SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024, 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 (AOE) and Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections (AAOE).

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 5-0.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. CERTIFY AUGUST 1, 2024 EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY MACHINES

Commissioners inspected and verified Early Voting machines (including Satellite and Nursing Homes) and Election Day voting machines seal numbers and zero tally tapes. A motion by Commissioner Hulsey and seconded by Commissioner Collins to certify the August 1, 2024 Early Voting and Election Day voting machines, and the motion passed 5-0.

V. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR

A. OTHER

The AOE provided the Commissioners an e-mail notification from the Finance Department advising the SCC Budget Committee had rejected the budget approved and submitted by the SCEC. AOE and AAOE had attended the only noticed meeting regarding the SCEC. AOE notified SCEC that in prior years, multiple budgets and hearings were scheduled before the final budget determination. That was not the case this budget consideration year. The cuts included statutorily required legal notices, postage for voter notifications, printing costs for training manuals and other items. Following general discussion, Commissioners instructed AOE to provide a copy of the minutes and engagement letter for Nelson Mullins legal counsel to clarify services to be provided.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting and the motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 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

SCC: Sumner County Commission

SCM: Sumner County Mayor