

Anderson County Election Commission Minutes

August 15, 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 and Deputies Price and Hancock. Also attending from the public were Josh Anderson, Xander Beets, Donna Collins, Ernie Gonzales, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Chase Lindsey, April Shepherd, Greg Shepherd, Joana Springmier and Robert Walker.

Matheny asked that the August 1, 2024 minutes be changed to say Chair Miller instead of Acting Chair Miller. A motion was made by Bradshaw to approve the minutes as corrected, Stephenson seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Public comments were made by Walker and some discussion followed.

The board conducted the quarterly inspection of voter registration forms. 85 forms were inspected with no deficiencies found.

Stephens said this was a learning election. We've had two elections now to learn about the machines. He said that we have one machine that will need to go back to the manufacturer for repair. Matheny and Gallaher said that they have heard good comments from the public on the new machines.

According to Stephens, a large amount of poll workers had cancelled for various reasons. He's hoping that will not be the case for November.

Stephens discussed the post-election audit that was held on August 14, 2024. It took four hours with four teams of two. They audited the Dutch Valley election day precinct and the Oak Ridge early voting precinct. There were zero variances, zero issues and 2800 ballots audited. Stephens said Forrester was the one selected to be audited since the Chancellor was the top office on the ballot.

Stephens handed out an updated candidate list for November. The qualifying deadline was today at noon. However, the withdrawal deadline is August 22, 2024 at noon. Additionally, there will be a write-in candidate for Rocky Top City Council since we only had one candidate qualify for two openings.

Per Bradshaw's request, Stephens to briefly explained the write-in process for a person who wants to be an official write-in candidate for office.

Stephens brought up the possibility of expanding early voting. He thinks there will be a large turnout and we need to get ahead of this proactively. Whether that means adding more machines and supplies at each location or looking at other options for voting. He mentioned that we need to be looking at other locations for Oak Ridge and Andersonville to allow for more space and parking during early voting.


Matheny read the Official Results of the Election. Stephenson made a motion to approve the results. Gallaher seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The next meeting was set for September 19, 2024 at 5 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Stephenson with a second by Bradshaw. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


D. Jane Miller, Chair


Mary Matheny, Secretary


David Bradshaw, Commissioner


William T. Gallaher, Commissioner


William "Bear" Stephenson, Commissioner