

**Sumner County Election Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Members, J. Mike Fussell, Jeffery B. Hulseley and John W. Smith. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. The meeting convened at 4:05 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 Collins, 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, to approve the Agenda as presented with the exception to move the Certification of the Election Day Voting Machines to the end of the Agenda, prior to Adjournment and the motion passed 5-0.

III. Old Business

A. Approve minutes of June 12, 2018 with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and the motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Collins signed the approved May, 2018 meetings due to her absence at the June 12, 2018 meeting.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 157 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 1,566 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. No appeals.

C. Report from Administrator

AOE recommended that the August, 14, 2018 meeting time be moved to 2:00 p.m. due to locking the Ballot Bags for the November Election, and Certifying the August 2, 2018 Election. Motion by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5-0.

AOE discussed the payroll discrepancies between the Election Commission among other departments in the County. The discrepancy was presented to the Budget Committee and AOE was told the budget committee would address next year. This has been promised previously and not addressed. A payroll summary was presented. The Election Office Staff is below \$7,162 on the lowest end and \$17,380 on the higher end of average salaries for the other departments. AOE presented a letter drafted to the Budget Committee and requested that the Commissioners jointly sign on behalf of the Election Staff to increase the 2018 – 2019 Election Commission budget by \$51,000 to bring the Election Commission Staff to the lowest average salary level. A motion was made by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Smith and passed 5-0 to submit the letter to the Budget Committee and for each Commissioner to attend the budget meeting on August 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., and possibly subsequent County Commission meeting on August 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.

V. Report From Election Commissioners

Chairman Ehmling had no report.

Commissioner Smith commented that the Election Commission might consider additional early voting sites for the November, 2018 Election.

Motion by Fussell, seconded by Smith at 5:10 p.m. to recess the meeting to the Voting Machine Room where the Election Day Voting machines were located for inspection and certification. The motion passed 5-0.

Meeting reconvened at 5:14 p.m. in the Voting Machine Room with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley and the motion passed 5-0.

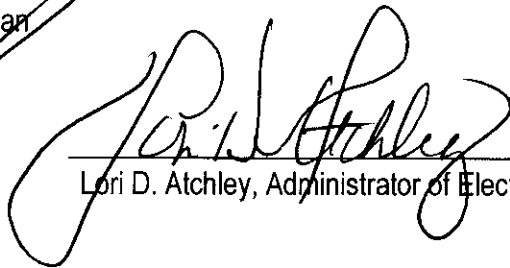
The Commissioners inspected the Election Day Voting Machines and respective Zero Tally Tapes, and Seals. Motion by Commissioner Smith seconded by Commissioner Fussell to certify the Election Day Voting Machines and the motion passed 5-0. Commissioners signed the certification documents.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hulseley, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed unanimously 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia D. Collins, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections