

**Sumner County Election Commission
Special Call Meeting
Monday, September 18, 2019 at 4:00 pm**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling, Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Members, J. Michael Fussell and John Smith. Member, Jeff Hulsey and Administrator of Elections, Lori D. Atchley not in attendance. Also present: Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. The meeting convened at 4:07 p.m. in the Chambers at the County Administration Building, Gallatin, TN and a quorum was present.

Call meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order, motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 4-0.

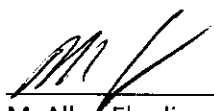
General discussion began covering the September 17 meeting with Mayor Paige Brown, Chairman Ehmling and Administrator Atchley to discuss another venue for Gallatin early voting. Mayor Brown stated that if the Gallatin Civic Center was to be used there would be a loss of revenue averaging \$750 per day and asked if the Election Commission would pay the difference. Chairman Ehmling stated that the County Commission Budget committee denied the Election Commission payment for any rental fees, along with many other items including traffic officers for any early voting site. Mayor Brown recommended the Job Service location at Greenlea Blvd; however, it was later determined it could not facilitate the voter traffic flow. Other sites were discussed without locating any successful alternatives; however, the meeting ended with both Chairman Ehmling and Administrator Atchley agreeing to go by the Job Center. On visiting the site both noticed the Freedom Church sitting across Highway 386 at the Greenlea exit. Chairman Ehmling and Administrator Atchley visited the Freedom Church and both were invited in to meet with the Pastor. Pastor Jim was excited about the community opportunity and quite certain the Board would approve the endeavor. He stated he would meet with the board immediately and get back with us quickly on their approval. Administrator Atchley stated the early voting dates had been sent to Pastor Jim.

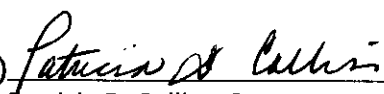
A special call meeting was already scheduled for Monday, September 23 @ 4:00 p.m. to discuss the "business of the Sumner County Election Commission". Therefore, no action was taken and the topic to approve a new Gallatin early voting site will be taken on that day.

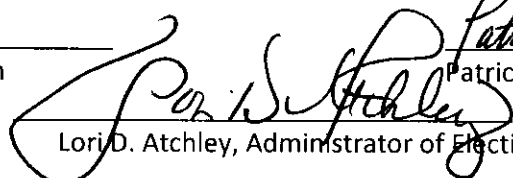
Chairman Ehmling stated the commission was unable to deliberate on the topic but regretfully handed out Administrator Lori Atchley's resignation letter, to be effective November 18, 2019. Further discussion and the process of locating a replacement will be discussed at the September 23, 2019 special call meeting.

Adjournment

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


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia D. Collins, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections