

**Minutes of the  
Blount County Election Commission  
Friday, June 14, 2019 @ 11 am**

In Attendance: Larry Garner (Chairman), Bob Carroll (Secretary), Dan McCord Jr, Rick Shepard, Mary Beth West (Commissioners), and Susan Knopf (Administrator of Elections).

Chairman Garner called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. Mary Beth West made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Rick Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

- Rick Shepard made a motion to accept the Appeal Requests for Lee Arie & Patrick Mize who inadvertently checked “yes” to being a felon, seconded by Mary Beth West. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mary Beth West made a motion to consolidate Happy Valley with Carpenter’s Polling Place, seconded by Bob Carroll. Motion passed unanimously. This will remove Happy Valley as one of the Blount County Election Day polling places. Happy Valley violates ADA compliance in the areas of parking, ramp to entrance of polling place, pitch of ramp, and 4” threshold in entrance making it dangerous for those disabled voters to safely park and enter the facility to vote. Additionally, there is no land line to contact the election office, no heat / AC, and substandard bathroom facilities.
- Rick Shepard made a motion to table the discussion about Big Spring polling place until Machine Technicians are able to revisit the facility to recheck the parking lot for pitch of slope, seconded by Bob Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.
- Rick Shepard made a motion to accept the letter of recommendation from the Blount County Purchasing Department’s Evaluation Committee who unanimously recommended an award to Harp Enterprises, Inc.’s DRE Voting System & KnowInk e-pollbooks, seconded by Bob Carroll. The motion carried unanimously with all 5 Election Commissioners’ individual voice votes.

**New Business**

- There was no new business.

**AOE’s Report**

- State Conference notebooks were handed out to those Commissioners who did not attend the conference.
- 22 new Voter Registrations (10% of 281) were reviewed since the May 29, 2019 meeting with no deficiencies noted.
- Susan Knopf discussed the # of voters at William Blount Academy (5931). Due to tca regarding the maximum number of voters at any one polling place being 6000, the

Election Commission must redraw lines before the March 3, 2020 election. Susan contacted the Office of Local Government and Matthew Hill will come to Blount County the last week of June (date tbd) to assist with this. A recommendation will be presented to the Election Commission at the July 17, 2019 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.

**Next Election Commission Meeting – Wednesday, July 17, 2019 @ 11 am**

**Upcoming Dates**

- March 3, 2020 – Presidential Preference Primary Election
- August 6, 2020 – County General, State & Federal Primary
- Nov. 3, 2020 – State & Federal General Election

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Knopf Administrator of Elections.

**Blount County Election Commission**

H. Larry Garner  
H. Larry Garner, Chairman

Bob Carroll  
Bob Carroll, Secretary

Dan McCord  
Dan McCord, Member

Rick Shepard  
Rick Shepard, Member

Mary Beth West  
Mary Beth West, Member