Sumner County Election Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Member Jeffery B. Hulsey. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. The meeting convened at 4:04 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 Hulsey and the motion passed 3-0.

II. Approve Agenda

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Hulsey seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the Agenda and the motion passed 3-0.

III. Old Business

Approve minutes of the following meetings:

August 13, 2019

Motion to approve by Commissioner Collins, second by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Fussell arrived in attendance at 4:40 p.m. Commissioner Smith not in attendance.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 68 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 671 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. No appeals.

C. Report from Administrator

Meeting scheduled by Administrator Atchley and Chairman Ehmling with Gallatin Mayor Brown to discuss early voting in Gallatin. Special call meeting will follow on September 18, 2019.

Chairman Ehmling, Commissioner Hulsey and Commissioner Collins approved to place Letter from the Administrator on the website home page discussing voting machine security.
Voter drive legislation has been approved and effective October 1, 2019. We have been instructed by the State that any requests before this date “will not meet the requirements of the law that goes into effect October 1” and any requests before such date may be referred to the State.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and passed 4/0 to move the meeting time from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on October 8, 2019 to lock the ballot bags for the March 3, 2020 election.

Beech Elementary contacted Commissioner Collins requesting the use of a voting machine for the 5th grade class Civic program. SCEC policy does allow actual voting machines out for public demonstrations. Motion was made by Chairman Ehmling, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and passed 4/0 that Chairman Ehmling & Commissioner Collins will offer to do a presentation for the 5th grade class on September 27 at 9:00am versus loaning a machine out. Administrator Atchley will officially contact Ms. Cabler at Beech Elementary to schedule. The poll worker training video link will be offered to the class to review how a voting machine works.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.

V. Report From Election Commissioners

A. Chairman

Chairman Ehmling discussed the Ad Hoc meeting he and Assistant Administrator Haw attended the day before. A $2400 mobile “owl” audio video system will be purchased by the County to be used in county committee meetings in conference rooms throughout the Administration Building versus purchasing a $15k hardwired system for conference room 112 that was a potential issue where early voting has been held.

B. Election Commissioners

Members had no report.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 4/0. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections