

**Sumner County Election Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Members J. Michael Fussell, Jeffery B. Hulseley, John W. Smith. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. The meeting convened at 4:01 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 5-0.

II. Approve Agenda

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

III. Old Business

Approve minutes of the following meetings:

May 14, 2019

Motion to approve by Commissioner Fussell, second by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5-0.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 55 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 541 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. No appeals.

C. Report from Administrator:

AOE discussed as last month Early Voting in Hendersonville and requested guidance from the Election Commission. Intent was to have voting in Hendersonville for the entire Early Voting period to alleviate the volume at Gallatin. Long term, the Comer barn will be a suitable Early Voting location for both Hendersonville and Gallatin. The Budget Committee's short term solution was to pave the area behind the archives for additional parking at the Gallatin Administration Building, and let Hendersonville residents drive to that location. The Budget Committee denied funds to the Election Commission for a Hendersonville lease for Early Voting as well as funds for professional traffic service for the library. The Budget Committee proposed to spend approximately \$225,000 to pave the lot behind the archives and are also considering purchasing three vacant acres behind the archives for \$450,000. Mayor Clary recommended the previous Kroger location building

and discussed booking Hendersonville Library for the 12-14 days of Early Voting for the three 2019 elections, but will also continue to pursue other locations if they become available. General discussion among the commissioners about why the library location is dangerous and inadequate, as well as reasons why the City of Hendersonville should find a suitable location if they want Early Voting and provide police traffic control as well as Budget Committee's decision not to consider working with the City of Hendersonville on possible funding of professional traffic services.

A member of the audience asked to be allowed to speak. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5-0. The person discussed the situation at the Senior Citizens Center and stated there is only one entrance off Imperial Drive now, as the access from Gallatin Road via multiple side roads had been blocked. The building has been renovated, but there is no security system, only three rooms inside and recommended it not be used. A motion to reinstate rules was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5-0..

A motion to approve the County Administration Building be used for Early Voting for Hendersonville, and no Early Voting in Hendersonville due to the fact that there was no suitable location in Hendersonville was made by Commissioner Fussell, but failed for lack of a second.

A motion to approve the Early Voting locations, dates and operational hours for all three locations as presented, with the exception of Hendersonville, was made by Commissioner Hulseley, and seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hulseley to approve the Hendersonville Library for Early Voting with the caveat that we will continue to search for a superior alternate location. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner J. Michael Fussell voting nay.

A motion to approve the Election Day polling hours of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley, and the motion was passed 5-0.

AOE discussed TCA 2-7-111 100' foot Boundary and that the law had changed instructing the Election Commission, rather than the Officers of Election to establish the entrance into precincts. After speaking with the Assistant Coordinator of Elections, AOE was told that evidently there was some issue in another or other counties that had multiple entrances where the 100' boundary was not marked at all of the entrances. That is not an issue in Sumner County precincts. A motion was made by Commissioner Hulseley and seconded by Commissioner Smith to acknowledge that the Sumner County 100' foot precinct boundaries are to be closest to the main, accessible entrance to the precinct and the motion passed 5-0.

Reiterated that the Poll Worker list approved before each election will require that the Republican Commissioners approve the Republican poll workers and the Democratic

Commissioners will approve the Democratic poll workers. Two separate lists are not required.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.

V. Report From Election Commissioners

A. Chairman

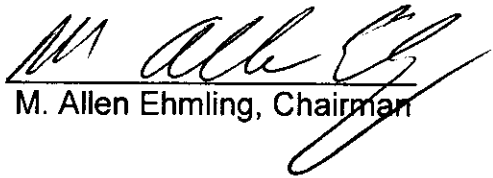
Chairman Ehmling had no report.


B. Election Commissioners

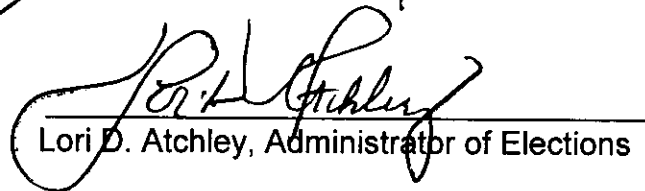
No report.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia D. Collins, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections