Anderson County Election Commission Minutes

June 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Miller. In addition, to Miller, Commissioners Matheny, Bradshaw, Gallaher and Stephenson were present along with Administrator Stephens, Deputy Price and Deputy Hancock. Also attending from the public were Robert Walker, Betty Mansfield and Robin Graham.

A motion was made by Gallaher to approve the minutes, Matheny seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Public comments were made by Robert Walker and Robin Graham and some discussion followed.

Stephens recommended the Commission hire Frank Hillon for the open Machine Technician position. Mr. Hillon was interviewed by the Commission at the last meeting. The other candidate was out of town again this month. Stephens feels that a decision needs to be made with the election coming up. They will be setting machines next week for the August Election.

Gallaher made a motion to hire Frank Hillon as the new machine technician. A second was made by Matheny with all voting in favor.

There were new laws passed in 2022 regarding audits. There are three different types of audits that we will be responsible for starting in August. The three types are tabulation, risk, and performance. On Election Day the State will pick out of a hat and select nine counties, three for each type of audit. There needs to be public notice made 48 hours prior to the audit in a special called meeting. It's recommended to go ahead and set the date before election day.

An updated candidate list for November was distributed to the commission.

Stephens informed the commission that he had a letter from the City of Oak Ridge regarding a charter amendment regarding non-partisan school board races in the city to be on the November ballot.

The board then locked the Election Day ballot boxes for the August election.

Commissioner Stephenson left the meeting early to attend a funeral.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion that if we are selected for an audit on Election Day that our Audit will take place on August 6, 2024 and the commission will make public notice on election day, August 1, 2024. Matheny seconded and all were in favor.

After discussion regarding the minutes being added to the website beginning in July. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion that we start with January 2024 and forward. Gallaher seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The next meeting was set for July 18 at 5 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Matheny with a second by Gallaher. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

D. Jane Miller, Chair

David Bradshaw, Commissioner

Mary Matheny, Secretary

William T. Gallaher, Commissioner

William "Bear" Stephenson, Commissioner