

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 14, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner J. Michael Fussell and Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. Also present: Senior Election Deputy Gay Sutley. The meeting convened at 4:02 p.m. and a quorum was present.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Collins. The motion passed 4-0.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the minutes for the November 9, 2021 meeting and the motion passed 3-0-1 with Commissioner Fussell abstaining.

Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, to approve the minutes for the special call November 23, 2021 meeting and the motion passed 3-0-1 with Commissioner Fussell abstaining.

**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 a felon. All Commissioners present reviewed the appeals.

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 4-0. Motion was made by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to accept the second appeal - motion passed 4-0. Motion to accept the third appeal by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0.

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

Commissioners inspected 68 voter registration applications out of 678 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**

### **Redistricting Update**

All cities shape files are at the comptroller's office. The database company should have the system updated by December 20<sup>th</sup> which is the first day to pick up petitions. AAOE and election deputy staff is currently working on the street files.

### **Precinct Location Update**

Precinct locations are set with the exception of two locations that are waiting for their board to meet and approve. Those look to be confirmed by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Early Voting Location Update**

The full time early voting sites are confirmed. All satellite sites are confirmed with the exception of one site waiting the approval of their board.

### **Additionally**

Requested to set the 2022 Election Day hours as 7a.m.-7p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve Election Day hours for the May 3, August 4, and November 8, 2022 elections to be 7a.m-7p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

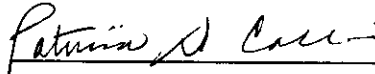
## **V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

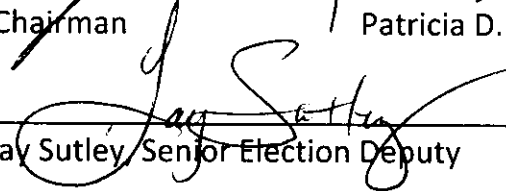
- A. Chairman discussed with Commissioners when the legislation regarding voting machines with paper trail ballot is passed they will need to be ready to help get the county commission funding for new voting machines at that time.

**.VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:35p.m.

  
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M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
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Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

  
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Gay Sutley, Senior Election Deputy