

**Sumner County Election Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

Members present: Chairman Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia Collins and Members, Jeffrey Hulsey, John W. Smith. Previously resigned: Barbara Brake. 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.

I. Call meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order, motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4-0.

II. Approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey, and the motion passed 4-0.

III. Old Business

A. Approve minutes of January 8, 2018 with a motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and the motion passed 4-0.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 53 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 529 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. No appeals.

C. Report from Administrator

AOE discussed pending legislation that will not be resolved prior to the budget submittal date of March 1, 2018 that includes but is not limited to:

Registering by party – other states that have passed this type of legislation have mailed voters cards – this could cost \$50,000 or more just in postage.

Absentee voting (by mail) for any voter for any reason. This would most probably require an additional election deputy and a substantial increase in postage and other materials.

A bill to require the use of optical scan or similar equipment that provides a paper trail. AOE stated that the idea first arose in 2009 and was not passed purportedly due to cost. If mandated federally, money would most likely be appropriated in the federal budget; however, only if states matched those funds. AOE had spoken with Microvote, who stated they looked into this when it was brought up in 2009, and were working on a solution for a printer and container for the printed ballots that would work with our current machines. Coordinator stated in an earlier conference call that a survey (which no county received) was going to be submitted by legislators and the media stating that approximately 66% of people surveyed wanted more legislation regarding securing elections.

Automatic registration through NVRA agencies (primarily Department of Safety issuing driver licenses.) As proposed, would require the county election commissions to contact every person who processed an application or change to confirm their registration. This would require significant labor hours, postage and materials.

There had been discussion in the 2017 session about increasing Administrator's pay for the entire state to what other department head make (Trustee, County Clerk, etc.) Presently State Constitution requires AOE's to be paid 90% of the Assessor of Property's salary.

AOE presented the budget that will be submitted for approval by the county commission, however noting this legislation could change items, and in the past the county commission removed monetary items for legislation that had not passed, noting that if it was mandated by the state, would have to be funded. AOE also mentioned inclusion of two double stack Kardveyors and money to reconfigure the lay out of the office to accommodate more election deputies to be available to wait on the public. Motion to submit the budget as presented by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4-0.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.


V. Report From Election Commissioners

Chairman Ehmling had no report other than to ask AOE for contact information for Resigned Commissioner Barbara Brake to obtain the Republican key.

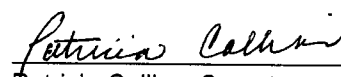
Commissioner Smith noted a google map app that would direct Commissioners to precincts on Election Day.

VI. Adjournment

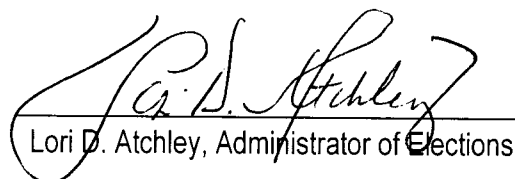
Motion to adjourn by Collins and seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed unanimously 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Patricia Collins, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections