

Anderson County Election Commission Minutes

**Monday, June 22, 2026
4:00 p.m. ET, Room 118A, Courthouse**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 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 Eby and Deputy Rivers Rogers. Also attending were members of the public.

Chair Miller said that she had an item to add to the agenda. Chair Miller received a memorandum from Coordinator of Elections, Mark Goins, that was sent to Election Commission Chairs, Subject: Certification of Congressional Candidates for Primary and General Elections (Attachment 1). A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to approve the agenda with the addition. Commissioner Stephenson seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

Commissioner Gallaher made a motion to approve the minutes from May 5 and May 18 with a second from Commissioner Stephenson with all voting in favor.

The Commission conducted the quarterly inspection of voter registration forms. Fifty-five forms were inspected with no deficiencies found.

Administrator Stephens introduced Mike Carlson, candidate for the open Democratic Machine Technician position. After some discussion Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to hire Carlson. Commissioner Stanford seconded the motion. Both Democratic Commissioners voted in favor.

Administrator Stephens distributed the proposed poll worker appointments for the August 6 Election. Commissioner Bradshaw made a motion to approve the list with a second from Commissioner Stanford. All voted in favor.

The next order of business was to set the early voting hours for the August 6 Election. Early voting dates will be July 17-August 1. Commissioner Stephenson made a motion to keep the hours 10 am to 6 pm, Monday through

Friday and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday. Commissioner Bradshaw seconded the motion with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stephenson to use the Clinton Community Center, the Midtown Community Center in Oak Ridge, and the North Anderson County government office for July 17-August 1 early voting for the August 6 Election. A second was made by Commissioner Gallaher with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to keep the August 6 Election Day hours from 9 am to 8 pm. A second was made by Commissioner Stanford with all voting in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to approve the August 6 Election Day Precinct locations. Commissioner Stephenson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chair Miller distributed to the commission a copy of the June 11, 2026, memo sent to Election Commission Chairs by Coordinator of Elections, Mark Goins. The memo was concerning the 9th Congressional District Democratic Candidate Court case and included the official list of congressional candidates for both the primary and general elections (Attachment 1).

Administrator Stephens informed the Commission that he had submitted a reimbursement request for costs associated with the May 5, 2026 County Primaries to the State Election Coordinators office. The amount of the request was \$78,161.

Administrator Stephens distributed a current candidate list for the November 3, 2026 State and Federal General election (Attachment 2). The office began issuing nominating petitions for Municipal positions today, June 22, and have issued nine petitions. The November 3 election qualifying deadline is 12 noon on August 20.

Administrator Stephens told the Commission that today, June 22, was the Military/Overseas ballot deadline. 17 ballots were sent by the deadline.

There was discussion about the Registered Voters graph 2010-2026 that was in the agenda packet (Attachment 3). Administrator Stephens said the number of registered voters was increasing and he expected this trend to continue.

There was discussion about moving the regular meeting date. A motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw to change future meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. Commissioner Stephenson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The next meeting will be on July 15 at 4 pm.

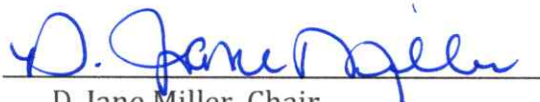
There were public comments made by Chase Lindsey and Robert Walker.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Gallaher with a second by Commissioner Bradshaw. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Attachment 1: Mark Goins memo, Certification of Congressional Candidates for Primary and General Elections

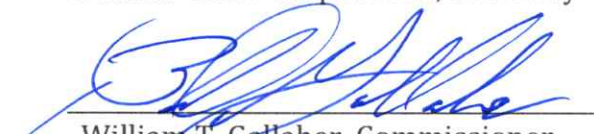
Attachment 2: Candidate List for November 3, 2026 State and Federal General Election

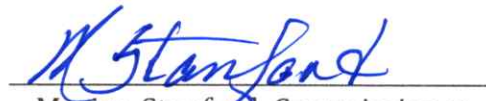
Attachment 3: Anderson County Registered Voters


D. Jane Miller, Chair


William "Bear" Stephenson, Secretary


David Bradshaw, Commissioner


William T. Gallaher, Commissioner


Marion Stanford, Commissioner