

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Acting Chairman J. Michael Fussell; Secretary Patricia D. Collins and Commissioner Jeffery B. Hulseley. Also present: Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections; Annette Haw, Assistant Administrator of Elections and Election Deputy Alea Hollandsworth.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Fussell.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVE 2023 -2024 BUDGET**

- AOE presented the 2023 -2024 budget and pointed out that the move of the Election Commission operations to the former TRC building and the transition to Convention Vote Centers funds were broken out on each line item of the budget totals and summarized at the end of the budget. AOE and AAOE had been reviewing other counties budgets, as the Budget Committee has stated repeatedly they intend to utilize benchmarks for the budget process for the 2023 – 2024 budget. AOE stated that benchmarks based on budgets, not actual costs, are inaccurate, and that many, many factors are not considered. Different line items and account groupings are used for other counties which is not an “apples to apples” comparison. AOE also stated that money had been “returned” (not drawn) by the Election Commission for the past 10 years. All Commissioners present reviewed the budget. Motion by Commissioner Hulseley, seconded by Commissioner Collins to approve the budget in the amount of \$1,275,292.94 and the motion passed 3 – 0.
- **APPROVE EARLY VOTING SITES; DATES & TIMES**
- AOE presented the recommended 2024 Election Cycle Early Voting Calendars including locations, date and times. All Commissioners present reviewed the

Calendars. Motion by Commissioner Collins to approve the Calendars, seconded by Commissioner Hulsey and the motion passed 3-0.

- **OTHER**

None.

- **CONVENIENT VOTE CENTERS**

AOE restated that Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins and Representative William Lamberth had confirmed that no further legislative action was required for Sumner County to proceed with Convenient Vote Centers.

- **TRC BUILDING MOVE**

AOE stated that the planned move to the former TRC building was ongoing.

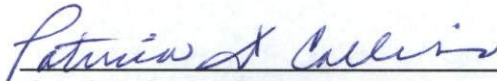
- **FUNDING PART TIME PAYROLL THROUGH JUNE 30**


AOE advised the Commissioners that the Budget Committee, at their last meeting, once again failed to approve funding for Part Time Personnel funding through the end of the fiscal year, but rather advised the Election Commission to continue to operate in the negative. Commissioner Fussell instructed AOE to contact legal counsel about the matter to make an inquiry to the Comptroller, as it is our understanding this is not appropriate per statute.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Hulsey, seconded by Commissioner Collins to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 3 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

  
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J. Michael Fussell, Acting, Chairman

  
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Patricia D. Collins, Secretary

  
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Lori D. Atchley, Administrator of Elections AOE