

**Minutes of the
Blount County Election Commission
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020 @ 11 am**

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

Chairman Garner called the meeting to order at 11 am. Rick Shepard made a motion to approve the November 20, 2020, meeting minutes seconded by Dan McCord. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Rick Shepard made a motion to move forward with moving the Election Commission to the mall space used for early voting (old Goody's location), pending an agreement of a local architect and contractor (both within a 50 mile radius) and serving an active role in the selection of the aforementioned and the oversight of the work to be done, seconded by Bob Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.
- Mary Beth West made a motion to pursue Convenience Voting Centers in 2022, seconded by Rick Shepard. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Rick Shepard made a motion to accept and approve the Appeal Requests for: Thomas W Williams, Kenneth W Burnette, Gena M Cimaroli, George A McElroy, and Samantha J Burson, seconded by Dan McCord. Motion passed unanimously.

AOE's Report

- 434 new voter registrations were reviewed with zero (0) deficiencies noted. This review is of the 4th quarter of new voter registrations since September 16, 2020.
- Certificates of Election to be signed (Maryville City School Board)
- Staffing change / addition – Mary Lee Sykes is no longer a team member. Susan Knopf is planning to hire someone within a few weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Next Election Commission Meeting – Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ 11 am

Upcoming Dates

- Redistricting begins in the spring.