

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Deputy Director Dennison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Absent

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

Also present were Director Stephanie Hemmer-Haight, Deputy Director Chris Dennison and Administrative Assistant Cherie Wilson.

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

2023-96 – Mr. Grant made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

IV. Other Attendees – None

Opening of the Official Canvass of the August 8, 2023 Special Election

VI. Absentee Ballots to be Reviewed by Board

Valid Regular Absentees (TOTAL of 124)

116 postmarked August 7 or before

2 UOCAVA ballots with valid postmarks

6 ballots were received on time – unreadable postmarks were scanned and found valid

Invalid Regular Absentees (TOTAL of 40)

4 refused by nursing home voters – requested but not voted

4 no voter signature (11-S forms sent)

1 no ID (11-S form sent)

1 ID incorrect (11-S form sent)

1 no stub (called and left message 8-7-23)

5 returned as undeliverable

2 11-S forms returned late

2 voter deceased (died after requesting ballot)

14 ballots postmarked and received after August 8, 2023

4 ballots with unreadable postmarks were scanned and found to be mailed late

2 UOCAVA ballots received 8/16/2023 & 8/17/2023 (late)

2023-97 – Mr. Grant made the motion to reject the 40 invalid absentee ballots as indicated by the director. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2023-98 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept 124 additional valid absentee ballots as identified by the director and add them to the count. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Candidates & Issues for the November 7, 2023 General Election

VI. Certification of Candidates to the General Election Ballot of November 7, 2023

A. Review of petitions – (see list attached)

B. Motion to accept candidate withdrawals

Name	Office Sought	Withdraw Date	Refiled Date
Joseph Palazzolo	Chilo – Council	8/3/2023	8/8/2023
Russell Durbin	Tate – Trustee	8/3/2023	8/8/2023
Alice Rolfes	Monroe – Trustee	8/7/2023	8/7/2023
Chris Smith	Franklin – Trustee	8/3/2023	8/3/2023
Dave Ausman	Felicity – Council	8/17/2023	
Randy Myers	Felicity – Mayor	8/18/2023	8/18/2023 write-in
Amanda Rawlinson	Felicity-Franklin School Board	6/9/2023	8/3/2023

2023-99 – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the written withdrawal requests of the seven candidates listed above for the November 7, 2023 general election. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

- Mr. Combs – Absent
- Mr. Conrad – Yes
- Mr. Grant – Yes
- Mr. Lembke – Yes

C. Review Petitions with Problems:

Candidate	Office Sought	Problem
C. Scott Runk	Mayor – Batavia	Candidate gave wrong election day on all part petitions.
Tim Suter	Mayor – Moscow	Candidate did not complete Statement of Candidacy. County in which candidate lives is incomplete.
Glenn Ewing	Mayor – New Richmond	Candidate did not complete Statement of Candidacy. County in which candidate lives is incomplete.
Jim Weaver	Mayor – Williamsburg	Candidate did not complete Statement of Candidacy. County in which candidate lives is incomplete.
Brad Price	Council – Milford	Candidate did not complete Statement of Candidacy. County in which candidate lives is incomplete.
Richard Feldkamp	Village Council – New Richmond	Candidate put wrong election date on 2 part petitions, and will not have enough without those 2 parts.
Larry Prues	Village Council – New Richmond	Candidate put wrong election date on all 4 part petitions turned in.
Jason Ritter	Trustee – Wayne	Candidate did not check full term on statement of candidacy on part petition 2.
Benjamin Redman	Council – Milford	Candidate did not complete circulator statement on 3 of the 4 of the part petitions submitted. Candidate needs 50 valid signatures but would only have 18. Must witness all signatures.
Michael Chumley	School Board – West Clermont	Candidate does not have enough valid signatures. Candidate needs 25 valid but only has 23 valid.
Leo H. Bradley	Educational Service Center	Candidate does not have enough valid signatures. Candidate needs 50 valid signatures, but only has 49. Candidate's petitions were checked by 3 different clerks.

The board concluded that the county omissions and date errors were not fatal (the incorrect dates were all in November, 2023). The only open trustee position in Wayne Township is full term, so the failure to check that box on Mr. Ritter's petition was not a source of confusion to the signers.

2023-100 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to reject the petitions of Mr. Redman, Mr. Chumley and Mr. Bradley for the offices and reasons stated above. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.

- Upon roll call:
- Mr. Combs – Absent
 - Mr. Conrad – Yes
 - Mr. Grant – Yes
 - Mr. Lembke – Yes

D. Motion to accept the names of candidates as they desire to be listed on the ballot which is different from their name as listed on their registration and/or petition.

Legal Name	Preferred Ballot Name	Office Sought
James Bradly Price	Brad Price	City Council – Milford
James Stephen Maham	Steve Maham	Village Council – Williamsburg
Carl Jason Ritter	Jason Ritter	Township Trustee – Wayne
William Charles Maklem	Charlie Maklem	School Board – Williamsburg
Richard Aaron Maus	Aaron Maus	Township Trustee – Washington
Eugenia L. Bruan	Genia Bruan	Township Fiscal Officer – Franklin
Charles Douglas Lefferson	Doug Lefferson	Township Fiscal Officer – Williamsburg
Billy Stephen Jackson	Steve Jackson	Educational Service Center

2023-101 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the names of the eight candidates listed above as they desire to be listed on the ballot which is different from their name as listed on their registration and/or petition. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

E. Motion to certify all other petitions and certify those candidates’ names to the general election ballot of November 7, 2023

2023-102 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to certify all other petitions – except for the three candidates previously rejected – and to certify those candidates’ names to the general election ballot of November 7, 2023. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Review of Questions and Issues (See list attached):

2023-103 – Mr. Grant made the motion to approve the list of in-county issues and local options, pending SOS acceptance. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

VIII. Meeting & Special Dates:

- August 29 (9:00 a.m.) – Certification of August Special Election and November write-in candidates
- September 6 (9:00 a.m.) – Open audit of August 8 special election
- September 8 (3:00 p.m.) – Certify audit of Aug 8 special election
- September 11-12 – DIMS conference sponsored by ES&S – Put-In-Bay, Ohio
- September 22 – FWAB posted (46 days) – UOCAVA ballots sent
- October 10 – Voter registration deadline for November 7, 2023 general election
- October 11 – Early in-person voting begins
- November 7 – General Election Day – polls open 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Conrad echoed Secretary LaRose’s comments that we should take care of our people, for the benefit of the residents, keeping people fresh and recognizing our employees. He recommended that the board give them a day off as a thank you for the extra effort for an August election that was unexpected.

2023-104 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to authorize the directors to give the staff a paid day off, to be scheduled by the directors. Mr. Lembke seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Lembke commented that people are fatigued and should be recognized for the extra effort expended by a situation we did not create. However, he mentioned that Mr. Combs had expressed objection to the idea. Mr. Grant offered an amendment to authorize the directors to allow the staff to take off around Labor Day by using their comp time or other accrued time, then defer the discussion about paid time off until later in the year. The amendment was not seconded. Upon roll call of the original motion:

Mr. Combs – Absent
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – No
Mr. Lembke – Yes

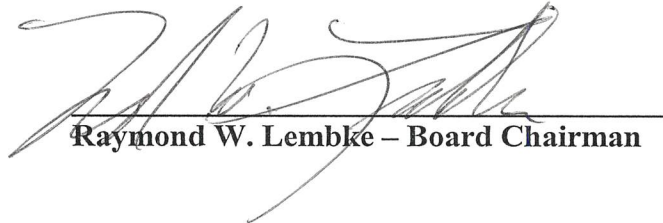
Mr. Lembke noted that the motion failed because it required three affirmative votes.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

2023-105 – At 9:32 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

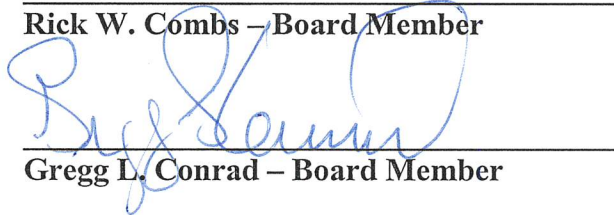
Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Absent
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Grant – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes



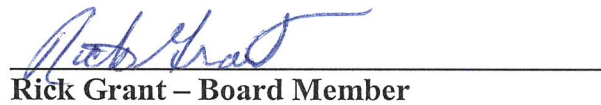
Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman

Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member

Rick Grant – Board Member



Date 9-20-23

**November 7, 2023 – General Election
Filed Questions & Issues**

Board of Clermont County Commissioners – renewal – 0.75 mill – 5 years – operation of developmental disabilities facilities.

Jackson Township – additional – 2 mills – continuing period of time – fire & EMS.

Tate Township – additional – 2.5 mills – continuing period of time – fire & EMS.

Milford Exempted Village School District – additional – 5.99 mills – 5 years – emergency requirements of the school district.

Williamsburg Local School District – substitute – 6.59 mills – continuing period of time – providing for the necessary requirements of the school district.

Village of Felicity – renewal – 6 mills – 5 years – police.

Village of Moscow – replacement – 7 mills – 5 years – current expenses.

Village of New Richmond – additional – 4 mills – continuing period of time – fire & ems.

Village of New Richmond – additional – 4 mills – continuing period of time – police.

Village of Williamsburg – renewal – 2.75 mills – 5 years – police.

Local Options:

Bethel Village A – Bethel Convenience and Smoke Shop – Off-premise sale of beer.

Village of Owensville – 50 Pit Stop – Sunday sales of wine and mixed beverages.

Union Township A – UN A 5D Local Option – Sunday sales of intoxicating liquor on premises.

Union Township K1K – UN K1K 5D Local Option – Sunday sales of intoxicating liquor on premises.

Overlap

Warren County Career Center – Warren County Career Center Bond and Tax – Bond levy – new construction, improvements, and renovations – 0.641 – 30 years – Tax levy – additional – 0.2 mill – continuing period of time – general permanent improvements.

Candidates Certified to the November 7, 2023 General Election Ballot

Office Sought	Municipality-District	Ballot Name	Term
For Judge of Municipal Court	Clermont County	Anita Bechmann	Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2027
For Judge of Municipal Court	Clermont County	Jesse B. Kramig	Full Term
For Clerk-Treasurer	Village of Williamsburg	Michael G. Murray	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Batavia	C. Scott Runck	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Batavia	John Thebout	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Bethel	Jay Noble	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Chilo	Marie Stevenson	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Moscow	Tim Suter	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Neville	Rob Gastrich	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of New Richmond	Glenn Ewing	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Owensville	Rick McEvoy	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Williamsburg	Jim Weaver	Full Term
For Mayor	Village of Williamsburg	Tim Wood	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Batavia Local School District	Michael Enriquez	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Bethel Tate Local School District	Tari DePoy	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Bethel Tate Local School District	Brandy Pryor	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Bethel Tate Local School District	Gary Shepherd	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Bethel Tate Local School District	Susan Ward	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Clermont Northeastern Local School District	Christa Burbage	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Clermont Northeastern Local School District	Karen Crawford	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Clermont Northeastern Local School District	Alexander Cunningham	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Clermont Northeastern Local School District	Danny Ilhardt	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Clermont Northeastern Local School District	Julie Schmidt	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Clermont Northeastern Local School District	Bryan L. Sexton	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Felicity-Franklin Local School District	Jennifer Broadwell	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Felicity-Franklin Local School District	Andy Minichuck	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Felicity-Franklin Local School District	Amanda Rawlinson	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Goshen Local School District	Melissa Paprocki	Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2025
For Member of Board of Education	Goshen Local School District	John Benthien	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Goshen Local School District	Lisa Wernke	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Goshen Local School District	Corey West	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Milford Exempted Village School District	Rebecca Born	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Milford Exempted Village School District	Paul J. Chambers	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Milford Exempted Village School District	Emily Chesnut	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Milford Exempted Village School District	Myra Powers	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	New Richmond Exempted Village School District	Tim DuFau	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	New Richmond Exempted Village School District	Robert Wooten	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	West Clermont Local School District	Tina Sanborn	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	West Clermont Local School District	Tammy Spencer	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Williamsburg Local School District	R. Josh Clifton	Full Term
For Member of Board of Education	Williamsburg Local School District	Charlie Maklem	Full Term

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8/21/2023

Office Sought	Municipality-District	Ballot Name	Term
For Member of Board of Trustees of Public Affairs	Village of Felicity	Cale Baudendistel	Full Term
For Member of Board of Trustees of Public Affairs	Village of Felicity	Sandra Myers	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Batavia	Diana M. Cole	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Batavia	Jason Garrison	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Batavia	Michael Kinner	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Bethel	Joel Ausman	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Bethel	Dawn R. Thompson	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Chilo	Joseph Palazzolo	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Chilo	Billy Stevenson III	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Felicity	Nancy Davis	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Felicity	Shawnda Mahaffey	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Moscow	Julie Hawkins	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Moscow	Mariah Oberlin	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Moscow	Phil Turner	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of New Richmond	Richard Feidkamp	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of New Richmond	Brad Jacobs	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of New Richmond	Larry Prues	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Owensville	Joseph M. Bailey	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Williamsburg	Katie King	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Williamsburg	Steve Maham	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Williamsburg	Joseph W. Martin	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Williamsburg	Jacob Simpson	Full Term
For Member of Council	Village of Williamsburg	Steve Smith	Full Term
For Member of Council at Large	City of Milford	Kristopher Parrish	Full Term
For Member of Council at Large	City of Milford	Brad Price	Full Term
For Member of Council at Large	City of Milford	Mark Thompson	Full Term
For Member of Council at Large	City of Milford	Ralph Viardo Jr.	Full Term
For Member of Governing Board of Education	Clermont County ESC	Steve Jackson	Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2025
For Member of Governing Board of Education	Clermont County ESC	Donald A. Collins	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Batavia Township	Jennifer Haley	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Franklin Township	Genia Bruan	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Franklin Township	Beverly Sheppard	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Goshen Township	Laura Engled	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Jackson Township	Holly Isaacs	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Miami Township	Eric C. Ferry	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Monroe Township	Candace Forder	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Ohio Township	Bill Gilpin	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Pierce Township	Debbie Schwey	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Stonelick Township	Tracey Sumner	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Tate Township	Kathy A. Brannock	Full Term

Candidates Certified to the November 7, 2023 General Election Ballot

Office Sought	Municipality-District	Ballot Name	Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Union Township	Ronald B. Campbell	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Washington Township	Sheila DuFau	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Wayne Township	Sandra J. Borchers	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Wayne Township	Maria Harp	Full Term
For Township Fiscal Officer	Williamsburg Township	Doug Jefferson	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Batavia Township	Randy Perry	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Franklin Township	Billy B. Hazelbaker	Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2025
For Township Trustee	Franklin Township	Greg Hensley	Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2025
For Township Trustee	Franklin Township	Kim Schwettman	Unexpired Term Ending 12/31/2025
For Township Trustee	Franklin Township	Chris Smith	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Franklin Township	Bob Hausermann	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Goshen Township	Bill Wiederhold	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Jackson Township	Ken Tracy	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Miami Township	Lindsey Aranyos	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Monroe Township	Alice Rolfes	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Monroe Township	Keith Vogelsang	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Ohio Township	Allen M. Freeman	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Pierce Township	Dave Pennington	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Stonelick Township	Rusty Durbin	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Tate Township	Bobby Redden	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Tate Township	Tammy Brinkman	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Union Township	Michael Logue	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Union Township	Aaron Maus	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Washington Township	Jason Ritter	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Wayne Township	Tony Schwab	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Wayne Township	Guy N. Bainum	Full Term
For Township Trustee	Williamsburg Township		Full Term

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 3:44 PM
To: legals@clermontsun.com
Cc: Stephanie Haight
Subject: August Election Day Board Meeting
Attachments: 2023 August Special Election meetings.docx

Jamie,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the August board meetings.

My direct phone number is 732-7485 if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Cherie Wilson, Administrative Support Specialist
Clermont County Board of Elections
76 S. Riverside Dr.
Batavia, OH 45103

Clermont County Board of Elections Notice of Board Meetings

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for

August 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting and mandatory meeting to review provisional ballots and mismarked absentee ballots received after Election Day

August 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Open Official Canvass for the August election and certify petitions for the November election

August 29, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Certify the August 2023 special election and certify write-in petitions for the November 2023 general election.

The meetings will be held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, 45103.

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Stephanie Hemmer-Haight – Director