

**Sumner County Election Commission  
Special Call Meeting  
Monday, February 25, 2019 at 4:00 pm**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Members, J. Michael Fussell, Jeffery B. Hulseley and John W. Smith. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections by phone and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Election. The meeting convened at 4:01 pm p.m. in Room 106 in the County Administration Building, Gallatin TN and a quorum was present.

**Call meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order, motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5-0.

AOE proposed the implementation of Convenient Voting Centers (CVC) in the 2020 election following a conference call with the State on February 15, 2019. During that call Coordinator Goins stated the deadline to inform him on which counties were interested in implementing CVC was February 25, 2019 due to the Legislative deadline. Goins said he would attempt to delay this date, but the AOE had no information on whether he was successful. AOE stated Sumner County Election Commission had been the most likely candidate to implement CVC in 2016 with a 5/0 approval by the Election Commissioners and super majority resolution by the County Commission, both required. However Sumner County was not chosen.

Commissioner Fussell discussed the issue of a large site(s) in Hendersonville capable of handling the traffic for CVC. Chairman Ehmling met with Welch College as a possible location for both early voting and a CVC site. AOE discussed leasing the old Hendersonville Walmart site but said it would be costly for the County to absorb the entire cost. Additional costs for implementing CVC would be the cost of postage, cards, envelopes & notice to mail all voters with new sites; hardwiring non-Sumner school locations; media blitzes; legal notices, re-labeling of equipment & supplies and backup server and additional labor. AOE also said the proposed budget was already large due to possible new & costly legislative requirements such as same day registration & voting on Election Day, Sunday voting, absentee voting for any reasons, registration by party along with salary re-alignments.

Chairman Ehmling stated a motion should be made to implement Convenient Voting Centers in 2020, 2022 OR not to do at all. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed unanimously 5/0 to delay Sumner County Convenient Voting Centers until 2022 due to the limited time frame, financial obligations and uncertainty of available large traffic locations in our County, specifically Hendersonville.

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley and the motion passed unanimously 5/0 to take no action on modifying the budget approved at the February 12, 2019 meeting to be submitted to the County Commission by March 1, 2019.

AOE then requested due to Convenient Voting Centers being delayed to 2022, that a motion be made to add an additional precinct to District 4 at Station Camp High School to alleviate overcrowding at the Howard precinct. The Howard precinct has already seen significant growth with the potential for more development. Chairman Ehmling stated that by adding a precinct at Station Camp High School, which has easy access to the major high traffic corridor of Highway 386, for the 2020 election cycle, it would lend itself as a 2022

Convenient Voting Center. Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5/0 to add Station Camp High School as a new precinct.

Discussion about District 7 Long Hollow Church exceeding 6,000 people. Per Allen Ehmling Special Call Meeting

Commissioner Collins wanted to follow up on a previous issue. Chairman Ehmling said since it was not on the Agenda, no action could be taken. Commissioner Collins said she had spoken to Finance Director Lawing about a Poll Worker previously mentioned who was not projected to be exceed pay of \$1,800 which triggers for FICA to dollar one. She received a pay stub for Election Day, but no pay - it was for zero due to FICA. Lawing stated only way to change was to submit to IRS for US Congressional change. Secondly – COC draft discussion. Spoke with other counties -if it is in statute – sited in TCA for COC. 2-11-202 TACEO – Administrator mandatory for June TACEO. June 2,3 and 4 2019. Statute calls for one annual training for Commissioners. AOE stated in budget this year per their request. AOE reiterated June Seminar required for AOE only.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

  
M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

  
Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections