

# **Anderson County Election Commission Minutes**

**Thursday, February 12, 2026  
4:00 p.m. ET, Room 118A, Courthouse**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Jane Miller. In addition, to Miller, Commissioners David Bradshaw, Bill Gallaher, Marion Stanford and Bear Stephenson were present along with Administrator Stephens, Chief Deputy Kim Eby, Deputy Rivers Rogers, Deputy Shawn Rogers and Part Time Deputy Archie Liggett. Also attending were members of the public.

A motion was made by Bradshaw to approve the agenda. Stephenson seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Gallaher to approve the minutes from 1/15/26 meeting. Bradshaw seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

There were public comments made by Chase Lindsey, Cathy Scarbrough and Robert Walker.

The next order of business was to set hours for Early Voting and Election Day on May 5, 2026. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to set the hours for early voting from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. until Noon and to set the hours for Election Day from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Stephenson seconded the motion and all commissioners voted in favor.

A motion was made by Stephenson for the Early Voting locations to be the Anderson County Fair Building, Midtown Community Center and the North Anderson County Government office. Bradshaw seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

The next order of business was to set the Election Day precinct locations. Commissioner Stanford voiced concerns about the accessibility of the Rosedale precinct at Scotty Phillips Grocery store. Administrator Stephens said that Louise McKown with the ADA Committee had signed off on it. Administrator Stephens also told the board that he had made a promise to the Rosedale Community to keep their voting location open.

Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the list of precincts with Commissioner Gallaher seconding the motion. Voting aye were Chair Miller, Commissioners Bradshaw and Gallaher. Voting no were Commissioners Stanford and Stephenson. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

Stephens distributed a proposed budget for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. After some discussion Bradshaw made a motion to submit the proposed budget to the Budget Committee. A second was made by Gallaher with all voting in favor.

Stephens introduced new hire, Archie Liggett, to the Commission. Archie will be working Part Time in the office.

Stephens said that he hoped to have two Democrat candidates for the open Machine Technician positions at the March meeting.

Stephens informed the Commission that the office had been undergoing equipment upgrades. New computers have been installed in the office. New printers will be coming soon.

Due to the State Republican Party rule concerning bonification of candidates, at least 6 candidates that had picked up petitions for the Republican Primaries had withdrawn those petitions and picked up petitions as Independents. Stanford asked when this rule went into effect. Stephens said it was in the 2024 Election cycle.

Stephens said that he would have an update on New and Proposed Legislation in the March meeting. One bill is proposing cutting the number of Early Voting days from 14 to 7.

Stephens said that the list of Poll Workers for the May election would be submitted to the Commission at the March meeting. Commissioner Bradshaw asked how it was going. Deputy Shawn Rogers said it was going well. However, we could use more Democratic workers.

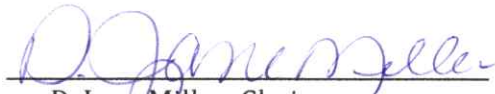
Commissioner Stanford told the Commissioners that she had received a breakdown of attendees at the recent ETACEO seminar in Pigeon Forge. She said that 33 counties had registered for the conference with a total of 201


attendees. Of the 201 attendees, 33 were Administrator of Elections and 108 were Election Commissioners. She said that 16 of the 33 counties had all five Election Commissioners in attendance. She said that she would like to see everyone go to the next seminar.

The next order of business was locking the ballot boxes for Absentee, Early Voting and Nursing Home voting for the May election. All Commissioners participated in placing their respective party locks and numbered seals on each box.

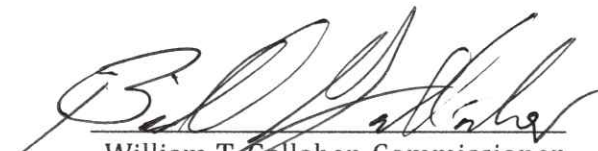
The next meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2026.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gallaher with a second by Stephenson. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

  
D. Jane Miller, Chair

  
William "Bear" Stephenson, Secretary

  
David Bradshaw, Commissioner

  
William T. Gallaher, Commissioner

  
Marion Stanford, Commissioner