## SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES Friday, October 18, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Acting Chairman J. Micheal Fussell; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners Patricia D. Collins and Jeffery B. Hulsey. Members absent: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, AOE and Annette Haw, AAOE.

#### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Acting Chairman Fussell. A quorum was present.

## II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### IV. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the October 8, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and the motion passed 4-0.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

# A. NEW BUSINESS INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

None.

## B. INSPECTION - NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 47 voter registration applications out of 460 new registration applications with no discrepancies noted. Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Division of Elections as required.

#### C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

#### FACILITY UPDATE

No change.

#### - BUDGET UPDATE

AAOE Haw continues to submit appropriation requests to the Budget Committee to cover statutorily required election expenses. Miscellaneous payroll items were approved at the previous SCC meeting across multiple departments. The SCEC submitted request to reinstate AAOE Compensation time was denied. Acting Chairman Fussell stated that it did not appear that the county was following Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) in that the SCEC is continuing to operate in the negative and instructed AOE to make

an inquiry to the State Comptroller's office regarding best practices, the possibility of an audit and determine if there was an adverse finding in regard to the SCEC budget.

#### - OTHER

None.

#### VI. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

#### A. CHAIRMAN

No report.

## **B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Shepherd suggested a clarification in the "EARLY/SATELLITE/ELECTION DAY VOTING SITE RULES" hand out to include emphasis on candidates and/or candidate workers to not interfere with voter access to parking spaces. AOE to update the document and submit it to the SCEC for review and approval.

## VII. CERTIFY NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ELECTION DAY VOTING MACHINES

Certification was completed and original documents were signed by the commissioners present.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 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

SCM: Sumner County Mayor

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