

**Sumner County Election Commission  
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling and Members, J. Mike Fussell, John W. Smith. Secretary Patricia Collins was present via telephone. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. The meeting convened at 2:00 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 Fussell and the motion passed 3-0.

II. Approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Agenda as presented with the exception to move the Locking of the Provisional Ballot Bags and Certifying the Early Voting Machines to the end of the Agenda and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Hulseley joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

III. Old Business

A. Approve minutes of May 8, 2018 with a motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley, and the motion passed 3-0-1 with Commissioner Fussell abstaining. Commissioner Collins will sign upon her return.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 66 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 654 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. No appeals.

C. Report from Administrator

TACEO seminar report. 80% of the seminar was in regards to Cyber Security. As a result of the seminar, the SCEC has implemented the following new policies/procedures: Installing a "disaster" server that will come online immediately if our main server goes down – it's not a second server, but an image server that will upload to the main server once it comes back online. Install a "Web-Based" server that any outside data will come into before hitting the main server – another layer of protection. Third, "eyes on" the voting equipment at all times. Three cameras are going to be installed in the basement for constant monitoring by both the IT Department and the AOE/AAOE. AAOE Haw to check with IT regarding the length of time the recording will be available.

AOE stated that without objection by the EC, we will hire security/traffic officers to work at the Hendersonville Library to assist in traffic in/out during Satellite Voting.

General discussion about the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld Ohio purging of voters due to non-activity. Tennessee Coordinator of Elections Goins had suspended purging in Tennessee due to non-activity after a lower court in Ohio has said it was unconstitutional. Tennessee policy is similar to Ohio. AOE has reached out

to the State to see the impact the decision will have on purges going forward in Tennessee. No response had been received as of the meeting time.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.

V. Report From Election Commissioners

Chairman Ehmling reported that he would attend the Portland Lions Club meeting Thursday, June 14, 2018 at NOON to speak regarding all matters voting.

Commissioner Smith commented that he was unaware of the TACEO seminar that was held on June 3 – June 6 in Nashville. AOE reiterated that the seminar was for AOE's – not Commissioners. However, AOE did comment that other election commissioners attended due to a "vacation." Counties paid for mileage, hotel and a \$375 seminar fee. Sumner County has made it clear that they not pay for unnecessary and non-mandated training or travel. AOE stated that because it was mandatory that she attend, the fee was not paid, and she did not participate in the social aspects of the seminar on Sunday and Wednesday, and did not participate in the meals and the seminar was no cost to Sumner County. Commissioners Fussell, Hulsey and Chairmen Ehmling were all in agreement that attendance at the seminar was not warranted, as no Commissioners were "Certified" hence the name TACEO "Tennessee Association of Certified Election Officials". AOE also stated that significant discussion was held at the December 2017 meeting and again at the January 2018 meeting approving the budget regarding the seminar attendance, and that it would not be paid by the County. Commissioner Collins requested that AOE contact the state to see if an orientation or a training class could be held for new election commissioners.

The Absentee and Provisional bags were locked and sealed by the Commissioners.

Motion by Fussell, seconded by Smith at 4:27 p.m. to recess the meeting to the Voting Machine Room where the Early Voting machines were located for inspection and certification and the motion passed 4-0.

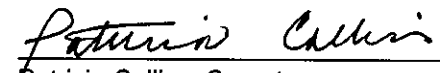
Meeting reconvened at 4:29 p.m. in the Voting Machine Room with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed 4-0.

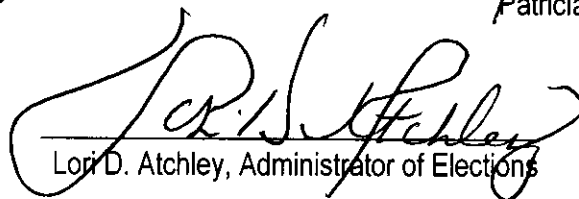
The Commissioners inspected the Early Voting Machines and respective Zero Tally Tapes, and Seals. Motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Fussell to certify the Early Voting Machines and the motion passed 4-0.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed unanimously 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

  
M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
Patricia Collins, Secretary

  
Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections