

**SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2019**

A special meeting was held by the Shelby County Election Commission on October 28, 2019 at the Election Commission Operations Center, 980 Nixon Dr.

CALLED TO ORDER: By Chairman Stamson at 11:01am.

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

SUBJECT:

The meeting was called to review and discuss the Early Voting schedule since Commissioners Tate and Smith reported having received phone calls concerned that all of the Early Voting sites weren't open every day. A lawsuit was a possibility.

DISCUSSION:

Attorney Varila said the TN law requires one location be open during the period from 20 days to 5 days prior to the election. Administrator Phillips stated that in the October 21, 2019 Commission meeting the approved resolution called for the downtown site to open on October 25 with five additional sites opening on November 1. Phillips showed documentation of the history of previous runoff elections showing that SCEC opened the downtown site on the first day and the other sites 4-10 days later. The cost to open all sites at the same time was an additional \$100,000. If SCEC was able to open the additional five sites earlier this week the cost would be an additional \$50,000. If possible, this would require verifying the locations are available, equipment can be ready, the moving company is available to deliver the equipment and workers could be scheduled to start earlier.

Commissioner Smith asked about opening at least two additional sites: Raleigh and Dave Wells. Commissioner Taylor stated that their vote reflected fair and impartial equity of locations. If we could open one or two additional sites early it might give the perception of unfairness.

MOTION:

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Tate made a motion to amend the resolution to open Dave Wells and Raleigh as soon as possible.

SECONDED BY: By Commissioner Smith

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Commissioners Tate and Smith voted yes and Commissioners Stamson, Taylor and Uhlhorn voted no. Motion did not pass and the October 21 resolution stands.

MOTION:

MOTION STATED: Commissioner Taylor moved that the Administrator will present an Early Voting policy for future elections.

SECONDED BY: Commissioner Smith

OUTCOME OF MOTION: Passed

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for November 19, 2019 at 4pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 11:52am.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, AOE

Joe Young, Chief Deputy AOE

Carol Collinsworth, Staff

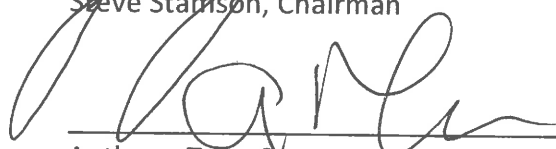
Carla Lytle, Staff

Attorney Varila



Steve Stamson, Chairman

Date



Anthony Tate, Secretary

Date