehee**Municipal Building**

901 Holly Street,
McGehee

Early Vote on

May 19, 20

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
May 21, 10:00 AM
- 4:00 PM

Watson City Hall

500 Clayton St. Watson
Early Vote on May 23

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Redistricting from the 2020 census has created several precinct boundary changes throughout Desha County. Please check out your ballot information prior to election day by visiting the site www.voterview.arknva.org/VoterView provided by the Secretary of State.

Absentee Ballots

Contact the County Clerk at (870) 222-0870 for information regarding absentee ballots, or voter registration. Election Officials will begin canvassing absentee ballots on Election Day, May 24th at 8:30 a.m. and begin opening and counting absentee ballots on Election Day, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Desha County Courthouse at 608 Robert More Ave in Arkansas City.

Preferential

**Primary/Nonpartisan
Election Candidates**

Republican Candidates**U.S. Senate**

Jake Bequette
Jan Morgan
Heath Loftis

Senator John Boozman
U.S. Congress,
District 01

Congressman
Rick Crawford
Representative

Brandt Smith
Jody Shackelford
Governor

Sarah Huckabee
Sanders
Francis "Doc" Washburn

Lieutenant Governor
Doyle Webb
Judge Joseph Wood

Senator Jason Rapert
Chris Bequette
Attorney General

Leslie Rutledge
Greg Bledsoe
Attorney General

Lieutenant Governor
Tim Griffin
Leon Jones, Jr

State Treasurer
State Representative
Mark Lowery

Senator Mathew W. Fitch
Secretary of State
John Thurston

Eddie Joe Williams
State Representative,
District 62

State Representative
David Tollett
Representative Mark D.

McElroy
Unopposed Republican
Candidates

Auditor of State -
Treasurer of State Dennis
Milligan, Tommy Land

Commissioner of State
Lands, State Representa-
tive District 94 Jeffrey

Wardlaw, Sheriff - Clint
Bradberry, Treasurer -
Faye Ann Moreland,

County Clerk - Renee
Baxter, Justice of the
Peace District 5 Hollis

Mankin, Justice of the

Peace District 6 - Ken Holt
JR, Justice of the Peace
District 7 Rita K. Kolb,
Justice of the Peace
District 8 - Lynn Bliss,
Justice of the Peace
District 9 Norris Sims,
Constable Dennis
Blankenship, Levee Board
Greg Simpson

Democratic Candidates**U.S. Senate**

Dan Whitfield
Jack E Foster
Natalie James

Governor
Jay Martin
Chris Jones

Supha Xayprasith-Mays
James "Rus" Russell, III
Anthony "Tony" Bland

Secretary of State
Josh Price
Anna Beth Gorman

State Representative,
District 62
Kellee Mitchell Farris

Dexter R. Miller
State Representative,
District 94

Curley Jackson
Andrew C. Pritt
Desha County Judge

Patricia Collins
Judge Richard Tindall
Desha County Sheriff

Carroll W. Sirmion
Mitch Grant
Desha County Assessor

Assessor
Jessica Ferguson
Glory "Ann" Richardson

Desha County Coroner
Jannie Evans
Billy R. Bates

Desha County Justice of
The Peace, District 1
Troy Jackson, Jr

Rick Reyes
Unopposed Democratic
Candidates

U.S. Congress District
01 - Representative Monte
Hodges, Lieutenant

Governor - Kelly Ross
Krout, Attorney General -
Jesse Gibson, State

Treasurer - Pam Whitaker,
Auditor of State -
Diamond Arnold-

Johnson, Commissioner
of State Lands - Darlene
Goldi Gaines, State Senate

District 08 Senator
Stephanie Flowers, State
Representative District 64

Representative Ken
Ferguson, Circuit Clerk
Kristen Christmas,

Collector Lisa Hutchin-
son, Treasurer Shirley
Snow Kozubski, County

Clerk Valerie Donaldson,
Justice of the Peace
District 2 G. Lynn

Weatherford, Justice of
the Peace District 3
Patricia Watkins, Justice

of the Peace District 4 -
Ricky Helton, Justice of
the Peace - 5 Ricky

Cantrell, Justice of the
Peace District 6 Richard
C. Smith, Justice of the

Peace District 8 Dollie A.
Wilson
Nonpartisan Judicial

Candidates
State Supreme Court
Assoc. Justice Position 2

Supreme Court Associate
Justice Robin Wynne
Judge Chris Carnahan

David Sterling
State Supreme Court
Assoc. Justice Position 6

Supreme Court Justice
Karen Baker
Judge Gunner DeLay

Circuit Judge, District 10,
Division 04, Sub-district
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amendment number 74
of the Arkansas Constitu-
tion to be used solely for

maintenance and opera-
tions of schools in the
state as provided in

amendment number 74,
the statewide uniform
rate replaces a portion of

the existing rate of tax
levied by the school dis-
trict and available for

maintenance and opera-
tions of schools in this
district. The total pro-
posed school tax levy of

42 mills includes 28 for
General and Maintenance
and Operation and 14

mills for debt service pre-
viously voted as a contin-
uing levy pledge for the

retirement of existing
bonded indebtedness. The
surplus revenue produced

each year by the debt
service millage may be
used by the district for

other school purposes.

(No Change) To provide
for the forgoing proposed
budget of expenditures,
the board of directors pro-
poses a total tax rate
(state and local) of 42
mills on the dollar of the
assessed value of taxable
property located in this
school district. The pro-
posed tax includes the
uniform rate of tax (state
"uniform rate") to be col-
lected on all taxable prop-
erty in the state remitted
to the state treasurer pur-
suant to the amendment
number 74 to the
Arkansas Constitution to
be used solely for main-
tenance and operations of
schools in the state as pro-
vided in amendment
number 74, the statewide
uniform rate replaces a
portion of the existing
rate of tax levied by the
school district and avail-
able for maintenance and
operations of schools in
this district. The total pro-
posed school tax levy of
42 mills includes 28 for
General and Maintenance
and Operation and 14
mills for debt service pre-
viously voted as a contin-
uing levy pledge for the
retirement of existing
bonded indebtedness. The
surplus revenue produced
each year by the debt
service millage may be
used by the district for
other school purposes.

Dermott School District
41.81 Mill Tax

Dermott School
Millage: (No Change) To
provide for the forgoing

proposed budget of
expenditures, the board of
directors proposes a total

tax rate (state and local)
of 41.81 mills on the dol-
lar of the assessed value

of taxable property locat-
ed in this school district.
The proposed tax

includes the uniform rate
of tax (state "uniform
rate") to be collected on

all taxable property in the
state remitted to the state
treasurer pursuant to the

amendment number 74
of the Arkansas Constitu-
tion to be used solely for

maintenance and opera-
tions of schools in the
state as provided in

amendment number 74,
the statewide uniform
rate replaces a portion of

the existing rate of tax
levied by the school dis-
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posed school tax levy of

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uing levy pledge for the

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bonded indebtedness. The
surplus revenue produced

each year by the debt
service millage may be
used by the district for

other school purposes.

**ADDITIONAL
ELECTION**

**Notice of Logic &
Accuracy Testing of
Voting Equipment**

Pursuant to Arkansas
Election Law, Arkansas
Code Annotated 7-5-611,

all qualified electors are
notified that the 2022
Preferential Primary

(Nonpartisan Judicial
General/School Election
Logic & Accuracy Testing
and Public Test will be

held on Thursday, May 5,
2022 at 10:00 AM. The
Desha County Board of

Election Commissioners
shall conduct logic and
accuracy testing by hav-
ing all election media

from each electronic vote
tabulating device tested
to ascertain that the

devices will correctly tab-
ulate the votes cast for all
offices and on all mea-
sures. The public test shall

be open to representatives
of the political parties,
candidates, the press, and
the public. The tests will

take place at 101 E. Oak
Street, McGehee,
Arkansas. Please direct all

inquiries to vote@votedesha.com, or 301-777-
5960.

**Poll Worker Appoint-
ments for Election**

Election Officials
appointed to conduct this
Election will be posted for
public viewing at the

Desha County Court-
house, and at
VoteDesha.com. Any

objections to Election
Officials may be in writ-
ing to the Desha County
Board of Election

Commissioners, or email
vote@votedesha.com.

**ARKANSAS ATTOR-
NEY GENERAL ELEC-
TION LAW HOTLINE**

PHONE NUMBER: (833)
993-8683

**The publication of
this notice was paid for by
the Desha County Board
of Election Commis-

sioners at a cost of \$594.40**

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE DESHA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: 04/25/2022 @ 4:45 P.M.

Chairman Kurt Sims called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Kurt Sims and Commissioner Pamela Blissitt.

An item of business to come before the meeting was to set dates and times for early voting at the approved vote centers. Chairman Sims presented a list of voting centers and dates to the meeting. Chairman Sims made a motion to approve the dates and times of the approved locations as presented to the meeting. Commissioner Blissitt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Minutes from 4/21/2022 meeting were reviewed by the commissioners present. Upon motion to approve by Chairman Kurt Sims, and Second of Commissioner Blissitt, the motion was unanimously carried. An attached list of locations, dates and times as approved is hereby incorporated into these minutes.

Chairman Sims then made a motion that canvassing of absentee ballots begin on May 24, 2022 @ 8:30 a.m. and that counting of absentee ballots begin at 7:00 p.m. on May 24, 2022. Commissioner Blissitt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Sims then made a motion that the canvassing of absentee ballots be at the McGehee location at the corner of Main Street and Oak Street, where the voting equipment is presently being housed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blissitt and was unanimously approved.

Chairman Sims made a motion that Logic and Accuracy Testing of all voting machines would take place April 29, 2022 @ 10 a.m. until completed. The location would be the corner of Main Street and Oak Street, McGehee, Arkansas. Commissioner Blissitt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Chairman Sims made a motion that all things election related be housed at the Desha County owned facility at the corner of Main Street and Oak Street, McGehee, Arkansas. Commissioner Blissitt seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

(ii) The first-time voter registered to vote by mail and submitted his or her driver's license number or at least the last four (4) digits of his or her Social Security number at the time and this information matches the information in an existing state identification record bearing the same number, name, and date of birth as provided in the registration.

(b) A voter who desires to cast an absentee ballot but who does not meet the identification requirements of subdivision (a)(2) of this section may cast his or her absentee ballot by mail, and the absentee ballot shall be considered as a provisional ballot.

(c) After recording receipt of the absentee ballot in the electronic voter registration system, absentee ballots received by mail on election day before the polls close shall be delivered promptly by the county clerk to the election officials designated to canvass and count absentee ballots.

History. Acts 1969, No. 465, Art. 9, § 11; 1970 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 28, § 2; A.S.A. 1947, § 3-911; Acts 1997, No. 1092, § 8; 2003, No. 647, § 2; 2003, No. 994, § 11; 2005, No. 880, § 5; 2007, No. 556, § 9; 2009, No. 250, § 13; 2013, No. 1424, § 9; 2017, No. 633, § 12; 2021, No. 249, § 5.

7-5-413. Voting machines — Related duties.

(a)(1) At least one (1) voting machine equipped for use by individuals with disabilities shall be placed in the county clerk's designated location for early voting for the election in accordance with this subchapter and at any off-site polling locations established by the county board of election commissioners.

(2) Those persons entitled under the law to vote early by personal appearance shall cast their votes on voting systems under the laws applicable to early voting, and the clerk or election official shall enter the name of each voter on a list at the time he or she votes.

(b) After regular business hours, the clerk at the clerk's designated early voting location or the election official at any off-site polling place shall secure the machines against further voting at the close of each day's voting in the presence of authorized poll watchers, if any. When early voting is concluded, the clerk or the election official shall secure the machines against further voting.

(c)(1) At the time designated in the notice of election, a set of election officials for the machines used for early voting shall canvass the vote in the manner provided for regular polling sites. After the canvass has been made, the machines shall be secured and shall remain inaccessible to voting.

(2) The results of the canvass shall be returned to the county board of election commissioners to be tabulated and canvassed with and in the same manner as the returns of other election precincts.

(d) Any candidate or political party may be present in person or by a representative designated in writing during the progress of early voting and at the canvass of the results in any election for the purpose of determining whether or not the votes in any election are fairly and accurately cast and counted.

History. Acts 1969, No. 465, Art. 9, § 16; 1970 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 6, § 1; 1985, No. 567, § 6; 1985, No. 568, § 6; A.S.A. 1947, § 3-916; Acts 1995, No. 686, § 6; 1995, No. 948, § 6; 1997, No. 1092, § 9; 2005, No. 2233, § 8; 2007, No. 556, § 10; 2007, No. 1020, § 12.

7-5-414. Appointment of election clerks — Qualifications.

(a) The county board of election commissioners shall appoint election clerks to process, count, and canvass the absentee voters' ballots in all elections.

(b)(1) The election clerks who are to canvass the absentee ballots shall be appointed in the same manner and at the same time the poll workers are selected to serve at the regular voting precincts.

(2) The election clerks shall possess the same qualifications as the poll workers who serve at the regular voting precincts.

(c) The processing, counting, and canvassing of the absentee ballots shall be under the supervision and at the direction of the county board of election commissioners.