

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024, 4:00 P.M.**

Members present: Acting Chairman J. Michael Fussell; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners Patricia D. Collins and Jeffery B. Hulse. **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 with a quorum present.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVE MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulse to approve the May 17, 2024, Special Call Meeting Minutes and the motion passed 4 – 0.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION.

There were no appeals.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 63 voter registration applications out of 630 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). Attorney Tom Lee presented a formal document to submit to court in regard to space requirements. No resolution at this point.

- BUDGET UPDATE

The SCEC 2024 – 2025 budget was submitted to the SCC. Meetings are ongoing.

- OTHER

AOE was notified there is a Special Call Meeting scheduled by the SCC budget committee for June 20, 2024, whereby each department's salaries were going to be reviewed and discussed. SCM recommended all Department Heads attendance. AOE and AAOE plan to attend.

AOE informed SCEC of a Federal lawsuit ruling regarding restoration of rights for felony convictions which has been appealed by the State of Tennessee Division of Elections. Sumner County has 11 felony convictions regarding the matter. AOE has provided public records request as submitted as instructed by the Coordinator of Elections Goins. Media requests outside of standard requests are being referred to the State Division of Elections.

AOE advised of possible Referendums for Portland and Gallatin regarding Sales Tax. Requests for costs have been requested by Portland. Discussions with the City of White House have occurred as well. AOE responded and recommended to each inquiry to hold referendums with the regular November election with no additional costs.

VI. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

No Report.

B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Collin requested a training class schedule.

VII. ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 4 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 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