

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Patricia D. Collins, Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulse, Commissioner J. Michael Fussell and Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. Also present: Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections and Senior Election Deputy Gay Sutley. The meeting convened at 4:02 p.m. and a quorum was present.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Commissioner Fussell with a motion by Commissioner Collins seconded by Commissioner Hulse and the motion passed 4 - 0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Hulse seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the minutes for the August 10, 2021 meeting and the motion passed 4 - 0.

Chairman Ehmling arrived at 4:04 p.m.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Three appeals were presented to the Election Commission. The voters registering to vote checked “yes” to the “have you been convicted of a felony?” question. An appeal form was sent to each applicant. The applicants returned the appeal form and responded that the box was inadvertently marked and that they were not in fact a felon.

Commissioners present reviewed three appeals, and a motion was made by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the first

appeal – the motion passed 5-0. Motion by Commissioner Fussell and seconded by Commissioner Collins to accept the second appeal – the motion passed 5-0. Motion to accept the third appeal by Commissioner Hulseby and seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5-0.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 90 voter registration applications out of 893 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 ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

- Convenient Voting Centers Update

Coordinator, IT staff members as well as the EAC visited Sumner on September 14, 2021 to review our CVC setup and overall system demonstration. Original meeting of August 31 was rescheduled by the State.

Voting Machines & American Recovery Act Grant

A request to be put on the Oct 12th at 6pm Budget Committee meeting to approve that the Election Commission may proceed with an RFP to accept bids to purchase voting machines with the American Recovery Act Plan grant monies.

Redistricting Update

AAOE provided an update on the status of where the county and cities are in the redistricting process.

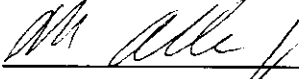
V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

- A.** Chairman discussed the many calls the Election Commission has had regarding the combining of Robertson and Sumner County early voting sites in White House. Robertson County's Administrator has stated their Election Commission does not want to conduct early voting in the same building as Sumner County and would be a standalone site. Robertson County has stated they are not ready to conduct early voting locations at multiple sites.

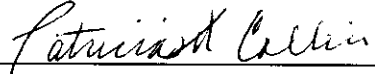
In addition, chairman briefly discussed potential Early Voting sites.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

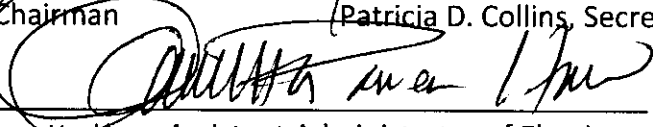
Motion by Commissioner Hulse and seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Patricia D. Collins, Secretary



Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections