

**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 45<sup>th</sup> House District, Jennifer Barton, had been removed from the ballot by the Tennessee Republican Party. Motion by Commissioner Hulseby 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**

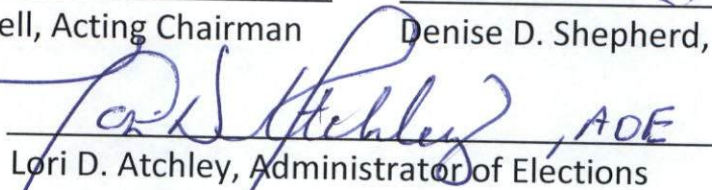
No Report.

**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.

  
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J. Michael Fussell, Acting Chairman

  
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Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary

  
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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

**Sumner County General Election**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

**ASSESSOR of PROPERTY**

**Vote for One (1)**

John M. Hurt  
*Republican Nominee*  
No Candidate Qualified  
*Democratic Nominee*  
Write-In

**GENERAL SESSION JUDGE DIVISION III Unexpired Term**

**Vote for One (1)**

Kee Bryant-McCormick  
*Republican Nominee*  
No Candidate Qualified  
*Democratic Nominee*  
Write-In

**SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2**

**Vote for One (1)**

Shellie Young Tucker  
*Republican Nominee*  
No Candidate Qualified  
*Democratic Nominee*  
Write-In

**SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4**

**Vote for One (1)**

Wade Evans  
*Republican Nominee*  
No Candidate Qualified  
*Democratic Nominee*  
Write-In

**SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 6**

**Vote for One (1)**

Greg Hollis  
*Republican Nominee*  
No Candidate Qualified  
*Democratic Nominee*  
Write-In

**SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 8**

**Vote for One (1)**

Meghan Breinig  
*Republican Nominee*  
No Candidate Qualified  
*Democratic Nominee*  
Write-In  
Todd Stephens  
*Independent Nominee*

**SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 9 Unexpired Term**

**Vote for One (1)**

Kathy Stuart  
*Republican Nominee*  
Holly Cruz  
*Democratic Nominee*  
Write-In  
Josh Graham  
*Independent Nominee*

**SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 10**

**Vote for One (1)**

Penny Barnes  
*Republican Nominee*  
No Candidate Qualified  
*Democratic Nominee*  
Write-In

**Federal and State Primary Election  
Thursday, August 1, 2024**

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

**UNITED STATES SENATE**

**Vote for One (1)**

Marsha Blackburn

Tres Wittum

Write-In

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DISTRICT 6**

**Vote for One (1)**

John Rose

Write-In

**TENNESSEE SENATE**

**DISTRICT 18**

**Vote for One (1)**

Ferrell Haile

Chris Spencer

Write-In

**TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DISTRICT 35**

**Vote for One (1)**

William H Slater

Write-In

**TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DISTRICT 44**

**Vote for One (1)**

William Lamberth

Write-In

**TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DISTRICT 45**

**Vote for One (1)**

Johnny Garrett

Write-In

**Federal and State Primary Election**  
**Thursday, August 1, 2024**

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**

**UNITED STATES SENATE**

**Vote for One (1)**

Marquita Bradshaw

Lola Denise Brown

Gloria Johnson

Civil Miller-Watkins

Write-In

**UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DISTRICT 6**

**Vote for One (1)**

Lore Bergman

Clay Faircloth

Cyril Focht

Write-In

**TENNESSEE SENATE**

**DISTRICT 18**

**Vote for One (1)**

Walter S. Chandler

Write-In

**TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DISTRICT 35**

**Vote for One (1)**

Lexi Melton

Write-In

**TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DISTRICT 44**

**Vote for One (1)**

Brian Robertson

Write-In

**TENNESSEE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**DISTRICT 45**

**Vote for One (1)**

Alison Beale

Write-In

**STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN**

**DISTRICT 18**

**Vote for One (1)**

Tyler Templeton

Write-In

**STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN**

**DISTRICT 18**

**Vote for One (1)**

Megan Lange

Write-In