

**Sumner County Election Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Members Jeffery B. Hulsey and John W. Smith. Also present: Lori D. Atchley Administrator of Elections and Assistant Administrator of Elections Annette Haw. The meeting convened at 4:05 p.m. 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 Ehmling, and the motion passed 4-0 with the exception of moving the Voting Machine Inspection and Certification to the beginning of the Agenda.

Motion to suspend the meeting at 4:07 p.m. by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to reconvene the meeting in the Voting Machine storage location for Voting Machine Certification for the August 6, 2020 election and the motion passed 4-0.

Meeting was reconvened at 4:10 p.m. in the Voting Machine storage area with a motion by Commissioner Hulsey and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed 4-0.

Commissioners inspected and approved the Early Voting Machines. All commissioners present signed the report. Motion to suspend the meeting at 4:18 p.m. to return to the Conference Room to continue the meeting by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4-0.

Meeting was reconvened at 4:21 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed 4-0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Approve minutes of June 9, 2020 Regular Meeting. Motion by Commissioner Collins seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 4-0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – NEW PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners present inspected 279 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total new registrations of 2,789 as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

AOE presented an appeal from a voter who had indicated on the original voter registration application that there was a felony conviction. The SCEC sent the voter an appeal form which was completed and signed and resubmitted; whereby the voter indicated that there had NOT been a felony conviction – the box “yes” had been marked in error. After inspection of the submitted forms by the Election Commissioners present, Motion by Commissioner Hulseby seconded by Commissioner Smith to accept the voters appeal and accept the voter registration application as valid, the motion passed 4-0.

C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

AOE stated that the budget meeting was the previous Monday evening on 07/13/2020 reinstated Supervisor pay as previously discussed.

COVID 19 report – Getting PPE from State of Tennessee including face masks, shields, gloves and hand sanitizer. AAOE was proactive in ordering other items early. Have received some items – waiting on others. All items received via CARES Stimulus Act will be deducted from our overall grant. Amounts at this time unknown as no documentation has been received.

Licensed Facility Update – Multiple voting options have been made available for selection by each facility. All options have been working extremely well and all facilities will be voted.

Precinct locations – AOE, AAOE and Chairman spent multiple hours evaluating legislative options of multiple Super Centers throughout county or One Mega Center. Vendor requires state approval before the ability to load specific precincts for certain locations. With the small window to inform the voters of precinct changes, costs and time consumer it was determined that Sumner County would continue with the 28 precincts and open as normal.

REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

No report other than budget meeting the previous evening. Notice that July 27, 2020 meeting to consider Mega Center was cancelled.

B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS


No report.

V. ADJOURMENT


Motion by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Patricia D. Collins, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections