Sumner County Election Commission Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Members present: Chairman Allen Ehmling, Patricia Polston and Kaye Kemnitz, Acting Secretary. **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. Meeting was called to order with a motion by Commissioner Polston, seconded by Commissioner Kemnitz, and motion passed unanimously 3-0. Meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Kemnitz seconded by Commissioner Polston and motion passed unanimously 3-0.

I. Old Business

A. Approve Minutes of the Following Meeting
February 28, 2017 – Commissioner Polston made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kemnitz, and motion passed unanimously 3-0.

II. New Business

- A. <u>Inspection-New Processed Voter Registration Applications</u>
 Commissioners Ehmling, Kemnitz and Polston inspected 16 new processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 157 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.
- B. <u>Inspection-Appeal Processed Voter Registration Applications</u> None.
- C. Report from Administrator No report.
- III. Report from Election Commissioners
 - A. Chairman None.
 - B. <u>Election Commissioners</u> Commissioner Polston inquired as to status of budget. AOE replied a tentative meeting for election commission will be the last week of April, 2017 or first week of May, 2017. Commissioner Polston inquired as to status of purging voters. AOE stated confirmation process still on hold per Coordinator of Elections due to lawsuit in Ohio. Commissioner Polston asked number of inactive due to non-voting. AOE stated approximately 13, 500. Commissioner Kemnitz requested further explanation of obtaining free photo id from DMV for voting purposes versus indigent. AOE explained that voters without photo on driver license just sign a form stating they do not currently have a photo id and obtaining photo id is for voting purposes. Indigent sign a form stating that the photo id for voting is due to indigence. In either situation no fee is charged. Chairman Ehmling asked for further comments by commissioners. Commissioner Polston asked if inactive voters due to non-voting could be separated. AOE stated that all counties had been instructed specifically not to do this, and keep these voters as inactive but same location as other voters.

IV. <u>Adjournment</u> - Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Kemnitz, seconded by Commissioner Polston, passed unanimously 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

Kaye Kemnitz, Acting Secretary

Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections