

By some citizens

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On the heels of recent Knoxville Police Top of Forces procedures, some local citizens feel those reforms are not enough and led a meeting of FARE, even not in a formal and actual conference room Thursday evening.

Meeting publicly for the first time this year due to COVID-19, the Police Advisory and Review Committee voted to propose major police management's selection of current headquarter as executive director. There had been 18 applications for the position and headquarters told the board they thought "loud and hard" before accepting the position.

Full Chair Steve Star welcomed headquarters and a new member, Dan St. Germain, to the group and told the new director that's facing many changing situations ahead for the body and its



Congressman Tim Burchett and Knox County Commissioner John Schumacher meet with others at the GOP headquarters at 1708 Kingston Pike.

Knox County GOP celebrates re-opening of headquarters

By Kim Lay

It was simply the first day of summer but here is why for the Knox County Republican Party is celebrating the grand reopening of its headquarters in their new home.

available for purchase thanks to a food truck provided by John Schumacher.

Several elected officials and candidates who are running in the upcoming August election were on hand to meet voters

and other Knox County Republicans and members including hats, t-shirts, bumper stickers and more items.

Prayer organized the meet and greet which was held on

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The upcoming August 2 local general election and state and federal primaries may be one of the most trying in recent history is not only for voters but especially for the Knox County Election officials and poll workers.

The new administration of Governor, Chris Newsome, told the Knox County Election Commission recently about the challenges of this year through workers and training new and existing staff on the new paper ballot system and its equipment as well as a challenge in its own without considering the limitations imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic and the huge increase in requests for absentee ballots. Twenty-four hours went back for the expected absentee ballots, with mailed vote at more than 7500.

The election office has been through poll workers, about 22 at a time, in the downtown