

**Sumner County Election Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 03, 2018**

Members present: Patricia D. Collins, Secretary and Members, Jeffery B. Hulsey and John W. Smith. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections. The meeting convened at 4:00 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 by Commissioner Smith with a motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 3-0.

Chairman Ehmling joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

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 4-0.

III. Old Business

A. Approve minutes of September 11, 2018 with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey, and the motion passed 4-0.

IV. New Business

A. Commissioners present inspected 153 newly processed voter registration applications out of the total registrations of 1529 processed as required by statute with no discretions noted. All Commissioners present signed the report.

B. No appeals

C. Report from Administrator:

AOE discussed employee and budget shortage and in discussions with Chairman Ehmling that we must do what we have to do to run the election. AOE stated that the current employees were working 12 hour days, weekends and holidays to try to keep up with the heavy volume of the registrations and OVR's. AOE reminded the Commission that the budget committee denied an additional employee and refused to give the current employees raises to bring them to the lowest average of departments in Sumner County, and that we were one employee short because an employee is on FMLA.

AOE stated that a special call meeting was not necessary on October 25, 2018 due to the fact that the machine technicians had completed programming and verifying the Election Day machines the prior day, and certification and verification for Early Voting and Election Day Voting Machines would be completed today.

AAOE stated that the finance department's policies make it time consuming and difficult to set up a poll worker on payroll.

AOE state election Office was so understaffed and over worked – she takes New Registrations at home each night to review.

Chairman Ehmling asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move the certification of the voting machines to the end of the agenda, prior to adjournment. Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Smith and the motion passed 4-0.

AOE concluded the Administrator report.

V. Report From Election Commissioners

Chairman Ehmling had no report.

Commissioner Collins asked about the uniforms purchase affecting the budget. AAOE stated that was only a few hundred dollars a year. AOE stated the Commissioner had never had an issue, and that the dollar amount needed to correct the pay differential was \$51,000.

Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Collins stated that we should document all of these items regarding the budget in order to present them at the next fiscal year budget meeting.

Chairman Ehmling suspended the meeting at 4:58 p.m. to go to the basement to inspect and certify the voting machines.


The meeting was reconvened in the basement machine room at 5:04 p.m.

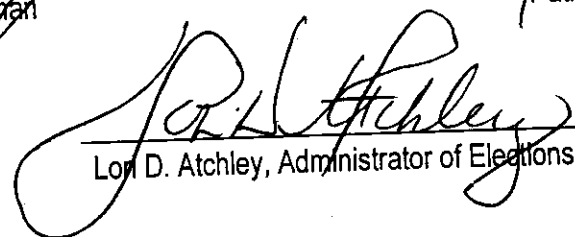
Voting machines were inspected and a motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Hulseley to certify the Early Voting and Election Day Machines. The motion passed 4-0. All certification documents were initialed and signed by the Commissioners.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hulseley, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0.
The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia D. Collins, Secretary


Lon D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections