

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner Jeffrey B. Hulsey and Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. Also present: Lori D. Atchley Administrator of Elections, Annette Haw Assistant Administrator of Elections and Senior Election Deputy Gay Sutley. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. and a quorum was present.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Collins seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4 - 0.

**II. APPROVE AMENDED AGENDA**

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

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes for the July 13, 2021 meeting and the motion passed 4 - 0.

**B. Redistricting -** Data to arrive from Comptroller's office. Date given to receive data is August 26, 2021. Target to process data is October 31, 2021.

Commissioner Fussell arrived at 4:20 p.m.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

Three appeals were presented to the Election Commission. The voters 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 box was inadvertently marked and that they were not in fact a felon.

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

## **B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

Commissioners inspected 71 voter registration applications out of 702 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**

### **- Budget 2021 – 2022 Update**

AOE provided 2021 – 2022 Budget Update. AOE attended budget meeting. AOE reported a severe shortage in part-time line item. New employee will be hired August 17, 2021 due to retirement of another employee. No other budget items were revised.

### **- Convenient Voting Centers Update**

Convenient Vote Center application was submitted to the Coordinator of Elections on June 7, 2021. Coordinator and several staff members are going to visit Sumner on August 31, 2021 to review our CVC setup and observe demonstration.

### **Voting Machines & American Recovery Act Grant of \$37.1M**

AOE sent letter to County Mayor and Budget Committee requesting \$1.5 Million for new voting machines that include VVPAT. No official response from either.

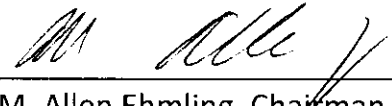
## **V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

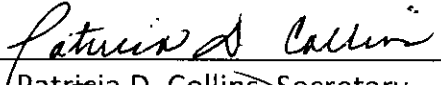
- A.** Chairman announced that he nor Commissioner Hulsey would not be available for the next regularly scheduled meeting. AAOE recommended moving the meeting to September 21, 2021. All Commissioners agreed. Letters to the County Mayor and Budget Chairman had been delivered the previous day.

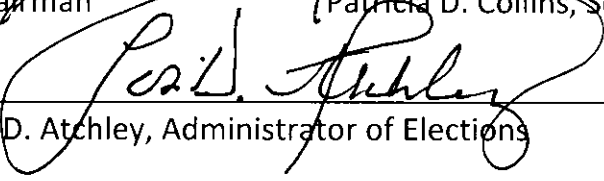
B. Commissioner Collins inquired as to the 2021 TACEO meeting. AOE stated the date for a telephone call meeting had been set for September 22, 2021; however according to the State Election office, there may be limited participation. AOE to advise as soon as information is received.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hulseley and seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
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M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
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Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

  
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Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections