

**SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2018**

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Regular Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on August 20, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive.

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Meyers **Time:** 4:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Stamson, Commissioner Tate, and Commissioner Nollner.

CERTIFY AUGUST 2, 2018 ELECTION RESULTS

Commissioner Lester expressed her concerns about voters receiving the wrong ballot at the polls. Commissioner Lester chose to abstain her vote. She disclosed that in the past voters never had proof to support their claims but during August 2nd Election, there were several reputable people including elected officials who confirmed one particular voter received the wrong ballot. Commissioner Lester does not think what she saw will effect the outcome of the election. She also doesn't suspect any malfeasance. Commissioner Nollner asked the AOE to address Commissioner Lester's concern.

The AOE, Linda Phillips explained that all voters in Shelby County are assigned to the correct precincts splits according to the GIS, which is the most accurate way. She stated further that there could be issues because we have many precincts with multiple splits. Some splits are unavoidable but a lot are because of the 2012 precinct lines were not realigned with districts. Since all ballots are verified by the machine, the only way a voter can receive a wrong ballot is by human error. Human error is most prevalent in the absentee by mail process. An Election Day voter is almost guarantee to get the correct ballot. The machine programs the voter access cards, which bring up the correct ballot, the auditors have confirmed. People who claim to receive the wrong ballot don't know their district. Absentee process is more hands on and human error occurs more often. With the new VR system, this process will be more automated reducing human error. Mrs. Phillips feels confident that 99.9% of the voters received the correct ballot. Commissioner Lester acknowledged the discrepancy of the absentee ballot was corrected. However, the voter had the same issue on the machine. Councilwoman Patrice Robinson witnessed the same issue. Commissioner Lester stated she will encourage legislator to allow voters to take pictures of their ballot. Councilwoman Patrice Robinson was asked to state what she witnessed.

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Nollner made a motion to certify the August 2nd Election results.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Stamson

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Lester

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed 4-0

CERTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION

Municipal and Independent Candidates who are eligible for Certification as

Office	Name
Arlington	
Alderman - Position 1	W. C. "Bubba" Pleasant
Alderman - Position 3	David Parsons
School Board - Position 2	Erin Elliott Berry
Bartlett	
Alderman - Position 2	Mitch Arnold
Alderman - Position 2	Elliott Emily
Mayor	A. Keith McDonald
Mayor	John Lackey
School Board - Position 4	Bryan Woodruff

Office	Name
Collierville	
Alderman - Position 1	William Boone
Alderman - Position 1	Maureen J. Fraser
Alderman - Position 2	Billy Patton
Alderman - Position 4	Tom Allen
Alderman - Position 4	Gregory D. Cotton
School Board - Position 2	Wanda Chism
School Board - Position 4	Frank Warren
School Board - Position 4	Eelco Van Wijk

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Office	Name
Germantown	
Alderman - Position 1	Scott Sanders
Alderman - Position 1	Brian D. White
Alderman - Position 2	Jeff Brown
Alderman - Position 2	Mary Anne Gibson
Mayor	John Barzizza
Mayor	Michael Palazzolo
School Board - Position 2	Brian Curry
School Board - Position 2	Elizabeth 'Betsy' Lander
School Board - Position 4	Angela R. Griffith
School Board - Position 4	Robyn Rey Rudisill

Lakeland	
Commissioner	Jeremy Clayton Burnett
Commissioner	Michele Dial
Commissioner	Clark Plunk
Commissioner	Michael Green
Commissioner	Richard A. Gonzales Jr.
Mayor	Michael Cunningham
Mayor	Wyatt Bunker
School Board	Deborah Thomas
School Board	Kevin Floyd
School Board	Laura Harrison
School Board	Zachary Coleman
School Board	Phillip Childs

Office	Name
Millington	
Alderman - Position 1	Bethany K. Huffman
Alderman -Position 2	Al Bell
Alderman -Position 3	Jon Crisp
Alderman -Position 4	Larry Dagen
School Board -Position 2	Cecilia "C.J." Haley
School Board -Position 2	Marlon D. Evans
School Board -Position 4	Cody Childress
School Board -Position 5	Barbara Halliburton
School Board -Position 5	Donald K. Holsinger
School Board -Position 6	Austin Brewer
School Board -Position 6	Larry C. Jackson

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Candidates who Pulled Petitions but Filed for a Different Office or Did Not File by the Deadline

Office	Name
Collierville	
School Board -Position 4	Molly Henderson
Germantown	
Alderman -Position 2	Charles Hanover
School Board -Position 4	Brian Curry
Millington	
Alderman -Position 1	Jon Crisp
Alderman -Position 2	Jon Crisp
Alderman -Position 4	Jon Crisp
School Board -Position 2	Donald K. Holsinger
School Board -Position 4	Donald K. Holsinger
Alderman -Position 3	Franklin Dakin
School Board -Position 4	Marlon D. Evans
School Board -Position 5	Marlon D. Evans

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Lester made a motion to certify the municipal and independent candidates for the November Election

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Stamson

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

POLICY FOR CAMPAIGN SIGNS FOR 980 NIXON

Campaign sign placment policy to avoid hazard. Commissioner Stamson suggested the same policy for the downtown office.

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Tate made a motion to approve the campaign sign policy as presented by the Administrator.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Stamson

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

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ELECTION NIGHT DISCUSSION

a. Why Absentee Results were reported after 8:00am?

The AOE, Linda Phillips presented the 701 plan. The goal is to be able to report the absentee ballot results at 7:01. Discussion followed.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION:

a. Early Voting Sites

The public was allowed to voice their concerns and questions. Discussion followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (SEE ATTACHMENT):

Given by Linda Phillips.

The following is items was discuss:

- VCS received 5,186 applications from Tennessee Black Voter Project.
- Public inspection of the Election Day machines
- Update on Voting Machine Replacement
- The Election Center Conference in New Orleans
- Voting Machine Demonstration
- User acceptance testing on our new VR system
- Dates to Upcoming Events

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

New Business- Commissioner Lester inquired about remote access to VPN connect for the last four years. In addition, she would like to receive a quarterly remote access report. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Patrice Robinson
David Kay
Dell Gill
Michael Cody
Elaine Ervin
Sanjeev Memula

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2018

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Executive Session: The Commission recessed the public meeting for an Executive Session to meet with legal Counsel concerning pending litigation. Chairman Meyers, Commissioner Lester, Commissioner Nollner, Commissioner Stamson, Commissioner Tate, Linda Phillips, Joe Young, Carla Lytle, Genine Taylor, Attorney Ryder, Attorney Varela, and Attorney Hagler went into a private executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned after the executive session

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, Administrator	Geoffrey Bates
Joe Young, Deputy Administrator	DB Kay
Carla Lytle, Operations Manager	Patrice Robinson
Genine Taylor, VCS Manager	Suzanne Burton
Deborah Upchurch, Staff	Joseph Weinberg
Audrey Joy, ITS	Authur McAnthony
Attorney Ryder	Rose A Bradley
Attorney Varela	Dell Gill
Attorney Hagler	Peg Watkins
Attorney Bibbs	Kevin McKenzie
Suzanne Thompson- Cozza	Christopher Williams
Janice Banks	Katrina Robinson
Wain Poole	Emily Fulmer
Dorothy Poole	Richard Klem
Barbara Williams	Anne Reef
Vicki Wade	Mary Green
Kayna Hanover	Elaine Ervin
Amy Spicer	Lillie Melton
Michael Cody	Sanjeev Memula
Kelli Cook	Dave Cambron
Terrance Smith	
Candice Jones	



Robert Meyers, Chairman

10/18/18
Date



Norma Lester, Secretary

10-16-18
Date



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Administrator of Elections Monthly Report August, 2018

Voter and Candidate Services

- We received 5,186 VR applications from the Tennessee Black Voter Project. The organization running this used the Federal VR form, which does not have the information required for TN. So, for each new application, we will have to mail the voter a letter requesting the needed information and the voter will have to complete the form and return it in order to be registered. A sample of the forms showed that 30% of the forms are new registrations. About 5% are address changes. The remainder are duplicates, registrations from those with felony convictions, or incomplete.
- We currently have 2,598 new VR applications, 1,798 Address Changes and 1,089 Duplicate applications to process.
- Kudos to Mrs. Taylor and her staff for getting reconciliation done timely in spite of the delay in getting ESM updated.

Operations Department

- The public inspection of the Election Day machines was held on Monday, July 23, 2018 here at the operations center at 9:00am. No candidates or members of the media attended. The auditors found no errors.

Administrator

- Update on Voting Machine Replacement. We have had the initial meeting with purchasing; Alonzo Massey is the purchasing agent assigned to the project.
- Please remember that I, Carla Lytle and Joe Young will be out next week attending the Election Center Conference in New Orleans. Carla and Joe are

attending a security meeting in Nashville on Thursday and Joe will be attending the National Election Security Summit in St. Louis in September.

- **The Voting Machine Demonstration is set for Thursday, September 20, 2018. It will begin at 12:30pm in the Code Enforcement Training Center. The Election Commission and staff and Elected Officials will be invited to attend from 12:30 until 2:00pm. From 2:00pm until 6:00pm, the public will be invited. All of the manufacturers who have products certified in Tennessee have been invited and all have accepted. This will be your only opportunity to see the products before the RFP goes out. Once the RFP goes out, there is a blackout period where there can be no contact with the vendor.**

- **As of Friday, our website has had more than 487,000 page views since its debut on January 31, 2018.**

- **We did doing user acceptance testing on our new VR system. In general, I'm pretty happy with it. The moment when the hand held scanner brought up the voter record in a split second was one of pure joy, although I am relieved that no one whipped out a cell phone camera to record my happy dance. Training will begin on September 4th and we will go live on September 11th. We will run parallel until I am satisfied of the accuracy of the new system. We did run parallel with the Early Voting component. Our vendors and we all learned a lot. The concept works but we had some issues with early voters who changed their address. Know Ink only transmitted their transaction number on those voters but in order for the VRS system to update the voter, they needed their voter ID number; both vendors are working on the issue but I have a work around for November if need be. The reports from VRS were accurate and vote history updated flawlessly on voters who did not change their address.**

- **Days to Upcoming Events:**
 - **2018 General Election – 78 Days**