Sumner County Election Commission Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 09, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Members J. Michael Fussell, Jeffery B. Hulsey and John W. Smith. Also present: Lori D. Atchley Administrator of Elections and Assistant Administrator of Elections Annette P. Haw. The meeting convened at 4:04 a.m. via telephone and a quorum was present.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order, motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5-0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

Approve minutes of March 10, 2020 and April 1, 2020 Special Call Meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed 5-0.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

Commission to approve August 6, 2020 Candidate List. At the request of Chairman Ehmling, AAOE Haw read the candidate list as posted on the SCEC website (will be attached to minutes). AOE stated there was a need for a specific issue that needed to be addressed by the SCEC. A ballot listing needed to be clarified for School Board Six (6). School Board (Six) 6 candidate Betsy Hawkins had inquired as to why on the SCEC petition report, her name was listed after a candidate who likewise had qualified for School Board Six (6), listed and qualified as Ginney Hall Plunkett was before her name. Ginney Hall Plunkett stated that she had legally changed her last name to Hall Plunkett. AOE and AAOE had contacted State Election Office for clarification. If multiple counties were involved, State Election Commission would decide name on ballot order. If single county (i.e. Sumner), the respective Election Commission would decide. AAOE had spoken to both candidates and both agreed to allow the SCEC to decide. The State Election Office recommended that Ginney Hall Plunkett provide proof of her legal name. The candidate did so. The specific identification (social security number for example) were "blurred" so that no personal information was disclosed. The information was provided to the SCEC. Motion by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Fussell to approve candidate list and the motion passed 5-0. Further, Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to allow School Board District 6 candidate Ginney Hall Plunkett to appear on the ballot in alphabetical order as Hall Plunkett followed by Betsy R. Hawkins, and the motion passed 5-0.

AOE discussed logistics of Poll Worker safety for August 2020 and November 2020 Elections and guidelines from the State Election Office. Commissioner Hulsey had several ideas regarding the matter, as it pertains to his profession. All were noted and will be forwarded to the SCEC.

V. REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN

- A. General discussion about reserving Special Call meeting on July 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to meet the requirements of Ten Day Emergency call prior to Election Day, if necessary. AOE stated that no decision can be made at this point.
- B. Commissioner Collins made requests about two precincts regarding Poll Workers -Guild and Long Hollow Baptist. AAOE stated that she was aware of both sites and had handled all matters.

VI. ADJOURMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Collins and motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting, the motion passed 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

M. Allen Himling, Chairman

Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Election