

Let the Record reflect that Board Member and Chairman Tim Rudd (R) resigned as a Board Member from the Clermont County Board of Elections April 10, 2009. Republican Board Member Rick Combs will serve as the Acting Chairman.

Acting Chairman Rick Combs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Board Members present were Rick Combs, Dave Lane and Paul Campbell. Also present were, Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Shekar Jayaraman – Field Liaison and Ric Ferenc, Board Member Nominee.

RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER:

Director Miller advised the Board of the Letter of Resignation from Republican Board Member/Chairman Tim Rudd effective April 10, 2009. He submitted the original letter to the Secretary of State's Office and sent a copy to the Board.

2009-30 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept Board Member Timothy R. Rudd's Letter of Resignation. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

RESOLUTIONS:

2009-31 – Dave Lane made the motion to instruct the Director and Deputy Director to prepare a Resolution to spread across the Minutes in honor of Tim Rudd's service to the Clermont County Board of Elections. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

The Republican Executive Committee voted for Ric Ferenc to fill the Republican position on the Board. The Board is waiting for Secretary of State, Jennifer Brunner to appoint Ric pending his security check. The election of a permanent Chairman will take place when all four Board Members are seated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2009-32 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the Minutes of the March 26, 2009 Board Meeting. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Rick explained the new format of the Bills. The top portion is the invoices that were pre-approved by the Director or Deputy Director. These are ordinary/necessary bills. The bottom portion is the invoices that require Board approval.

2009- 33 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the Bills. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

COMMUNICATIONS: Election Administration Report-April 13, 2009

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Miller reported to the Board that the "Letter of Apology" (explaining the late mail delivery) was sent to the Nature Center Voters.

The Election Day ballots for the May 5, 2009 Special Election have been delivered, checked and packed. We are ahead of schedule. There are 111 precincts (including the 3 Brown County precincts) and 37 polling locations involved in the election. The testing on the M100's and Automarks is complete.

The Poll Worker Call-In Hotline was very successful. We need 432 poll workers for this election and 350 of them used the Hotline. Those that did not use it were either not going to work and didn't call or were out of town and had not called yet. We want to use this system again. It has freed up a lot of time that was spent making these calls. We have been able to contact the Presiding Judges to combine the return trips (with the election supplies) to the office on election night.

At the close of registration for the May Special Election, the total number of registered voters was 135,970. The number of voters in the May Election is 65,741.

To date we have issued 805 Absentee Ballots, 452 have been voted and returned.

Director Miller discussed the Poll Worker Mileage Reimbursement. This plan/schedule was adopted in 1997 and adjusted slightly in 2007. When we started combining the return trips with the supplies we gave the driver their full amount and then a prorated amount for the other precincts. This effort eliminates the amount of traffic on Election Night as well as saving money. Judy would like the Board to consider a \$10.00 increase for the mileage reimbursement. This would bring the mileage reimbursement up to the County's rate of \$0.55. Even with increasing the mileage allowance, we could still save up to \$260.00 because of the combined return trips. Rick had concerns about spending money for this now during a time when the County is having budget problems and when the Board is unable to give the staff a salary increase. Dave asked if there was a reasonable assurance (50% or 75%) that this will work. Judy stated that for this election at the Amelia Elementary School location alone there would be a \$20.00 saving and the poll workers are very receptive to this plan.

2009-34 – Paul Campbell made the motion to table the recommended Poll Worker Mileage increase until later in the summer and to possibly implement it for the November Election. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon discussion Dave added, besides the monetary benefit, the added efficiency in the parking lot on Election Night was a significant bonus. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Director Miller brought to the Board's attention that the Office has not received Official Notice of the Resignation of Common Pleas Judge, Robert P. Ringland. He resigned on December 26, 2008 as Judge of Common Pleas to take the 12th District Court of Appeals Position. W. Kenneth Zuk was appointed by Governor Strickland on February 26, 2009 to fill the Common Pleas Judge vacancy and was sworn in on February 27, 2009.

Judy reported that the Chargebacks for the February 3, 2009 Special Election have been completed and are ready to be filed with the County Auditor. The total charges were: New Richmond Village - \$2,822.92, Union Township - \$40,372.95 and Williamsburg Local School District - \$7,170.87.

2009-35 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the Chargebacks for the February 3, 2009 Special Election. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Judy reported on the Spring District Meeting hosted by the Brown County Board of Elections. Judy, Mike, Tonia, Jackie and Donna attended. It was a very informative meeting. Pat Wolfe represented the Secretary of State's Office and reviewed questions regarding absentee voting, military voting, voter ID and provisionals.

Judy also reported on the Statewide Voter Database Seminar that she and Jackie attended in Columbus on April 14, 2009. They reviewed the upgrades for the Voter Query. It is much better and more user friendly. They learned that many Counties were not merging voters properly. We have been using the program properly and the only problems we have encountered are when we had to deal with a County that did not merge correctly.

Judy reminded the Board that the filing deadline for the Independent Candidates Petitions for Municipal Judge and Municipal Clerk of Courts is May 4, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. They must be certified by July 15, 2009 (R.C. 3513.262), and Judy would like to Certify the petitions at the June 25th Board Meeting.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley reminded the Board that our Security Plan states that we have a security camera in our computer room. We did have a security camera in the computer room during the 2008 General Election, however, we no longer have it. Mike checked with Facilities and it would cost approximately \$400.00 to purchase the camera. We can use the existing wiring. Rick inquired how we were with the budget and Mike assured him we were fine. Facilities and ISD would work together to install the camera. **2009-36** – Paul Campbell made the motion to purchase and install a security camera for the Computer Room. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Mike discussed the necessity of mobile storage units for the M100's. Due to the lack of storage and floor space stackable units will free up much needed space. The M100's are currently stored in the annex, in stacks on the floor and because of the limited space they are moved numerous times, unnecessarily. They do need to be moved for the required pre-election testing. Mike priced commercial shelving from the vendors for \$14,000. He and Nick Sommer (ISD) found equivalent shelving (gorilla shelving) at Sam's for \$4,000. Each unit is 6 feet high by 4 feet wide and 22 inches deep. One unit could hold 22 M100's and they would be stacked like suitcases. The Board previously gave Mike and Judy authorization to acquire a Sam's Card; however the card was never acquired. Mike would like the Board to reauthorize him to get a Sam's Card.

2009-37 – Paul Campbell made the motion to authorize the Director and Deputy Director to acquire a Sam's Card. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon discussion Rick had a concern about spending money when most other County Offices are not spending any money. He also had a concern about the necessity of a Sam's Card but not following up on it. He feels the need to be cautious about the budget. Paul added constantly moving the M100's can not be doing them any good, especially with the “jips” handling them and would not want to have to replace any of them because of rough and unnecessary moving. He also added, when we went to the new voting equipment we were assured we would get everything we needed and this is vital for the use of our equipment but Paul advised he can appreciate Ricks economic concerns.

Upon roll call, Paul Campbell – “yes”, Dave Lane – “yes”, Rick Combs – “no”.

2009-38 – Dave Lane made the motion to authorize the Director and Deputy Director to purchase the necessary carts (shelving) to accommodate the M100's. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon discussion Rick stated Paul made a valid point about the unnecessary handling and replacement of the M100's. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

CHANGE OF POLLING LOCATION:

Mike reported of the change of the polling location for Milford City A. The old location was St. Andrews, 551 Main Street, Milford and the new location is the American Legion, 450 Victor Stier Dr., Milford, 45150.

2009-39 – Paul Campbell made the motion to move the polling location of Milford City A to the American Legion. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Mike updated the Board about the temporary relocation of Goshen N polling location (Little Miami School District-28 voters) for the May Special Election. Their polling location is in the Goshen High School Gym, which is being used for testing that week, and because of the low number of voters we have relocated their polling location to the Goshen Middle School (located across the street). All of the voters were notified of the temporary relocation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PUBLIC TEST OF MAY 5, 2009 SPECIAL ELECTION:

Paul and Rick observed Nick Sommer (ISD) run the ballots through the 650 scanners. Nick provided the Board with the tabulated results. The Board compared those results with the hand count and found the results to match.

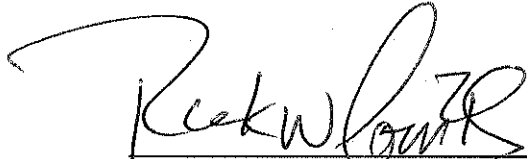
2009-40 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the Test Deck for the May 5, 2009 Special Election. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

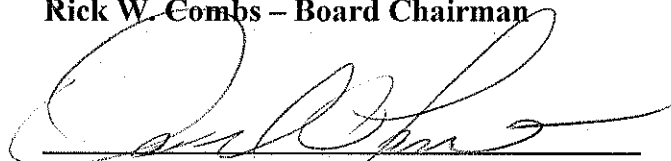
May 5, 2009 – at 6:30 a.m., Special Election Day Meeting,
May 18, 2009 – at 9:00 a.m., Open Official Canvas,
May 26, 2009 – at 2:00 p.m., Certification of Special Election and
Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

2009-41 – At 3:15 p.m. Paul Campbell made the motion to adjourn. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon direction of the Chairman, all Members answered “aye”.



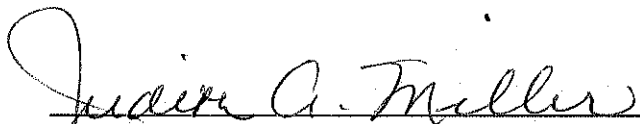
Rick W. Combs – Board Chairman



Dave A. Lane – Board Member



Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

**APPROVAL OF BILL FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23, 2009**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	ACCT.	AMOUNT
INVOICES PRE-APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY:			
ALPINE VALLEY	BOTTLE WATER	5999	\$ 12.95
CINTI ENQUIRER	ADV. FOR MAY 5, 2009 SPECIAL ELECTION	5321	\$ 265.59
DAYTON LEGAL	SIGN. SHEETS (\$1603.62), LETTERHEAD (\$345.01) & #10 ENVELOPES (\$780.04)	5729, 5720	\$ 2,728.67
DE LAGE LANDEN	PAYMENT ON COPIER FOR APRIL	6123	\$ 147.00
DONNELLON MCCARTHY	COPIER MONTHLY MAINT.	6123	\$ 38.10
HYATT - CAPITAL SQ.	HOTEL REIMBURSEMENT - MILLER	5470	\$ 129.00
KATHY LONG	RESERVATIONS FOR DISTRICT MEETING - 5 STAFF	5471	\$ 100.00
OFFICE DEPOT	MISC. OFFICE SUPPLIES	5729, 5725	\$ 414.79
OFFICE DEPOT	MISC. OFFICE SUPPLIES	5729	\$ 124.90
INVOICES TO BE APPROVED BY BOARD MEMBERS:			
BARRETT BROTHERS	PRECINCTS KITS (105) FOR MAY SPECIAL	5729	\$ 3,351.60
DAYTON LEGAL	BALLOTS-ABSENTEE/TEST DECK-ESS DATA PROCESS.	5323, 6122	\$ 6,804.40
JUDY MILLER	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TO BROWN CTY.	5475	\$ 30.80
JUDY MILLER	MEAL & MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT TO COLUMBUS	5471, 5475, 5479	\$ 142.74
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL FOR APRIL	5453	\$ 242.74
JACKIE SMITH	MEAL REIMBURSEMENT TO COLUMBUS	5471	\$ 8.82
J. ROBERT TRUE	PHONE BILL FOR MARCH 2009	6361	\$ 620.70
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 3-22-09 TO 4-4-09	5112	\$ 13,541.20
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 3-22-09 TO 4-4-09	5116	\$ 1,881.04
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 4-5-09 TO 4-18-09	5112	\$ 13,551.20
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 4-5-09 TO 4-18-09	5116	\$ 1,645.91
TEMP. EMPLOYEES	PAY PERIOD 4-5-09 TO 4-18-09	5118	\$ 455.00
OVERTIME	PAY PERIOD 4-5-09 TO 4-18-09	5121	\$ 67.38
TOTAL:			\$ 46,304.53