

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

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia Collins and Members, J. Mike Fussell, Jeffery Hulseley, John W. Smith. 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 Hulseley and the motion passed 5-0.

II. Approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Collins, and the motion passed 5-0.

III. Old Business

A. Approve minutes of February 13, 2018 and the Special Call Meeting February 23, 2018 with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley, and the motion passed 4-0, Commissioner J. Michael Fussell abstained.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 65 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 643 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. No appeals.

C. Report from Administrator

Pending Legislation - A bill to require the use of optical scan or similar equipment that provides a paper trail has been deferred. General discussion about options if it passes. Microvote, our current vendor, *can modify our existing equipment with a printer and secured collection receptacle*. The cost in 2009 was estimated to be \$1,000 per machine. AOE stated cost probably would increase. General discussions about shortfalls of optical scan equipment and concerns over transport, securing the equipment and storage. AOE stated that modification of our present equipment made the most sense.

A bill increasing the pay of all State of Tennessee Administrator's pay to what other department heads make (Trustee, County Clerk, etc.) Presently State Constitution requires AOE's to be paid 90% of the Assessor of Property's salary. Pushback from counties was due to monetary issues. Some discussion about phasing in the salary. The bill is still in finance.

AOE deferred to the Chairman regarding machine certification. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to move the machine certification item to the end of the Agenda, just prior to adjournment and motion passed 5-0.

AOE stated that the Election Day Machines would need to be certified on a different date due to the delay in ballot approval because of the extended qualifying deadline and withdrawal deadline for County Commission

District 7 due to withdrawal by Incumbent Joanne Kemp per the Anti-Skull Duggery Act. Commissioners agreed on certification at regular meeting April 10, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. AOE stated that we would notice the meeting immediately.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.

V. Report From Election Commissioners

Chairman Ehmling had no report other than to ask Commissioner Fussell to obtain the Republican key from the County Executive's office and to retain and make sure available for Election Day to open the ballot bags. Also stated that he would like to see the Agenda sent to the Juvenile Court and General Sessions Court for posting. AOE agreed to add those locations to the list.

Commissioner Collins inquired to whether or not Commissioners would be paid for Early Voting and attending training classes. Chairman stated that no meeting was being held, so no payment would be forthcoming.

Commissioner Smith stated that he would like a standardized form to carry on Election Day to summarize visits at precincts. AAOE Haw stated that a precinct form was sent out during the November 2016 Election and that we intend to send each election. AOE stated that if Commissioners would like any questions added, to notify the office and those questions would be added.

Motion by Fussell, seconded by Smith at 4:46 p.m. to recess the meeting to the basement where the machines were located for inspection and certification.

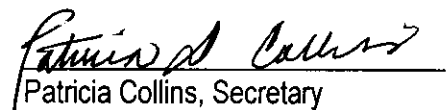
Meeting reconvened at 4:59 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5-0.

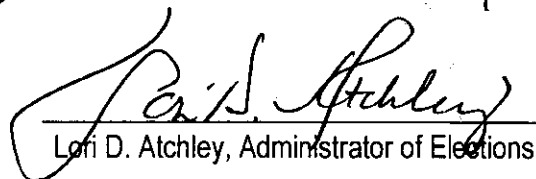
The Commissioners inspected the Early Voting Machines and respective Zero Tally Tapes, and Seals. Motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Fussell to certify the Early Voting Machines and the motion passed 5-0.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hulse, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed unanimously 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

  
M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
Patricia Collins, Secretary

  
Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections