

**Sumner County Election Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia Collins and Members, J. Mike Fussell, John W. Smith. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. in Room 106 in the County Administration Building, Gallatin TN and a quorum was present.

I. Call meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order, motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed 4-0.

II. Approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Agenda with as presented with the exception to move the Election Day Machine Certification to the end of the Agenda and the motion passed 4-0.

III. Old Business

A. Approve minutes of March 13, 2018 with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins, and the motion passed 4-0.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 77 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 769 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. No appeals.

C. Report from Administrator

AOE recommended changing the May 8, 2018 meeting to May 15, 2018 in order to 1) Certify the May 1, 2018 Election 2) Approve the August 2, 2018 Candidates for the Ballot and 3) Approve the August 2, 2018 Poll Workers. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0.

AOE stated that the State Election Office had prepared a price guideline which allowed for a charge of up to \$75 for voter data. AOE stated that some candidates had requested flash drives with voter data as opposed to CD's due to the fact that some newer computers no longer have CD drives. AOE stated that the election office MUST provide the flash drive – as no external devices were allowed to be attached to the voter database for concern of viruses, etc. Motion to approve use of a flash drive as an option for a fee of \$75 by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed 4-0.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.

V. Report From Election Commissioners

Chairman Ehmling had no report.

Commissioner Smith wanted to notify the commission that a high school registration drive would be held at Portland High School on May 2, 2018 whereby the principal would allow students to register to vote via OVR using their devices. Details to follow.

Commissioner Collins inquired as to the term "No Candidate Qualified." AOE explained that this was a term approved by the State and this would appear on the Voting Machine to allow a voter in an election with no candidates on the ballot to record their participation.

Commissioner Collins inquired about Absentee Voting – why their name would appear on the list of people who voted that is posted at the precinct on Election Day. AOE explained that is a complete list of everyone who had voted in nursing homes, requested ballots or any Early Voting. At this time, a person who had requested and received a ballot, whether returned or not, could not vote on Election Day. AOE stated that there is pending legislation to change the statute, but for the May Election it is in force.

Motion by Fussell, seconded by Collins at 3:34 p.m. to recess the meeting to the Voting Machine Room where the machines were located for inspection and certification and the motion passed 4-0.

Meeting reconvened at 3:37 p.m. in the Voting Machine Room with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0.

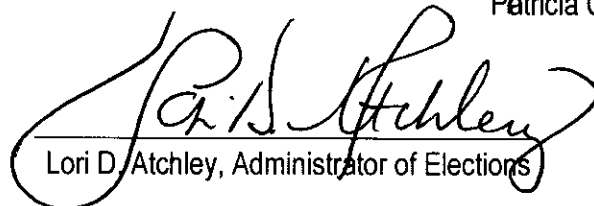
The Commissioners inspected the Election Day Voting Machines and respective Zero Tally Tapes, and Seals. Motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Collins to certify the Election Day Voting Machines and the motion passed 4-0.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed unanimously 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia Collins, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections