

CHEATHAM COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING

February 19, 2026 (4:00 PM)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Gibbs, Secretary
Wilson Bell, Member
Nanette Malher, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elke McLeroy, Chairperson
Tim Hurt, Member

Public Forum – Nanette Malher called the meeting to order. Public forum - None

Approval of Agenda

Bruce Gibbs made a motion to approve the agenda. Wilson Bell seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed 3/0.

New Business

- Administrator's Report was presented by Pam Frejosky
- Nanette Malher advised we would lock ballot bags and boxes after the scheduled business.
- Pam Frejosky provided an update on the status of the Ashland City Municipal Election. We will issue petitions as if the proposed private act is in effect. This means candidates will be encouraged to have their petitions signed by people who live in the ward they are running for. The Tennessee legislature has scheduled the review of the private act but does not believe it will be passed before April. They do believe it will be passed in time to be in effect for the August 6, 2025 election. Additional updates will be provided as information is available at future commission meetings.
- Pam Frejosky presented the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 budget year. She advised We will be reimbursed for costs related to the state primary in August. Wilson Bell made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Bruce seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed 3/0.

Unfinished Business

- None

Other

- Voter forms for the previous period of January 23, 2026 through February 18, 2026 were inspected. There were no (0) deficiencies.
- There were no (0) voter appeal forms.
- The commissioners inspected and sealed the ballot boxes to be used in the May 5th, 2026 primary. Ballot bags were not locked due to the Democratic commissioners not bringing their keys. All were in agreement that the ballot bags will be locked in the next monthly meeting which will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 4pm. The change in date of the meeting was determined in accordance with the state guidelines for the locking of ballot bags.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Wilson Bell and seconded by Bruce Gibbs. All were in favor. Motion passed 3/0. Meeting adjourned.