

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Patricia D. Collins; Commissioner J. Michael Fussell; Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulseley; 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 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley, and the motion passed 5 – 0.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

The Chairman requested to add approval of the July 29, 2022 Special Call Meeting Minutes to the Agenda following the approval of the July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, and to move **“CERTIFY AUGUST 4, 2022 ELECTION”** to **IV A**. The agenda was approved with the above addition with a motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley, and the motion passed 5 – 0.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Fussell made a motion to approve the July 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, and the July 29, 2022 Special Call Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley and the motion passed 5 – 0.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CERTIFY AUGUST 4, 2022 ELECTION**

AOE provided copies and read aloud August 4, 2022 election results. Motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Hulseley to certify the August 4, 2022 Election and the motion passed 5 – 0. The certification documents and candidate wall certificates were signed by each of the Commissioners.

## **B. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

There were two appeals presented to the Election Commission. The applicants (SM and BH) when attempting to register to vote checked “Yes” to the “Have you been convicted of a felony?” declaration question. An appeal form was sent to each applicant who returned the form as having inadvertently checked “Yes” to “Have you been convicted of a felony?” All Commissioners present reviewed the documentation presented. Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Fussell, to find the registration applications of SM and BH sufficient to allow them to properly register to vote. The motion passed 5 – 0.

## **C. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

Commissioners inspected 105 voter registration applications out of 1,041 new registration applications submitted with no discrepancies noted, and all Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

## **D. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR**

### **- UPDATE ON COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 13 TIE**

The certification of the August 4, 2022 Election included a tie in County Commission 13. The matter now moves to the Sumner County Commission for resolution.

### **- HENDERSONVILLE, MILLERSVILLE AND PORTLAND REFERENDUM UPDATES**

AOE stated that ordinances calling for referendums for Hendersonville and Portland passed. No Referendums for Millersville. Election Commission was awaiting receipt of the required documents to place the questions on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

### **- CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT UPDATE**

The language for each constitutional amendment question is to be received from the State on August 15, 2022 and will be forwarded to Election Commissioners on receipt.

- **OTHER**

AOE requested approval of November 8, 2022 Early Voting Schedule including dates, times and locations.

AOE also requested Commissioners to schedule a meeting on August 25, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. to 1) approve poll workers and 2) lock the absentee and provisional ballot bags for the November 8, 2022 Election and sign the certification documents.

Commissioner Fussell moved to group and approve the above items with a second by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 5 – 0.

**V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**


**A. CHAIRMAN:** No Report.

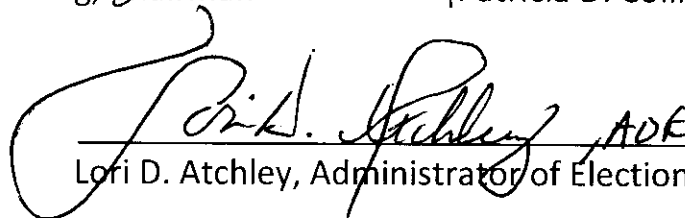
**B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS:** No Report.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

  
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M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman

  
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Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

  
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Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections