

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 9, 2026 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Denise D. Shepherd; Commissioners Patricia D. Collins, J. Michael Fussell and Jeffery B. Hulsey. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Ehmling. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioner Hulsey made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 5 – 0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE MAY 5, 2026 CANDIDATES

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey to approve May 5, 2026 candidates, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 5 – 0.

2. APPROVE ADDITIONAL MACHINE TECHNICIANS FOR MAY 5, 2026, ELECTION

AOE presented 3 machine technicians (MS, TD and GCD) for approval. Motion by Commissioner Fussell to approve the machine technicians, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 5 – 0.

AOE requested authorization for AOE and AAOE to add additional machine technician assistants as needed. Motion by Commissioner Hulsey to authorize, seconded by Commissioner Fussell and the motion passed 4 – 1.

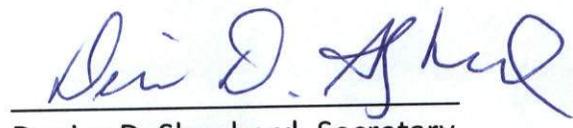
3. PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES.

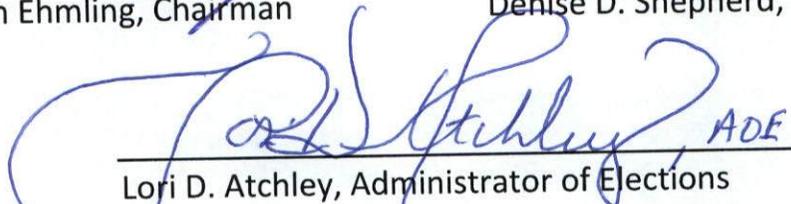
AOE stated there were several bills under consideration during the current legislative session that could impact the use of DRE machines in the State, leaving only one approved voting machine Vendor in Tennessee. Microvote would not meet the requirements as they are currently written. AOE to provide updates as received.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 5 – 0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27. p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Denise D. Shepherd, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections

ABBREVIATION LEGEND:

SCEC: Sumner County Election Commission
AOE: Administrator of Elections
AAOE: Assistant Administrator of Elections
TCA: Tennessee Code Annotated
1019: 1019 -Union School Rd
RPSC: Republican Party of Sumner County

SCC: Sumner County Commission
SCM: Sumner County Mayor
CVCs: Convenient Vote Centers
355: County Administration Building
TRP: Tennessee Republican Party

CANDIDATE NAME	PARTY	OFFICE	
Michael Begley	Republican Party Candidate	Circuit Court Judge 18th Judicial District Division II Unexpired Term	Vote for One (1)
Jennifer Nichols	Republican Party Candidate		
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Thomas Dean	Republican Party Candidate	District Attorney General 18th Judicial District Unexpired Term	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
John C. Isbell	Republican Party Candidate	County Mayor	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Jody Garrison	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 1	Vote for One (1)
Terry L. Moss	Republican Party Candidate		
Shiloh A. Dillard	Democratic Party Candidate		
Chris Shoemaker	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 2	Vote for One (1)
Christopher Tarlecky	Republican Party Candidate		
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Mark A. Harrison	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 3	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Dillon Lamberth	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 4	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Darrell Wayne Rogers	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 5	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Adam Issa	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 6	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Dan Bristol	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 7	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Baker Ring	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 8	Vote for One (1)
Rory Edmonds	Democratic Party Candidate		
Paul M. Graden	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 9	Vote for One (1)
Jimmy Overton	Republican Party Candidate		
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Benjamin Harris	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 10	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Nick Ivey	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 11	Vote for One (1)
Patricia Smith	Democratic Party Candidate		
Matt Campbell	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 12	Vote for One (1)
Joe C. Matthews	Republican Party Candidate		
Sarah Hilton	Democratic Party Candidate		
Jim Rohnkohl	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 13	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Jake Edgar	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 14	Vote for One (1)
Todd Stephens	Republican Party Candidate		Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Wes Wynne	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 15	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Billy Barnfield	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 16	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Suzanne Holt	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 17	Vote for One (1)
Kay Lokey	Democratic Party Candidate		

Don Schmit	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 18	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Shannon Burgdorf	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 19	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Merrol Hyde	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 20	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Jerry F. Becker	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 21	Vote for One (1)
Amanda Dodson	Democratic Party Candidate		
Matthew Ladd Shoaf	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 22	Vote for One (1)
Phil Barnes	Democratic Party Candidate		
Tim Jones	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 23	Vote for One (1)
Jordan Ring	Democratic Party Candidate		
Matt Wilkinson	Republican Party Candidate	County Commission District 24	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Cindy Williams	Republican Party Candidate	County Trustee	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Eric Craddock	Republican Party Candidate	Sheriff	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Kathryn Strong	Republican Party Candidate	Circuit Court Clerk	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Carolyn Templeton	Republican Party Candidate	County Clerk	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Holly A. Hemmrich	Republican Party Candidate	Register of Deeds	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Toby Ellis	Republican Party Candidate	Road Superintendent	Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Scotty Bush	Republican Party Candidate	School Board Member District 1	Vote for One (1)
Jill Rathert	Republican Party Candidate		
Jill Fernelius	Democratic Party Candidate		
Allen Lancaster	Republican Party Candidate	School Board Member District 3	Vote for One (1)
Chanitta S. Nealy	Democratic Party Candidate		
Steven J. King	Republican Party Candidate	School Board Member District 5	Vote for One (1)
Robert "Rob" G. Wheeler, Jr.	Republican Party Candidate		
Barbara Conwell Crawford	Democratic Party Candidate		
Andy Daniels	Republican Party Candidate	School Board Member District 7	Vote for One (1)
Mike Ray	Republican Party Candidate		
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
Christopher Guiette	Republican Party Candidate	School Board Member District 9	Vote for One (1)
Kathy Stuart	Republican Party Candidate		
Holly Cruz	Democratic Party Candidate		
Andy Lacy	Republican Party Candidate	School Board Member District 11	Vote for One (1)
David Thomas Wilkerson	Republican Party Candidate		
No Candidate Qualified	Democratic Party Candidate		
City of Portland Sales and Use Tax Referendum			Vote for One (1)
Shall the Portland Investment Act (Ordinance No. 25-25) for the purpose of investing in vital City services such as parks, roads, and public safety, by increasing the City's sales tax by half-penny per dollar be approved?			
FOR			
AGAINST			

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<i>All Offices on ballot require ONE Write in category</i>			