

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024, 4:00 P.M.**

Members present: Acting Chairman J. Michael Fussell; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners Patricia D. Collins and Jeffery B. Hulsey. **Members Absent:** M. Allen Ehmling. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections (AOE) and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections (AAOE).

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Fussell. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4 – 0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up for public comments.

IV. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Hulsey and seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the: **MARCH 14, 2024, REGULAR CALL MEETING MINUTES** and the motion passed 4 – 0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There was one appeal. MJW inadvertently marked “Yes” to “Have you been convicted of a felony?” An appeal form was mailed to the voter who completed the form that they had not been convicted of a felony. After the Commissioners present reviewed the documentation, a motion was made by Commissioner Shepherd and seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to accept the voter registration application and appropriately register the voter to vote. The motion passed 4 – 0.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 70 voter registration applications out of 696 new registration applications with no discrepancies noted. Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Division of Elections.

C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

- FACILITY UPDATE

AOE advised the SCEC continues to operate in two separate locations (1019 Union School Road and 355 N. Belvedere Dr). The SCC's attorney filed a motion to the Appellate Court requesting the case to be heard stating Judge Oliver's ruling and injunction would cause the SCC "immediate and irreparable harm" if allowed to stand. No response yet from the Appellate Court.

- BUDGET UPDATE

The SCEC continues to operate on last year's budget, which AOE had advised the SCEC immediately upon County Commission approval, would not be sufficient. AOE stated that the March 5, 2024 election poll workers had been paid.

- APPROVE AUGUST 1, 2024 CANDIDATE LIST

Commissioners were provided a Candidate List for the August 1, 2024 State and Federal Primary and Sumner County General Election. AOE stated, as a point of information, that one candidate who qualified for the 45th House District, Jennifer Barton, had been removed from the ballot by the Tennessee Republican Party. Motion by Commissioner Hulseley to approve the candidate list as presented, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4 – 0. The Candidate List is attached.

- OTHER

AOE stated that Coordinator of Elections had contacted her following the March 5, 2024, election regarding a possible contest of election for a school board race in Sumner County; however, no further action by the candidate was taken regarding the matter and the time has since passed for any contest.

AOE reported that an additional Judge position, which was a hybrid to cover cases in the Criminal, Chancery and Circuit Courts for Sumner County, had been approved by the legislature and funded by the Governor's budget. AOE

understood applications for the position would be due by April 17, 2024; however, AOE had no further details at that time, and would forward upon receipt. AOE also stated that there was some discussion by the current SCC to not “accept” the position; however, the judgeship was created statutorily and further funded by the Governor’s budget, and thus rejection of the position by the CC was not an option.

AOE concluded her report.

VI. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

No Report.

B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

No Report.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

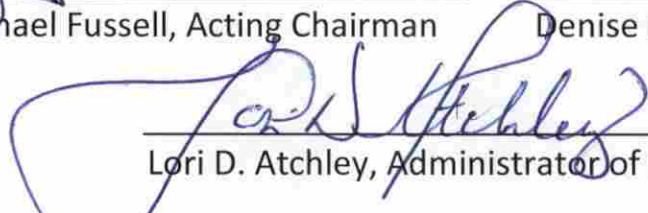
Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



J. Michael Fussell, Acting Chairman



Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections

ABBREVIATION LEGEND:

- SCEC: Sumner County Election Commission
- AOE: Administrator of Elections
- AAOE: Assistant Administrator of Elections
- SCC: Sumner County Commission