

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 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, Assistant Administrator of Elections Annette P. Haw 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 Hulseley and seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hulseley seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes for the May 6, 2021 meeting and the motion passed 4-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Two 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, and a motion was made by Commissioner Hulseley and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the applications as valid and to process the voter registration applications and the motions passed 4–0 for each applicant.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 61 voter registration applications out of 601 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

AOE provided 2021 – 2022 Budget Update. The County Commission is to finalize the budget on June 21, 2021. Election Commission continues to struggle with receiving funding for staff and a new employee to replace one of the two full time staff who is retiring. Also at issue is a policy change that affects how staff can process compensatory time. AOE and AAOE had a meeting the previous day with the County Mayor who maintained that time must be taken, not paid per a policy change dated April, 2021. Previously, staff members could take compensatory time or cash or a combination of both.


Convenient Vote Center application was submitted to the Coordinator of Elections on June 7, 2021.

Sumner County is receiving \$37.1 million dollars in grant money. AOE and AAOE requested \$1.5 million for new voting machines with VVPAT. According to the County Mayor, there does not appear to be specific instructions regarding use of the funds. SCEC will continue to pursue.


- V. Two Commissioners are going out of town on September 14, 2021; therefore, the regular meeting will be rescheduled to September 21, 2021.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

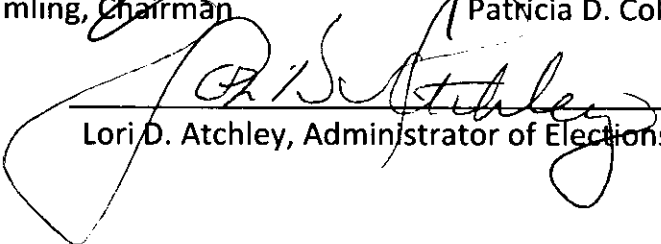
Motion by Commissioner Hulsey and seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Patricia D. Collins, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections