

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulsey and Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. Also present: Lori D. Atchley Administrator of Elections, Annette P. Haw Assistant Administrator of Elections and Senior Election Deputy Gay Sutley.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey, and the motion passed 4 - 0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

The Agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey, and the motion passed 4 - 0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to approve the minutes for the October 12, 2021 meeting and the motion passed 4 - 0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

One appeal (AS) was presented to the Election Commission. The applicant registering to vote checked “yes” to the “have you been convicted of a felony?” question and did not answer the remainder of the declaration questions. An appeal form was sent to the applicant. The applicant returned the appeal form and responded that the felony box was inadvertently marked and they were not in fact a felon, and the applicant completed the declaration questions. Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 4-0 to allow the applicant to register.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 66 voter registration applications out of 654 new registration applications submitted with no discrepancies noted and all commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT GRANT & VOTING MACHINES

AOE previously requested that money for new voting machines with paper audit trail be funded from the American Recovery Grant. AOE stated that the Budget Committee met the previous evening (November 8, 2021) and the Chairman, Chris Taylor, stated that the issue would be revisited at the December, 2021 budget meeting in anticipation of new legislation being passed that mandated a paper audit trail for voting. AOE stated that if legislation was passed in January to February 2022, the order date, production date and delivery of new machines would be unknown, and the ability to use the machines in 2022 would be doubtful.

REDISTRICTING UPDATE

AOE informed commission that redistricting maps had been completed by Gallatin. The other municipalities were in the process of second readings to approve redistricting maps, with Hendersonville being the last municipality to approve on December 3, 2021. The County Commission was to consider two maps – one including 12 Commission Districts – one to include 24 Commission Districts, in addition to the school board maps. The approval of the maps is to be November 15, 2021 by the County Commission and requires only one reading.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

AOE and Assistant AOE visited several locations in Gallatin earlier in the day for consideration for early voting locations for the 2022 elections. Several facilities were excluded due to location, parking and access. Assistant AOE to contact the buildings/churches identified that could be viable early voting locations for presentation to the Election Commission for final approval.

V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. Chairman had no report.

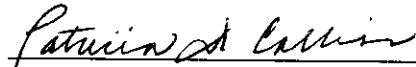
B. Election Commissioners had no report.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey and seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 4 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Patricia D. Collins, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections