

Anderson County Election Commission Minutes

September 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Miller. In addition, to Miller, Commissioners Matheny, Bradshaw were present along with Administrator Stephens and Deputies Eby and Price. Commissioner Gallaher and Stephenson attended by phone. Also attending from the public were Elizabeth Ibbotson, Chase Lindsey, Marion Stanford and Robert Walker.

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

Public comments were made by Walker and some discussion followed.

Liz Ibbotson, the Anderson County Democratic Party Chair, spoke regarding the crossover voting in the August Primary. She said a prominent Republican voted in the Democratic Primary. Stephens said if he had the name, he would look into to it. She said that the person was Anthony Allen. Stephens said that there had been a data entry error in the system and it had been corrected at the local level. He said that he would contact the state to be sure it was corrected at that level.

Several staff and commissioners were recognized for years of service. Chief Deputy Eby with 30 years, Commissioner Matheny with 25 years, Commissioner Miller with 5 years and Deputy Price with 5 years.

The poll worker appointment list was distributed to the board for review and approval. Bradshaw made a motion to approve with a second from Stephenson. All voted in favor.

Approximately 425 ballot requests have been received for the November election.

Stephens recommended the Anderson County Fair Association building, Midtown Community Center and Hensleys Shopping Center in Norris. Stephens said he felt we had outgrown the Oak Ridge location but didn't have any success finding a

different location. He also recommended that the hours be kept the same. Weekdays would be from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays would be 9:00 am to Noon. A motion was made by Matheny for those locations and hours with a second from Bradshaw. All voted in favor.

Stephens then recommended that we keep the Election Day hours 9:00 am to 8 pm. A motion was made by Matheny to approve those hours with a second from Bradshaw. All voted in favor.

Stephens gave out data with registration numbers from the last month.

According to Stephens, no write-in candidate filed for the open Rocky Top Council position.

Stephens said that we were looking for a new deputy and had the first interview today.

Matheny inquired as to whether we had enough Machine Technicians. Stephens said we were ok but that Danny Hatfield may retire after the November election.

The next meeting was set for October 17, 2024 at 5 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Matheny with a second by Bradshaw. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.


D. Jane Miller, Chair


Mary Matheny, Secretary


David Bradshaw, Commissioner


William T. Gallaher, Commissioner


William "Bear" Stephenson, Commissioner