

**Sumner County Election Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

Members present: M. Allen Ehmling, Barbara Brake, Patricia Collins, Jeffery Hulsey, Kaye Kemnitz. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. in Room 106 in the County Administration Building, Gallatin TN and a quorum was present. Meeting was called to order with a motion by Commissioner Kemnitz, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and motion passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Brake seconded by Commissioner Collins and motion passed unanimously 5-0.

I. Old Business

A. Approve Minutes of the Following Meeting

June 13, 2017 – Motion by Commissioner Kemnitz, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey, and motion passed 5-0.

II. New Business

A. Inspection-New Processed Voter Registration Applications

Commissioners inspected 48 new processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 472 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. Inspection-Appeal Processed Voter Registration Applications – None.

C. Report from Administrator – State Election office at the TACEO meeting recommended that the Sumner County Election Commission adopt the List Maintenance program due to the Ohio lawsuit to no longer include in the confirmation process the NON ACTIVITY DUE TO VOTING HISTORY for two November generals for the trigger of the confirmation process. The Election Commission adopts the List Maintenance program every two years. Commissioner Brake made a motion to defer the adoption to the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Kemnitz and the motion passed 5-0.

Online Voter Registration implementation date was extended by the Tennessee legislature to September 1, 2017.

III. Report from Election Commissioners -

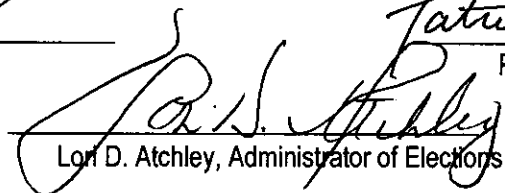
A. Chairman - None

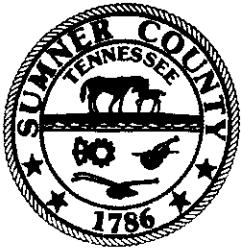
B. Election Commissioners – Commissioner Kemnitz discussed the news on states refusal to submit voter records to a federal commission request. Administrator Atchley stated Secretary of State Tre Hargett likewise refused. Chairman Ehmling stated 41-44 states have now refused submission of the voter record requests. Commissioner Brake continued discussion on civic organizations for poll worker recruitment. Commissioner Brake requested an update on budget. Administrator Atchley stated that it has been approved. Commissioner Brake requested input from the Commission on the website. Commissioner Collins spoke highly of the overall design, ease of use and necessary data. All agreed could be more colorful in red, white and blue. Administrator Atchley stated again that a contract is held by one contractor for the website, ownership of ALL County domain names & emails. Will look into the possibility and costs of color enhancement and additional abilities.

IV. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Kemnitz, passed unanimously 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

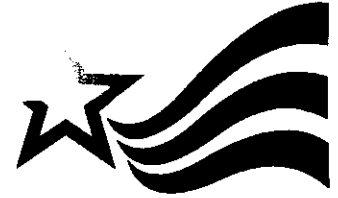

Patricia Collins, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections



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VOTER REGISTRATION LIST MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Sumner County Voter Registration List Maintenance Program per NVRA and TCA 2-2-106 (b) – (e) shall consist of the following activities to be performed by the Sumner County Election Commission staff as described herein:

1. Mailing Confirmation Notice to Voters
2. Purging Ineligible Voters
3. Using the Verification Card or other Non-Forwardable Mailer, such as the Voter Registration Card as needed

Per new legislation May 2017, any Tennessee County Election Commission can no longer include in the confirmation process the NON ACTIVITY DUE TO VOTING HISTORY for two November generals as the trigger for the Confirmation process.

During the months of January – April of each odd numbered year, the Sumner County Election Commission staff shall:

1. Identify each voter who has been on Inactive Status for a period of two (2) November general elections since the Confirmation Notice was sent and Purge those voters.
2. Review the following sources to identify voters to whom a confirmation notice must be sent.
 - a. Returned Mail that has been sent by the Sumner County Election Commission.
 - b. Information received through the National Change of Address (NCOA) Program.
 - c. Information from the Coordinator of Elections as a result of a comparison of voter registration addresses with the residential addresses on record with the Department of Safety.
3. Immediately upon sending the confirmation notice, the staff must change the status of the voter from active status to inactive status.
4. Staff must attach the documentation, such as, any returned mail, to the voter registration record as proof of the reason for making the voter inactive.

Throughout each month of each year, the Sumner County Election Commission staff shall perform the following duties:

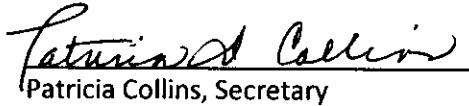
1. Anytime the U.S. Post Office returns a mailer as undeliverable, including the non-forwardable verification card, a voter registration card or non-forwardable letter, which has been mailed to a registered voter by the election commission staff, the voter shall be mailed a forwardable confirmation notice and placed on inactive status. The returned mailer shall be kept with the applicable voter registration record.
2. As needed, mail the Non-Forwardable verification card or voter registration card to voters. If the card does not return to the election commission office, the voter shall be presumed a resident of the address on record and shall remain on active status.
3. The Sumner County Election Commission staff shall maintain a separate total of voters on Inactive Status and not include the number of Inactive Voters in the Sumner County's total of Registered Voters.
4. The staff shall update an inactive voter's status upon any activity, including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Response to the Confirmation Notice

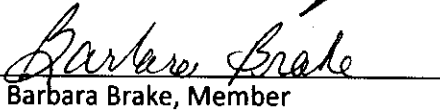
- b. Change of Address Properly Filed
 - c. Voting
 - d. Request for Replacement Card
 - e. Duplicate Voter Registration Application
 - f. Signing a Petition, using the same address of registration
5. The election commission staff shall maintain records and documentation related to the list maintenance program, including, but not limited to:
- a. The date of sending the confirmation notices;
 - b. A list of all voters and their addresses to which confirmation notices have been sent;
 - c. Any evidence supporting the reason for sending the confirmation notice must be maintained with the voter's records.
6. Records shall be electronically and physically retained.
7. The election commission staff shall maintain all purged records and documentation related to the reason for purge for two (2) years.

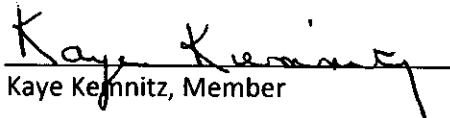
Adopted this 8th day of August, 2017:

SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION


Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia Collins, Secretary


Barbara Brake, Member


Kaye Kejnitz, Member


Jeff Hulsey, Member

May - June 2017

Tennessee Population Estimates By County

Tennessee's overall population continues to grow, with the Nashville and Knoxville metropolitan areas seeing the fastest growth rates in the state, according to the 2016 estimates released by the US Census Bureau.

Tennessee's 2016 population was 6.65 million, which was 0.9 percent more than in 2015. The state ranks 16th in the nation in terms of percentage growth.

The data also shows that of the state's 95 counties, a total of 67 experienced growth. Of those 67 counties, 24 had growth rates that exceeded the state average of 0.9 percent and 33 grew faster than the national average of 0.7 percent.

The 10 fastest-growing counties in the state were Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Trousdale, Maury, Sumner, Macon, Dickson, Lawrence, and Putnam. All 10 counties are either in the Nashville MSA or border it and grew at rates between 1.3 and 3.5 percent. As seen in the graphic, the fastest-growing counties are those that surround Davidson County, which houses Nashville's center city.

Below are 2016 estimates by Tennessee county, sorted from the most populated to the least.

County	Population
Shelby County	934,603
Davidson County	684,410
Knox County	456,132
Hamilton County	357,738
Rutherford County	308,251
Williamson County	219,107
Montgomery County	195,734
Sumner County	180,063
Sullivan County	156,667
Wilson County	132,781
Blount County	128,670
Washington County	127,440
Bradley County	104,490
Madison County	97,663
Sevier County	96,673
Maury County	89,981
Anderson County	75,936
Putnam County	75,931
Robertson County	69,165
Greene County	68,615
Hamblen County	63,785
Tipton County	61,303
Cumberland County	58,655
Hawkins County	56,563

Carter County	56,502
Coffee County	54,682
Jefferson County	53,535
Roane County	52,874
McMinn County	52,850
Dickson County	52,170
Loudon County	51,454
Gibson County	49,401
Bedford County	47,484
Monroe County	45,970
Lawrence County	43,081
Franklin County	41,700
Warren County	40,516
Cheatham County	39,880
Campbell County	39,714
Fayette County	39,590
Dyer County	37,708
Cocke County	35,219
Lincoln County	33,645
Weakley County	33,507
Rhea County	32,442
Henry County	32,310
Marshall County	31,915
Claiborne County	31,757
Obion County	30,578
Giles County	29,307
Marion County	28,446
Carroll County	28,092
Henderson County	27,822
Lauderdale County	26,773
White County	26,653
McNairy County	25,935
Hardin County	25,679
Hardeman County	25,435
Hickman County	24,295
Macon County	23,450
Grainger County	23,072
Overton County	22,051
Scott County	21,947
Morgan County	21,554
Smith County	19,447
DeKalb County	19,361
Union County	19,140
Humphreys County	18,347
Fentress County	18,033
Haywood County	17,853
Johnson County	17,754
Unicoi County	17,719
Chester County	17,453
Polk County	16,772
Wayne County	16,713
Benton County	16,014
Sequatchie County	14,897
Bledsoe County	14,675
Crockett County	14,411
Cannon County	14,027
Grundy County	13,389
Stewart County	13,182
Meigs County	12,005
Lewis County	11,904
Decatur County	11,769
Jackson County	11,566
Trousdale County	8,271
Houston County	8,134
Perry County	7,964
Clay County	7,752
Lake County	7,560
Hancock County	6,577
Moore County	6,323
Van Buren County	5,689
Pickett County	5,142

United States Census Bureau / American FactFinder. *Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2016*. 2016 Population Estimates Program. Web. March 2017.
<http://factfinder2.census.gov>

County offices to close for total eclipse

Sumner joins schools system for Aug. 21 event

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Following the path of the county's schools, Sumner County government offices will be closed Aug. 21 due to the total eclipse and the area's expected rush of visitors.

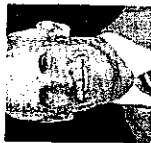
"Like the schools, we're concerned that people would not be able to get to and from work," said Sumner County Executive Anthony Holt.

"There would be a lot of confusion, people wouldn't necessarily be able to get to the courts" and other services.

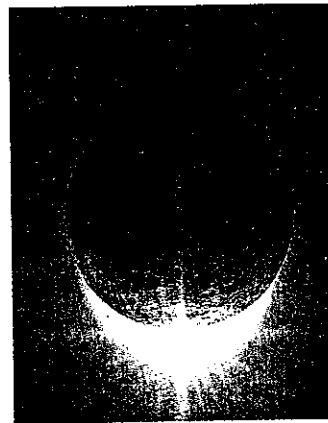
Closures will also include health departments.

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Eclipse

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The Sumner County Board of Education voted in June to close schools for the day to prevent school buses fighting traffic.

County employees will take the day off instead of the county primary election day, in a decision made by county elected officials.

County expects thousands of visitors, needs volunteers

Sumner County will experience the longest period of totality when the moon completely blocks view of the sun — two minutes and 40 seconds in Gallatin — and expects to be a destination for tourists from around the world.

According to the Great American Eclipse site, the area could receive up to 263,964 visitors for the event.

The day off could also provide an opportunity for employees to help at eclipse-related events.

"We wanted to encourage our county employees to get out and volunteer at different events to make sure they go smoothly," he said.

Volunteers can get in touch with Sumner County Convention and Visitors Bureau for opportunities.

"We're excited and we think it's going to be a great event," Holt said. "We just caution everyone to use discretion and precaution, because we're going to have a lot of visitors."

Several watch parties will be held throughout the county to commemorate the rare event, including The Gallatin TN Eclipse Encounter.

Note: Looking at the sun without solar-viewing glasses is damaging to the eye. A limited quantity of glasses will be available at the viewing sites.

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Dear Ms. Atchley:

Please allow this letter to serve as an addendum to our earlier letter calling for a Republican primary election to be part of the Sumner County primary election scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018. It is the intent of the Republican Party of Sumner County to hold primary elections for any and all partisan races that may appear on the ballot.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Stewart', written over a horizontal line.

Jason R. Stewart
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Garton', written over a horizontal line.

Craig Garton
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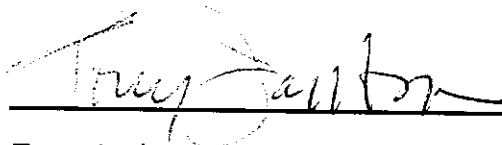
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Dear _Sumner County Election Commission,

This letter is to inform you that the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Sumner County hereby directs the Democratic County Primary to be held on Tuesday, May 1st, 2018. This notice is given at least 180 days prior to the qualifying deadline pursuant to State Law TCA 2-13-203 (d).

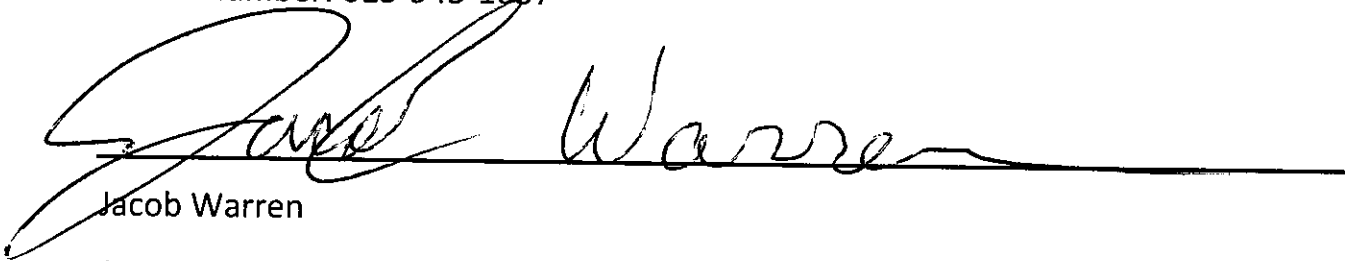
Signed,



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