

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulseley and Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. Also present: Lori D. Atchley Administrator of Elections and Senior Election Deputy Gay Sutley.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Collins seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and the motion passed 4 - 0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Hulseley, seconded by Commissioner Collins, and the motion passed 4 - 0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Commissioner Collins seconded by Commissioner Hulseley to approve the minutes for the September 21, 2021 meeting and the motion passed 4 - 0.

Commissioner Fussell arrived at 4:04 p.m.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Three appeals were presented to the Election Commission. The applicants registering to vote checked “yes” to the “have you been convicted of a felony?” question. An appeal form was sent to each applicant. The applicants returned the appeal form and responded that the felony box was inadvertently marked and they were not in fact a felon.

Commissioners present reviewed three appeals, and a motion was made by Commissioner Hulseley and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the first appeal (DW) – the motion passed 5-0. Motion by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Hulseley to accept the second appeal (MD) – the

motion passed 5-0. Motion to accept the third appeal (BZ) by Commissioner Hulse and seconded by Commissioner Collins - the motion passed 5-0.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 53 voter registration applications out of 529 new registration applications submitted with no discrepancies noted and all commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

Convenient Voting Centers Update

Convenient Vote Center application for Sumner County was submitted to the Coordinator of Elections on June 7, 2021. Coordinator and several staff members visited Sumner County on September 14, 2021 to review the CVC demonstration. As of the date of the SCEC meeting (October 12, 2021), no notice of approval for Sumner County CVC's was provided by the Coordinator.

Voting Machines & American Recovery Act Grant

AOE previously requested that money for new voting machines with paper audit trail be funded from the American Recovery Grant. AOE informed Election Commission that Finance hired a consultant to determine if the machine purchase qualified under the Grant (as well as all other requests.) Finance department removed the Election Commission request from the October, 2021 budget meeting and rescheduled for the November, 2021 meeting. This time delay complicates ordering, receiving and training poll workers on new voting machines. In addition, all new voting machines would have to be assigned and labeled along with e-polls, a time consuming process with limited staff.

Redistricting Update

AOE received two maps from the County Commission and those hired to assist the County Commission in the redistricting process. One map represented 12 districts (current configuration). The second map included 24 districts. AOE explained that current statute required a precinct within each district. All of the reconfiguration would have to be completed prior to the petition pick-up date of

December 20, 2021. This would require a major reconfiguration of the entire county, again with limited staff. Part time staff cannot be utilized for this process.

After discussion of all factors, the AOE disappointingly recommended deferral of CVC's in Sumner County until 2024. After general discussion and questions amongst the Commissioners, a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Hulseley to defer CVC's until the 2024 election cycle. The motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Shepherd voting no.

Sexual and Workplace Harassment Training & Signoff

Annual training was completed by the AOE and Election Commissioners. All signed the report acknowledging completion of said training.

V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

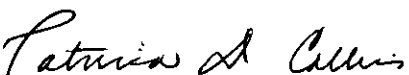
- A. Chairman had no report.
- B. Election Commissioners had no report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

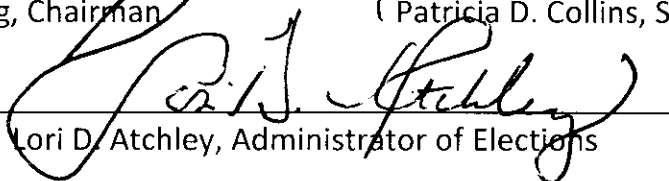
Motion by Commissioner Hulseley and seconded by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Patricia D. Collins, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections