

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling (arrived late – see note below); Secretary Patricia D. Collins; Commissioner J. Michael Fussell; Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulsey (arrived late – see note below); and Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette P. Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Acting Chairman J. Michael Fussell with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 - 0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Collins, and the motion passed 3 - 0.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve the March 25, 2022 Special Call Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 3 - 0.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There were no appeals.

Commissioner Hulsey arrived at 3:05 p.m.

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Chairman Ehmling arrived at 3:15 p.m.

Commissioners inspected 61 voter registration applications out of 610 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

- ELECTION DAY SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING BOARD

- Commissioners Hulsey and Collins at 3:00 p.m.
- Commissioners Fussell and Shepherd at 7:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Ehmling to arrive at 7:00 p.m. for precinct check-in

- ELECTION DAY SITE VISITS

AOE to provide summary forms for Election Day precinct visits by Commissioners who will visit multiple locations.

- APPROVE AUGUST 4, 2022 CANDIDATES

AOE presented a list of Republican, Democratic and Independent candidates for the August 4, 2022 election to each of the Commissioners for review. Commissioner Fussell made a motion to approve the candidates and ballot as presented, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 5 – 0.

- OTHER

AOE wanted a point of clarification on commission member attendance. Commissioners present will be so noted as well as time of arrival if after the start of the meeting.

AOE also stated that there had been some signage issues at the Hendersonville Church of Christ amongst the candidates and candidate supporters, and that a Church member had clarified the matter.

V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

A. None.

B. Commissioner Collins stated that she had received a question regarding voting on Good Friday. AOE explained that the churches had approved voting at their respective facilities on April 15, 2022. Commissioner Collins also inquired about ballot order. AAOE stated that they were alphabetical by district. AOE further clarified that Early Voting machines must contain all activations for the county, as

opposed to Election Day; whereby, each precinct would have only the ballot activations for that location.

VI. CERTIFY MAY 3, 2022 ELECTION DAY MACHINES

Commissioner Ehmling suspended the meeting at 3:54 p.m. to move the meeting to the machine room.


The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Ehmling at 3:58 p.m. in the machine room.


The Election Commissioners inspected the Election Day Voting Machines. Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5 – 0 to certify the Election Day Machines. The Commissioners signed the Certification Document.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia D. Collins, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections