

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Patricia D. Collins; Commissioner J. Michael Fussell; Commissioner Jefferey B. Hulse; Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Election Deputy Alea Hollandsworth.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins, and the motion passed 5 – 0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Hulse, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 5 – 0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Hulse made a motion to approve the November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5 – 0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There were no appeals.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 44 voter registration applications out of 436 new applications with no discrepancies noted. Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

- OTHER

AOE stated that the budget committee approved the appropriation to cover negative balances and employee comp time; however, they had a rule change that requires appropriations to pass two readings in the budget committee before going to the full county commission. This will delay the final approval until the January County Commission meeting. Budget Chairman Shoaf requested that we submit the budget appropriation request for the remainder of the 2022 – 2023 budget year at the January budget meeting; therefore, we will not have that finalized until the February 2023 budget meeting, which will result in negative balances on the books until then. If they refuse to fund the election commission at that time, we can revisit a lawsuit against the county commission to be properly funded per state law.

AOE requested that the SCEC give authorization to proceed with Convenient Vote Centers. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to proceed with the process to obtain state approval for convenient vote centers. The motion passed 5 -0.

Commissioners unlocked several provisional ballot bags that were not used in the November election, after verifying the lock and seal numbers.

V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. CHAIRMAN

No report.

B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

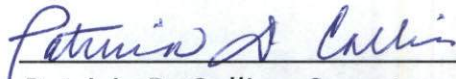
Commissioner Collins stated that she had received a call about a voter who was told they could not vote on Election Day. AOE had already researched and found a mother daughter team went to vote at Union, but the mother was supposed to vote at Civic Center. The daughter was supposed to take her and did not. The mother was not denied the right to vote.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hulse, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.



M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman



Patricia D. Collins, Secretary



Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections