

# UNION COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2022

Chairman Kyle Richardson, called the regular monthly meeting to order at 8:30am. Mr. Richardson as well as Rick Walker, Rodney Malone, Jack Effler, Jeff Collins, Candy Booker and Sharon Turner were in attendance.

Mr. Malone made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting, seconded by Mr. Walker. The motion was passed with all commissioners voting aye.

One hundred six new voter registration applications were presented for review. After examination of the applications by all commissioners, Mr. Malone made the motion to approve the applications submitted. The motion passed with a second from Mr. Effler and all commissioners voting in favor.

The only old business topic mentioned was an update on the grant funding for the purchase of electronic poll pads. Ms. Booker stated that the grant was scheduled to be approved in the first week of April.

The following new topics were discussed:

Ms. Booker received the new state maps from the Tennessee Comptroller's office for the commission to sign. She informed the Commission that while inspecting the maps, she received a phone call from a voter in Corryton, to make a change with their registration and stated that they weren't sure where to vote. This prompted her to take a closer look at the district line. To gain clarity, she utilized the website sent by the Comptroller's office to verify precinct and district lines. After taking a closer look, several discoveries were made. Ms. Booker then began a search for further documentation on the district lines. When a comparison with county maps from 2002, 2010 and 2014; the GIS Address Verification website and the current voter roll was made, it was discovered that several voters and one county commissioner are registered in incorrect districts. Ms. Booker then contacted the State Division of Elections for guidance. Ms. Beth Henry-Robertson, Assistant Coordinator of Elections, advised her that any petitions issued to voters in incorrect districts will be void, to confirm with Matthew Hill at the Comptroller's office and then to correct the voter roll according to the map. Mr. Hill returned the call later that day. He explained that county wide, 237 voters had been flagged due to being in the wrong district in 2015 and that a list of the incorrect flagged voters had been sent via email to this office on 9/1/15. He emailed Ms. Booker the list from 2015. She presented the commissioners all the documentation she had. They asked for a statement from Mr. Hill stating that the incorrect voter list was sent to the county election office 9/1/15. After inspection and a lengthy discussion, all commissioners agreed that the voter rolls need to be corrected according to the list from the State Comptroller's office and that each affected voter be made aware via letter and a correct voter registration card. Mr. Malone made a motion to correct all voters on the voter roll to the appropriate district. The motion passed with a second from Mr. Collins and all commissioners voting in favor.

There was no additional new business.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Walker and second by Mr. Effler, adjourning with all commissioners in favor.

The next regular meeting of the Union County Election Commission will be held Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 8:30am in suite 108 in the Union County Courthouse.

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Rodney Malone  
Secretary

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