

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

Thursday, July 22, 2021

The Williamson County Election Commission (WCEC) met in person on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the Williamson County Administrative Complex, 1320 West Main Street, Conference Room, Franklin, Tennessee. Chair, Robert Brown called the meeting to order.

A roll call of members was taken, and the following members were present: Robert D. Brown, Chair; Susan Kimberley "Kim" Henke, Member; Phyllis Streiff, Member; Jonathan Duda, Member, Wanda Bruce Graham, Secretary and Chad Gray, Administrator of Elections. Others attending included: Kelli Benitez, Carolyn Browne, Frank Limpus, Sharon Limpus, Karen Burnett, Linda Sherman, Bette Holmes, Bob Holmes, June Bond, Sharon Spigel, Leigh Prickett, Xog Nepal, Fred Baumgartner, Elizabeth G. Custer, Jennifer Styles, Bryce Custer, and one additional attendee (did not print and I am unable to decipher the cursive handwriting).

Old Business:

- (1) Chair Brown advised that the minutes of the May 18, 2021, meeting would be deferred for approval until the next meeting though finalized; however, not forwarded for review in time for all commissioners to review them.
- (2) Mr. Gray provided an update on the status of the Williamson County Election Institute Informational Seminar. Video work is ongoing with completion expected around National Voters Week (10/4 – 10/8/2021).
- (3) Report of the Special Committee regarding the New Office Space for the Election Commission and arrangements for an Expandable Wall for use by the Absentee Counting Board and Election Night Results was discussed by Commissioners Johnathan Duda and Wanda Bruce Graham and Election Administrator who met on 7/21/2021 with Mr. Kevin Benson, Williamson County Property Management. Mr. Benson had prepared plans for a permanent wall with an estimated cost of \$120,000; he advised that there would have to be numerous structural changes to alter the current structure thus the estimated cost. There would have to be numerous structural changes. Mr. Duda and Ms. Graham concurred that this amount would be cost prohibitive and would cause untimely delays to the pending relocation of the Williamson County Election Office. In lieu of a permanent wall, Mr. Duda recommends a semi/temporary wall dividers be used in the room when we want to separate the room and segregate our functions and the awaiting public. Mr. Gray and Mr. Benson will seek out the recommended dividers. In addition, large, mounted monitors to display and for viewing election results plus larger adjudication screens were recommended by Mr. Duda. Mr. Gray advised that he will endeavor to affect these recommendations.

New Business:

- (1) Mr. Gray presented 1102 New Voter Registration Forms filed since May 17, 2021, to the Election Commissioners review. Over 250 forms were reviewed with zero discrepancies by all Commissioners.
- (2) Mr. Gray presented the Call for the Election from the City of Franklin for the upcoming October 26, 2021, Municipal Election for acceptance by the Election Commissioners. Commissioner

Duda made a motion to approve the Call for the Election from the City of Franklin; it was seconded by Commissioner Streiff. The motion was approved 5-0.

- (3) Mr. Gray presented the list of Qualified Candidates for the upcoming October 16, 2021, City of Franklin Municipal Election for certification by the Election Commissioners. After discussion and questions regarding a total of 14 candidates for Ward 1 (1); Ward 2 (4); Ward 3 (3), Ward 4 (2); and Alderman At Large (4) Candidates. A motion was made by Commissioner Duda to certify the list of Qualified Candidates; it was seconded by Commissioner Graham. The motion was approved 5-0.
- (4) Mr. Gray presented the Early Voting Locations and Hours for the upcoming October 26, 2021, City of Franklin Municipal Election for approval by the Election Commissioners. Mr. Gray presented one location for Early Voting at the Franklin Administrative Complex. The hours of operation will be Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until Noon. The Early Voting Dates are October 6 through October 27, 2021. There was discussion regarding additional locations and extended hours which may be readdressed by the Election Commission at a later date. A motion was made to set the location for Early Voting at the Franklin Administrative Complex by Commissioner Graham and seconded by Commissioner Henke. The motion was approved 5-0. Chair Brown advised that our next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.
- (5) Mr. Gray presented seven (7) recommended Convenient Vote Centers to be open and used for the upcoming October 26, 2021, City of Franklin Election Municipal Election to the Election Commissioners for discussion. Mr. Gray advised that notifications will be mailed to the 38,000 voters advising them of these locations. A motion was made to approve the seven Convenient Vote Centers by Commissioner Henke; it was seconded by Commissioner Streiff. The motion was approved 5-0. A motion was made by Commissioner Graham to approve the mailing of the 38,000 voter notifications; it was seconded by Commissioner Henke. The motion was approved 5-0.
- (6) Public Comment Summary: Chair Brown invited comments from the guests. A motion was made by Commissioner Graham to set time limits for comments from each guest speaker to one minute with no opportunity to speak more than one time; Commissioner Henke seconded the motion. Following discussion by Commissioners Duda, Graham, and Henke and Chair Brown, regarding guests needing additional time to convey concerns, Commissioner Graham withdrew the motion. It was noted that Chair Brown has the authority to limit public comment as he deems necessary to maintain the appropriate business meeting decorum.
 - Chair Brown advised the Commission that he hosted a meeting of the Williamson County Voters for Election Integrity on July 7, 2021, at his home. Frank Limpus the group founder's commented that he would like to make a presentation to the WCEC. Chair Brown commented that this group recommended paper ballots. He also noted that ballot marking devices are 100% better; Chair Brown also commented that Williamson Count had 79% voter turnout in the last major election. He stated he's in favor of more

risk audits on the paper ballots. Beth Henry Roberts and Mark Goins, are the State of Tennessee Election officials who support this action. Senator Jack Johnson has indicated to Chair Brown that he would support a Williamson County Only Bill to randomly establish additional risk tasks.

- Frank Limpus said he had no additional comments.
- Karen Burnett spoke about voter integrity commenting that she didn't check her printed ballot sheet prior to scanning her vote. Ms. Burnett brought up a printing ballot issue that supposedly happened in Davidson County. Chair Brown explained that WCEC scanners are checked and must be verified for use before each election.
- Sharon Spigel spoke about voter integrity and the ballot marking devices. She's concerned about election hacking and referred to information by J. Alex Holderman, Ph.D.
- Fred Baumgartner asked if we're using Dominion equipment in Williamson County? Chair Brown advised him that the State is checking all State vendors and systems. No fraud took place in our County. The old election equipment system was used from 2004-2018; the new election equipment system with a paper ballot has been used since 2019.
- Frank Limpus commented that he recently attended a State Election meeting and plans to present his concerns to the State Commission.
- Elizabeth Custer thanked Chair Brown for his support and suggested a signup to speak by topic in the future.
- Jennifer Styles spoke on voter integrity and agreed that paper ballots are good.
- Bette Holmes spoke about being a poll worker and recommended providing voter information about the new election equipment.
- Leigh Prickett spoke to concerns over ballot marking and whether or not they reflected what's on the screen. Chair Brown explained the overall voting system from check-in, activation of the ballot marking device, printing of the ballot, and ballot scanning process.
- Kelli Benitez questioned who services the voter registration system. Administrator Gray commented that "Voter Central" is our vendor and list maintenance is accomplished in the odd year.
- Carolyn Browne recommended videos to encourage voter integrity of our system. She asked who worked on the machines. Chair Brown advised that there are two machine technicians: one who is the Republican Representative and one who is the Democrat Representative. They are responsible for set up and coordinate routine maintenance by a Dominion Representative. Upgrades are approved by the State and the two technicians make sure everything is working properly.

(7) The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Gray will remind all Commissioners prior to and send out the agenda with the May 18, 2021, minutes as well as minutes to this meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business the WCEC meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.


Wanda Bruce Graham
Secretary

Attachments:

7/22/2021 Agenda

Copy of 7/22/2021 Meeting Sign-in

Copy of City of Franklin "Call for Election" dated 7/22/2021

Copy of 10/26/2021 Vote Center List

Copy of Certified Candidates List (14)

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Robert D. Brown, Chairman
Wanda Bruce Graham, Secretary
Jonathan Duda, Member
Kim Henke, Member
Phyllis Streiff, Member
Chad Gray, Administrator of Elections

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Williamson County Election Commission will meet on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at Williamson County Administrative Complex, 1320 West Main Street, Conference Room, Franklin, Tennessee.

AGENDA

- I. Old Business
 - (1) Approve the minutes from May 18, 2021, Meeting
 - (2) Update on status of Williamson County Election Institute Informational Seminar as presented by Mr. Gray, Administrator of Elections
 - (3) Report of Special Committee regarding the New Office Space for the Election Commission and arrangements for an Expandable Wall for use by the Absentee Counting Board and Election Night Results Tabulation.
- II. New Business
 - (1) Inspect New Registration Forms filed since May 17, 2021
 - (2) Accept the Call for the Election from the City of Franklin for the upcoming October 26, 2021, Municipal Election
 - (3) Certify the Qualified Candidates for the upcoming October 26, 2021, City of Franklin Municipal Election
 - (4) Set the Early Voting Locations and Hours for the upcoming October 26, 2021, City of Franklin Municipal Election

(5) Discuss the Convenient Vote Centers to be open and used for the upcoming October 26, 2021, City of Franklin Municipal Election.

III. Adjournment

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING SIGN-IN

GUEST ATTENDEES	Meeting Date	7/22/2021
PLEASE PRINT NAME/EMAIL	Place/Room	CONFERENCE ROOM

Name	Title	Phone	E-Mail
Kelli Benitez			
Carolyn Browne			
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Bette Holm			
Bob Holmes			
Jane Bond			
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July 22, 2021

Mr. Chad Gray
Administrator of Elections
Williamson County Election Commission
1320 West Main Street, Suite 140
Franklin, TN 37064

Re: 2021 Municipal Ward Aldermen Election and Vacant Alderman-at-Large (Position C) Election

Dear Chad:

In Accordance with the City Charter, Article III, as amended, and in my appointed capacity as City Recorder for the City of Franklin, this is to respectfully request the Williamson County Election Commission schedule a municipal election for Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

The election shall be for the position of four (4) Ward Aldermen candidates. Ward Aldermen candidates are "candidates who reside in the same ward as the voter." Also in this election is one (1) At-Large Alderman candidate, position C, which became vacant at the time of Pearl Bransford's death. At-Large candidates are "without regard to the ward residence of the candidate or voter."

As required by the City Charter, Article IV, each Alderman has certain eligibility criteria, which includes residency within the City "for not less than six (6) months, residents of the State of Tennessee for more than one (1) year preceding their election to office, and aldermen who are elected by ward shall have resided in their respective wards for not less than sixty (60) days preceding their election and shall continue to reside therein during their term of office."

After review, please advise if there is any assistance needed of the City. The City of Franklin has approved the allocation of sufficient funds within the Fiscal Year 2022 budget to reimburse the Williamson County Elections Commission for all eligible expenses incurred with the conduct of the election. Please publish the required legal election notices in the Williamson Herald.

Thank you for your assistance, and we look forward to working with you on the election process. Please contact either me if you need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric S. Stuckey". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Eric S. Stuckey
City Administrator

cc: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Shauna Billingsley, City Attorney
Lanaii Benne, City Recorder

WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION
1320 W. MAIN STREET/SUITE 140
FRANKLIN, TN 37064
CANDIDATES ELECTION: 2021-10-26M

ID	NAME	BALNAME	POSITION	PETDATE	FILEDATE	PARTY
57836	BURGER, BEVERLY K	BEVERLY K. BURGER	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 1	2021-05-17	2021-06-03	
45503	BROWN, MATTHEW T	MATT BROWN	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 2	2021-07-09	2021-07-14	
82914	HUBBARD, ANGELA L	ANGELA HUBBARD	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 2	2021-07-13	2021-07-15	
136357	PIERRET, KRISTINE M	TINA PIERRET	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 2	2021-06-07	2021-06-22	
92169	VAUGHN, THOMAS M	MIKE VAUGHN	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 2	2021-06-25	2021-07-13	
109169	DEGRASSE, SAMANTHA	SAMANTHA DEGRASSE	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 3	2021-07-12	2021-07-15	
53985	POTTS, JASON L	JASON POTTS	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 3	2021-06-30	2021-07-07	
120791	SUTTON, MICHELLE P	MICHELLE SUTTON	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 3	2021-05-18	2021-06-11	
140419	BAGGETT, PATRICK F	PATRICK BAGGETT	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 4	2021-05-17	2021-07-12	
77228	WANCZAK, ELIZABETH D	ELIZABETH DOWNING WANCZAK	CITY OF FRANKLIN, ALDERMAN - WARD 4	2021-05-17	2021-06-10	
129324	HANSON, LARAINE G	GABRIELLE HANSON	ALDERMAN AT LARGE, CITY OF FRANKLIN, POSITION C	2021-05-21	2021-07-13	
64471	HAYNES, JOHN E	JOHN E. HAYNES	ALDERMAN AT LARGE, CITY OF FRANKLIN, POSITION C	2021-05-17	2021-05-20	
24771	MUVVALA, BHAVANI K	BHAVANI KUMAR MUVVALA	ALDERMAN AT LARGE, CITY OF FRANKLIN, POSITION C	2021-05-17	2021-06-16	
124218	SIMMS, WILLIAM ALAN	ALAN SIMMS	ALDERMAN AT LARGE, CITY OF FRANKLIN, POSITION C	2021-05-17	2021-07-01	

TOTAL :14

VC #	City of Franklin	26-Oct-21	Wards	Contact	
13	Cool Springs Conference Center	700 Cool Springs Blvd	Franklin	37067	Juanita Neely
20	Hunters Bend Elementary	2121 Fieldstone Pkwy	Franklin	37069	Yolanda Blackburn
21	Pearre Creek Elementary	1811 Towsend Blvd	Franklin	37064	Janet Alexandrow
22	First Presbyterian Church	101 Legends Club Ln	Franklin	37069	Glenda Andrew
23	Senior Enrichment Center	110 Everbright Ave	Franklin	37064	Trisha Bilbrey
24	The Church of the City	828 Murfreesboro Rd	Franklin	37067	Rachel Serrano
25	Franklin Christian Church	4040 Murfreesboro Rd	Franklin	37067	Jack Holloway