

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2021

The special meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held electronically on January 19, 2021.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chairman Stamson at 4:37pm

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners Tate, Uhlhorn and Smith.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, AOE

Joe Young, DAOE

Pablo Varela, attorney

Carol Collinsworth, staff

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2020 MINUTES:

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Uhlhorn made a motion to approve the minutes.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Tate

ROLL CALL VOTE: Uhlhorn – yes, Stamson – yes, Tate – yes, Smith – could not hear

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Nothing to report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- 2020 voting survey was completed and submitted.
- Presented preliminary budget. Will need approval at February meeting.
A challenge for this budget is that we don't know how many precincts we will have in 2022 due to redistricting. Some precincts are too large and others are growing rapidly and will be too large soon. Some precincts can be combined if the County Commission doesn't move lines. Projecting three additional precincts.
- Paying officers \$300 worked well and they set up polling places the day before which helped on election day. Adding an additional \$30 for member of opposite party to help set up day before.
- All 26 early voting sites will open on day one from 11am-7pm. We are planning on 50,000 to vote early but could accommodate 100,000 voters.
- Proposed \$300,000 for election day workers but if we increase pay to \$15 an hour it would increase the budget by \$58,880 for the May election.
- Additional \$40,000 for ballot cards. If they aren't used they can be used in the next election.
- Legal ad cost is determined by how many people are on the ballot.
- Planning on mailing out notices of new districts to 600,000 voters for \$450,000.
- Including \$50,000 for legal and attorney services.

- Included some budget for new polling places and some that could be better located.
- Need some upgraded computers for redistricting work. Also some additional salaries.
- Included some money for August 2022 election because preparation starts early.
- Arlington has moved their September 2021 stand-alone election to coincide with August 2022 election. This will save them over \$50,000.
- Collierville is considering amending their charter so they don't have to have run-offs.

Commissioner Tate asked about overtime. AOE Phillips stated that overtime for the May 2022 election is \$217,334 mostly due to early voting hours.

AOE Phillips asked if the commissioners wanted \$15 an hour for poll workers. They agreed to ask for it and see if it is approved.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Republicans need to nominate a voting machine tech to replace the Republican that retired. Richard Roberson was recommended by the manager. He has worked as a voting machine tech temp since 2012. His resume is impressive, a clean Republican voting record and he knows the tasks. It has to go through personnel but TCA requires equal party representation.

MOTION: Commissioner Uhlhorn nominated Richard Roberson for voting machine tech.

SECOND: Commissioner Stamson

OUTCOME: passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

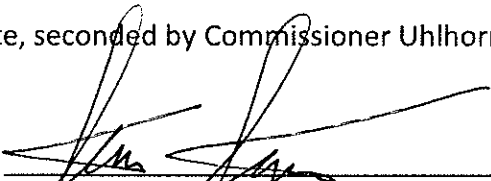
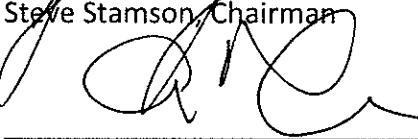
None

The next meeting will be on February 16, 2021 at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made to adjourn by Commission Tate, seconded by Commissioner Uhlhorn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

	Date
Steve Stamson, Chairman	
	Date
Anthony Tate, Secretary	

Meeting Recording:

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