

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 4:00 p.m.**

Members present: Chairman M. Allen Ehmling (arrived 4:10 p.m.); Secretary Patricia D. Collins; Commissioner J. Michael Fussell (arrived 4:08 p.m.); Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulse; 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 4:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Collins with a motion by Commissioner Hulse, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 – 0 (Collins, Hulse, Shepherd).

II. APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with a motion by Commissioner Hulse, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 – 0 (Collins, Hulse, Shepherd).

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVE MINUTES

Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve the June 30, 2022 Special Call Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hulse and the motion passed 3 – 0 (Collins, Hulse, Shepherd).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

There were no appeals

B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Commissioners inspected 45 voter registration applications out of 450 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

HENDERSONVILLE REFERENDUM UPDATE

AOE stated that although the SCEC had been previously notified via e-mail by the Mayor of the City of Hendersonville there would be no referendum regarding term limits on the Hendersonville November, 2022 ballot, a letter had since been received from the City of Hendersonville Attorney by the July 11, 2022 notification deadline that the City of Hendersonville would be placing a referendum on the November, 2022 Hendersonville ballot regarding term limits.

PORTLAND REFERENDUM

AOE stated that the City of Portland Attorney had notified the SCEC that a local option for sales tax referendum would be on the Portland November, 2022 ballot. The language has not yet been received.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT UPDATE

AOE provided the summary sheet from the State of Tennessee for questions regarding Constitutional Amendments to be placed on the November, 2022 ballot. The language has not yet been received.

CERTIFIED WRITE-IN CANDIDATE NAME COMBINATIONS

AOE previously provided Commissioners a list of potential name spelling variations for the Certified Write-In Candidates. After reviewing and discussing each individual candidate's list, a motion was made to group and approve the certified write-in candidate's lists and the motion passed 3 (Ehmling, Collins, Shepherd) – 2 (Fussell and Hulsey).

OTHER

AOE brought to the Commissioners attention that Westmoreland would have two Alderman Positions on the ballot, in addition to two unexpired terms and the Mayor position.

AOE also requested to move the next regularly scheduled SCEC meeting from August 8 to August 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in order to certify the election in addition to regular agenda items. All commissioners agreed and noted the date change.

V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

- A.** Chairman Ehmling reminded commissioners not to discuss certified write-in candidates – not acknowledge whether there were or were not certified write-in candidates on the ballot for any office, nor confirmation of names or spelling.

- B.** Commissioner Collins stated that she had read the article submitted to the Hendersonville Standard by AOE and though it was a positive piece on voting in the county and was glad to have seen it printed. Commissioner Fussell concurred. Commissioner Fussell stated that Jeff Yawn, Sumner County Board of Education Central Office, would be in attendance at the August meeting to discuss voter registration in the high schools.

The meeting was suspended by Chairman Ehmling at 4:48 p.m. to relocate the meeting to the voting machine room.

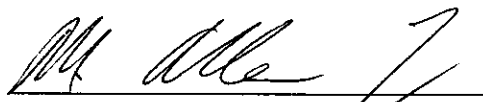
The meeting was reconvened by Chairman Ehmling at 4:52 p.m. in the voting machine room.


VI. CERTIFY AUGUST 4, 2022 ELECTION DAY MACHINES

The election day machines were inspected by the Commissioners, motion by Commissioner Fussell, seconded by Commissioner Collins to certify the August 4, 2022 Election Day Voting Machines and the motion passed 5 - 0. The certification documents were signed by each Commissioner.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Fussell to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.


M. Allen Ehmling, Chairman


Patricia D. Collins, Secretary


Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections