

**Sumner County Election Commission  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Members, J. Michael Fussell, Jeffery Hulseley and John W. Smith arrived at 4:20 p.m. Also present: Lori D. Atchley Administrator of Elections and Assistant Administrator of Elections Annette P. Haw. 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 Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0.

II. Approve Agenda

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

III. Old Business

Motion to approve the February 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins, motions passed 4-0.

Motion to approve the February 26, 2020 special call meeting by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins, motion passed 4-0.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 106 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 1059 as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. Report from the Administrator

AOE read the certification documents provided by the State Election Office and the Sumner County Election Commissioners signed each of the certification documents. An original was signed for the State Election Office, and an original

was signed for the documents to be retained by the Sumner County Election Commission.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.

#### V. Report From Election Commissioners

Chairman Ehmling stated that he and Commissioner Smith had attended the previous evening's budget committee meeting along with three staff members. The budget committee had already decided on a pay increase of approximately \$7,500 for the entire staff, leaving a shortage from the budget request of approximately \$32,000. AOE stated that the report acknowledged in the content that it was flawed, stating that five main counties were not included in the analysis. Commissioner Fussell stated that at the next budget meeting, the AOE should prepare a power point presentation with bullet points to be presented to the budget committee, as AOE has been trying to rectify the payroll inequity for 9 ½ years.

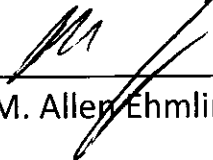
Chairman Smith discussed the code of conduct and the AOE reviewing registrations outside of the office. Commissioner Smith made a motion that registrations never be taken out of the office, motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion failed 2 – 3. Following discussion, Commissioner Fussell Made a motion that if registrations were to be taken out of the office, 1) they were to be transferred in a locked, secure box, 2) an e-mail be sent to commissioners notifying them that the registrations were being reviewed outside of the office and 3) the number of registrations taken was to be included in the e-mail. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins. AOE explained that all registrations taken to be reviewed were already scanned and in the system, but agreed to the process. The motion passed 5-0.

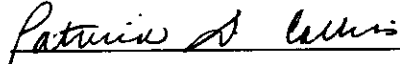
Commissioner Collins had comments:

- 1) Poll workers approved of poll worker sign-up sheets visibly available to voters.
- 2) Voters approved of new voting locations at Hendersonville Church of Christ retail center and Freedom Church.
- 3) Guild School good location.
- 4) Commissioner Collins made a motion to phase out uniforms. Seconded by Commissioner Smith. Motion failed 2 -3.
- 5) Commissioner Collins made a motion to allow citizens comments. Chairman Ehmling stated that a motion could be made at any meeting to suspend the rules. No action was taken.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting, the motion passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

  
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M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
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Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

  
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Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections