

**SHELBY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 15, 2018**

APPROVED

Regular Meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission was held on May 15, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at the Election Operations Center, 980 Nixon Drive.

CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Meyers **Time:** 4:02 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2018 MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE: Commissioner Nollner **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Tate

APPROVED: Unanimously

APPROVAL OF APRIL 26, 2018 MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE: Commissioner Stamson **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Nollner

APPROVED: Unanimously

CERTIFY MAY 1, 2018 ELECTION RESULTS

MOTION TO APPROVE: Commissioner Lester **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Stamson

APPROVED: Unanimously

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR AUGUST 2, 2018

MOTION TO APPROVE: Commissioner Tate **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Nollner

APPROVED: Unanimously

STATE GENERAL

Circuit Court Judge
Division IX District 30
Non Partisan Yolanda R. Kight
Non-Partisan David Rudolph

Division VII District 30
Non-Partisan Michael G. Floyd
Non-Partisan Mary L. Wagner

Criminal Court Judge
Division X District 30
Non Partisan Jennifer Johnson Mitchell
Non Partisan Jennifer Smith Nichols

Environmental Court Judge
Division 14
Non-Partisan Price Harris
Non-Partisan Patrick M. Dandridge

COUNTY GENERAL

County Mayor
Republican David Lenoir
Democratic Lee Harris

County Commission
District 1
Republican Amber Mills
Democratic J. Racquel Collins

District 2
Republican David C. Bradford
Democratic Tom Carpenter

District 3
Republican Mick Wright
Democratic Monica Timmerman

District 4
Republican Mark Billingsley
Democratic Kevin Haley

District 5
Republican Richard Morton
Democratic Michael Whaley

District 6
Republican No Candidate Qualified
Democratic Willie F. Brooks Jr.

District 7
Republican Samuel D Goff
Democratic Tami Sawyer

District 8
Republican No Candidate Qualified
Democratic Mickell M. Lowery

District 9
Republican Sharon Webb
Democratic Edmund Ford, Jr.

District 10
Republican No Candidate Qualified
Democratic Reginald Milton
Independent Vontyna Durham

District 11
Republican No Candidate Qualified
Democratic Eddie Jones

District 12
Republican No Candidate Qualified
Democratic Van Turner

District 13
Republican Brandon Morrison
Democratic George C. Monger

Assessor of Property
Republican Robert 'Chip' Trouy
Democratic Melvin Burgess
Independent Katherine Culverhouse

County Trustee
Republican George Barnes Chism
Democratic Joseph Lee III

Sheriff
Republican Dale Lane
Democratic Floyd Bonner

Circuit Court Clerk
Republican Tom Leatherwood
Democratic Temiika D. Gipson

Criminal Court Clerk
Republican Richard DeSaussure, III
Democratic Heidi Kuhn

Juvenile Court Clerk
Republican Bobby Simmons
Democratic Janis Fullilove

Probate Court Clerk
Republican Chris Thomas
Democratic Bill Morrison
Independent Jennings Bernard
County Clerk Donna Creson
Republican Wanda Halbert
Democratic

Register of Deeds
Republican Wayne Mashburn
Democratic Shelandra Ford
Independent Lady J. Swift

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County School Board

District 1
Non-Partisan Kate Ayers
Non-Partisan Chris G. Caldwell
Non-Partisan Michelle Robinson McKis
Non-Partisan Michael Scruggs

District 6
Non-Partisan Shante Avant
Non-Partisan R. S. Ford
Non-Partisan Minnie Hunter
Non-Partisan Percy M. Hunter

District 8
Non-Partisan Jerry A. Cunningham
Non-Partisan William Elkas Orgel

District 9
Non-Partisan Rhonnie Brewer
Non-Partisan Alvin Crook
Non-Partisan Joyce Dorse-Coleman
Non-Partisan Kori Hamner
Non-Partisan Mike Kernell

BARTLETT MUNICIPAL

Judge Division I
Non-Partisan Tim Francavilla

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

US House of Representatives

District 8
George S. Flinn, Jr.
David Kustoff
Colleen Owens

District 9
Charlotte Bergmann

TN Senate
District 29
Tom Stephens

District 31
Brian Kelsey

TN House of Representatives

District 83
Mark White
Doyle Silliman

District 95
Kevin Vaughan

District 96
Scott McCormick
Patricia "Patti" Possel

District 97
Jim Coley

District 99
Ron Lollar

State Executive Committeeman
District 29
Terry Roland

District 31
Frank Colvett

District 32
Lee Mills

District 33
Drew Daniel

State Executive Committeewoman
District 31
Peggy C. Larkin

District 32
Charlotte Kelley

District 33
Charlotte Bergmann

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

US House of Representatives

District 8
John Boatner
Erika Stotts Pearson

District 9
Steve Cohen
Kasandra L. Smith

TN Senate
District 29
Raumesh Akbari
Justin Ford

District 31
M. Rodanial Ray Ransom
Gabby Salinas
David Weatherspoon

District 33
Katrina Robinson
Reginald Tate

TN House of Representatives
District 83
Danielle Schonbaum

District 84
Joe Towns Jr.

District 85
Jesse Chism
Ricky Dixon
Brett N. Williams
Lynnette P. Williams

District 86
Barbara Cooper
Amber Huett-Garcia
Jesse Kirk Jeff

District 87
Karen Camper

District 88
Larry J. Miller

District 90
John J. Deberry Jr.
Torrey Harris

District 91
Doris Deberry Bradshaw
Juliette Eskridge
London P. Lamar

District 93
G. A. Hardaway, Sr.
Eddie Neal

District 95
Sanjeev Memula

District 96
Dwayne Thompson

District 97
Alan Creasy

District 98
Johnnie Hatten
Antonio Parkinson

District 99
Dave Cambron

State Executive Committeeman

District 29
George Boyington
Darrick "Dee" Harris

District 30
Burton Bridges
Bryan Carson

District 31
Dave Cambron

District 32
Bobby "Bear" Sproles

District 33
Marion Latroy Alexandria-Williams Jr.

State Executive Committeewoman
District 29
Allison Brownlee
Rhonda L. Munn-Banks
Kenya Withers

District 30
Jasmine Boyd
Gale Jones Carson

District 31
Adrienne Pakis-Gillon

District 32
Deborah K. Reed

State Executive Committeewoman
District 33
Marinda A-Williams
Virgie T. Banks

This candidate cannot be certified as per the Registry of Election Finance

US House of Representatives
District 9
Democratic

Isaac Richmond

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SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL

Due to the withdrawal date, two ballots will be sent to UOCAVA in order to meet federal law. Notification will be sent with the first ballot. Discuss followed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (SEE ATTACHMENT):

Given by: Linda Phillips

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Presented by Attorney Varela

M. Latroy Alexandria-Williams vs. Mark Goins, Mary Mancini, and Linda Phillips hearing was held on the morning of May 15-2018. All parties filed a motion to dismiss. In addition, there was another motion to file an amended complaint. Mr. Williams Attorney was given until May 24th to file the amended complaint. The Chancellor will take up all motions on the May 31st. Attorney Ryder advised the Chancellor that the Election Commission would need a decision on May 31st in order to mail ballots out on time.

GUEST APPEARANCE:

Del Gill was given three minutes to address the board.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Regular Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourned at 5:05 p.m.


OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Phillips, Administrator
Joe Young, Deputy Administrator
Genine Taylor, VCS Manager
Deborah Upchurch, Staff
Leonard Hopkins, ITS
Eddie Gentry, ITS
Steve Solaas, ITS
Attorney Varela
Attorney Bibbs
Attorney Hagler

Del Gill
Suzanne Thompson- Cozza
Rose Ann Bradley
Price Harris
Janice Banks
Tim Beacham
Paul Boyd



Robert Meyers, Chairman



Date

Norma Lester, Secretary

Date



Shelby County Election Commission

Administrator of Elections Monthly Report May, 2018

Voter and Candidate Services

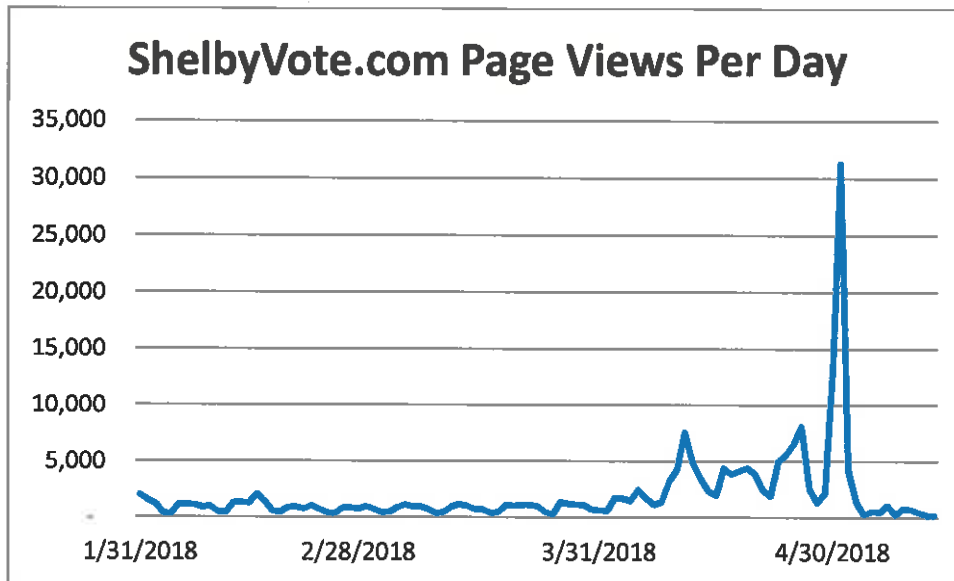
- Campaign Finance – The Pre-Primary report was due April 24th. Reminder letters were sent April 16th; the late filer letters are going out today and tomorrow.
- We are continuing to work on petitions for the Libertarian party. In the first seven batches, we have validated 2,487 signatures. We have 41 more pages to verify in Batch 8. They are seeking to obtain status as a recognized minor party under TCA §2-13-107. This requires obtaining signatures of 2.5% of the votes cast for governor in the last election, or 33,844 valid signatures.
- Absentee Voting – 52 Nursing Homes have been visited and 528 residents voted. 544 mailed in ballots were received.
- 29 Provisional ballots were accepted by the Provisional Counting Team.
- There are 4,246 VR applications awaiting processing. TCA §2-2-109 prohibits us from processing any applications during the 29 days prior to the election; this is another example of a law that made sense 50 years ago but does not make sense now. In many states, their VR staff continues to enter the information but it has a status of “Too late” or “Pending” until after the election.
- Online Voter Registration continues to represent a sizeable number of our applications. Through April 20th, we have received 3,562 apps through the OVR system. A chart is in your packet.

Operations Department

- The door upgrade is finished here at Nixon. If you want a prox card for entry, please see Joe. If you don't want the responsibility, we can keep your card here in our locked area for use when you are out here. If they are lost, there is a \$25 charge for replacement of the card and a \$25 re-programming fee. Along with this and our increased emphasis on security, I am reviewing our access policies for this building. I'll have a specific policy at the June meeting.
- We are meeting with Ewing Moving on Friday to discuss ways to improve the process.
- We need more machine techs from each party, so if you have any suggestions, please let Carla know.

Administrator

- Kudos to my staff for their performance under some trying circumstances for their work on the May 1st election. Joe spent countless hours making sure that our facilities and our computers were secure and I am grateful that he had Mr. Ewing's cell phone number. Special thanks to Carla for working tirelessly to make sure the election was perfect and a big thank you to Albert Holmes for stepping in when he was needed. Genine and her team worked hundreds of extra hours to make sure all was well in Voter Registration. Susan Abone and Sharon Logan were thrust into Absentee but they rose to the challenge. Diane George still had time to make the place look pretty despite working non-stop for weeks and Deborah, the food was great! (I could have eaten my weight in those chicken bisquits.) The EO team was excellent and the machine techs worked countless hours at a high level of accuracy. But the person who had the single most frustrating task of this election was Pam Gentry in trying to get everyone paid correctly. She had to deal with Intellitime refusing to accept certain things to the Poll Worker module crashing out. It's a wonder she isn't under her desk sobbing and/or clutching an adult beverage.
- If you recall, at last month's meeting we were at 100,000 page views of our website. As of yesterday, we have had 206,164 page views, so our page views doubled in 26 days. Our election day hits were in excess of 31,000.



- Several of you have expressed concern about the Knox County website crashing on Election Day. Knox County hired Sword & Shield Enterprise Security to do a forensic analysis. While they were unable to conclusively determine the intention of the attack, the overall effect was a denial of service attack. An article that summarizes the report is in your folders. I have the full report if you are interested but the journalist who wrote the article did a good job and it is much shorter.
- The new VR system is progressing. We expect Everyone Counts to be on-site for training the last two weeks in June. They were originally scheduled to do a demo of the system for you at this meeting. I was thinking a 15 minute demo but they had prepped a 45 minute demo and felt that wasn't even enough time. Given the large number of things to accomplish at this meeting, I decided that you all didn't want to be here until 7:30, so we will do this at a later date.
- I attended the TN League of Women Voters spring meeting. I was one of their speakers and I spoke about ranked choice voting. More interesting to me was a presentation from a political science professor, Amanda Wintersieck, who was discussing voter turnout. A quote from her presentation: *"Our voting habits are impacted by our age, with those between 18-24 voting less than older citizens. However we know that voting is habit forming and previous voting behavior is the only known variable to overcome age, income, and education in predicting future voting behavior. The bottom line, we need to get citizens to form voting habits early in their political life."*
- Our existing VR system is extremely stressed; last week the pollworker module crashed. Trying to get the election payroll done was a total nightmare, kudos to

Pam. As a result we are not able to run some of the reports that take a lot of system resources. People who are asking for data from past elections; if it was run at the time and saved, we will give it to them but we are unable to run new reports from past elections.

- We continue to make security a major focus. Joe and I participated in a conference call this morning with the Coordinator's office about election security. I have included a sheet in your folder with tips from Shelby County IT about simple changes you can make to make your devices more secure.
- The US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence released a report summarizing the targeting of election systems in 2016. Most observers, me among them, believe that there will be a tremendous legislative push to replace all voting systems that lack a paper trail prior to the 2020 elections. We are still waiting to see if that push will be accompanied by funding. And if you discuss this with members of the TN General Assembly, please make sure that they know that optical scan systems will not work in a county the size of Shelby; larger counties need to use DRE with a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) or a hybrid ballot marking system. A copy of the summary is in your folders.
- We have issued five petitions through yesterday for the Memphis City Council position; none have yet been returned.
- Our annual staff party will be on Friday, June 1, 2018 from 11:30am to 1:30pm here at the Operations Center. The downtown office will be closed from 11 – 2:15 that day; there will be a short training session after the party for some of the downtown staff. An invitation is in your folders.
- I will be on vacation next week and will be pretty much unavailable. The Chairman, Joe, and Suzanne have my personal cell phone number; if there is something I have to know, then make them aware. I will not be reading or responding to my county cell phone or email and I am not taking my laptop. (I told my husband that if he took his, he found find it at the bottom of the swimming pool, so I'm sticking to the same thing.) I'll be back on the grid on Friday, May 25th but will not be back in the office until Wednesday, May 30th as I'll be helping my parents get ready for their move to assisted living.
- Days to Upcoming Events:
 - 2018 Primary and County General Election – 79 Days
 - 2018 General Election – 175 Days