

**SUMNER COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023, 4:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** Chairman M. Allen Ehmling; Secretary Patricia D. Collins; Commissioner Denise D. Shepherd. **Members Absent:** Commissioners J. Michael Fussell and Jeffery B. Hulse. 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 Chairman Ehmling with a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and the motion passed 3 – 0.

**II. APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES**

Commissioner Shepherd made a motion to approve the December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Collins and the motion passed 3 – 0.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. INSPECTION – APPEAL PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

There were no appeals.

**B. INSPECTION – NEWLY PROCESSED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS**

Commissioners inspected 43 voter registration applications out of 421 new applications with no discrepancies noted. Commissioners present signed the report to be submitted to the State Election Office.

### **C. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **- CONVENIENT VOTE CENTERS**

AOE stated that she had reached out to Coordinator Goins on two occasions about proceeding with Convenient vote Centers with no response; however, timing could be due to holidays. AOE will continue to reach out and inform Commissioners of progress.

#### **- BUDGET COMMITTEE**

AOE stated that the budget committee met the previous evening. Chairman Ehmling and Commissioner Shepherd were in attendance, along with AOE and AAOE. AOE reported that the negative salary items and comp time for employees had passed on second reading and will now move forward to the County Commission for final approval. The appropriation request for funding of the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, was deferred. AOE stated Finance Director Lawing had once again presented a spreadsheet representing inaccurate information to the budget committee immediately prior to the meeting. AOE stated emphatically to the committee that the information was inaccurate. Budget Chairman Mathew Shoaf requested that a meeting be held with AOE, himself and Lawing. Chairman Ehmling stated he would like to be in attendance. The Chairman then requested that the Law Director Eric Sitler be in attendance. Patricia Collins asked if it was documented in the meeting that we would continue to operate in negative balances. AOE stated she specifically said to Budget Chairman that he understood we would continue to operate with negative balances on a pay as you go basis, and he acknowledged in the affirmative. This is on the video with audio.

#### **- OTHER**

AOE stated that per the County Mayor all voting equipment and supplies in the Election Office storage rooms in the basement were to be moved to the TRC building to replace the damaged flooring from the flooding

due to burst pipes. The move will occur on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, with the help of Sumner County Jail Trustees and Equipment Workers used in the elections. General discussion about equipment size and positioning, shelving, items to be moved, server room and security as well as deposition of old voting machines which has yet to be determined. AOE stated arrival of new voting machines will hopefully be 1<sup>st</sup> week of March.

**V. REPORT FROM ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

**A. CHAIRMAN**


No report.

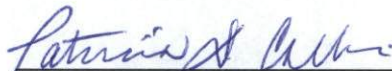
**B. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

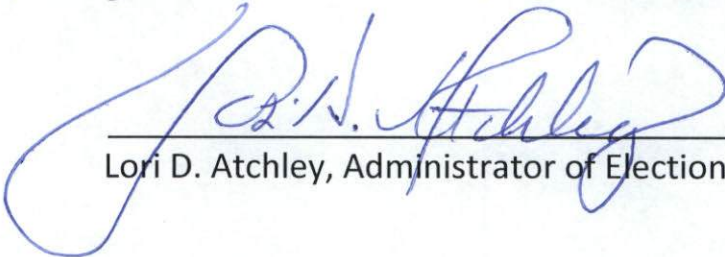
Commissioner Collins inquired if anyone could attend the above-mentioned meeting. AOE stated that all meetings are open to the public and certainly she, as an election commissioner, was permitted to attend.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn the meeting, and the motion passed 3 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.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