

SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held electronically on February 16, 2021.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Chairman Stamson at 5:04pm (after the Executive Session)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners Tate, Uhlhorn, Taylor and Smith.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, AOE
John Ryder, attorney
Pablo Varela, attorney
Monice Hagler, attorney
Carol Collinsworth, staff

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 19, 2021 MINUTES:

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

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Taylor

ROLL CALL VOTE: Uhlhorn – yes, Taylor – yes, Stamson – yes, Tate – yes, Smith – yes

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Nothing to report

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- AOE Phillips attended the virtual National Association of State Election Directors meeting
- Many new election/voting bills in legislation

BUDGET:

- Recommended adjusting managers and DAOE salaries by \$10,000 each
- AOE Phillips explained how she determines the budget for elections
- Pollworker pay has been raised to \$15 an hour
- Recommended purchasing a cargo van instead of renting one
- Possibility of mailing to all 600,000 voters after redistricting
- Recommended increasing legal services budget
- May have to add some additional precincts after redistricting
- \$450,000 for redistricting costs
- August election preparation starts in May so partially in this budget
- Total budget is \$2,602,000. \$1.18 million for the May election and \$94,000 for August in this budget.

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the budget as presented.
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Uhlhorn
ROLL CALL VOTE: Uhlhorn – yes, Taylor – yes, Stamson – yes, Tate – yes, Smith – yes
OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Taylor stated that they had tried to get the County Commission to approve funding for new voting equipment and had not gotten approval. This lack of approval allows SCEC to pursue legal action. Allen Wade will represent the SCEC.

Commissioner Smith and Taylor stated that the SCEC is not responsible for paying for voting equipment. Paying for equipment is the responsibility of the Shelby County Commission.


MOTION STATED: Commissioner Taylor made a motion to begin legal action against the Shelby County Commission to get funding for new voting equipment
SECONDED BY: Commissioner Uhlhorn
ROLL CALL VOTE: Uhlhorn – yes, Taylor – yes, Stamson – yes, Tate – no, Smith – no
OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

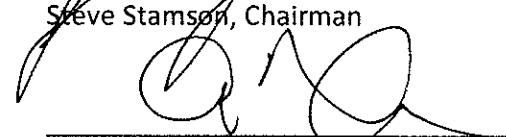
None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made to adjourn by Commission Uhlhorn, seconded by Commissioner Taylor.
Meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.



Steve Stamson, Chairman Date



Anthony Tate, Secretary Date

Meeting Recording:

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