

### **Canvass & Certification of the August 4, 2014 Special Election**

Chairman Rick Combs called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Ray Lembke led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Rick Combs, Larry Heller and Ray Lembke. Paul Campbell was absent. Also present were Judy Miller – Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record. Deputy Director Mike Keeley was absent.

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Beth Hamad – SOS Liaison. Lee Ann Watson arrived at 10:00 a.m.

Director Miller explained the Canvass and Certification procedure.

#### **TEST DECK:**

At 9:04 a.m. the Board went off the Record to run the Test Deck.

At 9:14 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

Ray and Larry observed Jerry Amick (ES&S) run the Test Deck on the 850 scanner. Rick read the results from the control sheet as Ray compared them to the newly run Test Deck and found the results to match and that the computer was counting accurately.

**2015-61** – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept the results of the Test Deck. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

**2015-62** – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the results of the Test Deck and that the Tabulation Equipment was counting properly. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

#### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

Judy advised the Board that we have up to ten days to receive absentee ballots however all of the absentee ballots that had been mailed were returned as of Election Day. There are no additional absentee ballots to add to the count (from Election Night).

16 – Absentees requested and returned by Election Day

0 – Additional absentees to be added to the count

#### **PROVISIONAL BALLOTS:**

Judy explained the provisional ballot procedure to the Board.

4 – Total Provisional Ballots issued

0 – Invalid Provisional Ballots

4 – Provisional Ballots to be added to the count

**2015-63** – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept the staff’s recommendation and to add the four (4) valid Provisional Ballots to the count. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy advised the Board that in Bethel Village A, a provisional voter’s ballot went into the can (the ballot was put in the DS200 and then went into the can). The poll workers opened the ballot can and took the ballot out and then placed the ballot into the provisional envelope. This caused the count to be off when the staff balanced the books. This precinct needs to be rerun.

At 9:25 a.m. the Board went off the Record while the staff re-ran Bethel Village A’s Election Day ballots and the provisional ballots.

At 9:40 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

Judy advised the Board that after rerunning Bethel Village A the precinct now balances.

At 9:43 a.m. the Board went off the Record to run the Test Deck.

At 9:51 the Board went back on the Record.

Rick read from the control sheet while Ray compared the results from the newly run test deck and found them to match and that the computer was counting accurately.

**2015-64** – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept the Results of the Test Deck. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-65** – Larry Heller made the motion to Certify the Results of the August 4, 2015 Special Election-Village of Bethel Police Levy. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board went off the Record for a short break.

At 10:08 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

### **Certification of Candidates and Questions & Issues for the November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot**

Judy reviewed the Candidate Petitions with the Board.

**2015-66** – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the withdraw of the following candidate petitions: Jay Noble, Jennifer Noble, Kevin Pringle, Keith Hayes, Robert Havrilla, Sherry Light - (these candidates filed new petitions) and Michael Davis and Jeremiah S. Hembree - (these candidates did not file additional petitions or file to be a write-in candidate, to date). Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-67** – Larry Heller made the motion to add to the Valid Petition List the petitions of David Grenier, Mike McCarthy, Joe Wolfer and Tina Sanborn per the information provided by the staff (that their petitions contained no fatal errors). Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-68** – Ray Lembke made the motion to reject the petitions of Ray Seiber, Jennifer Ward, Charlie Scott, and Michael Kramer (these candidates did not have enough valid signatures). Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-69** – Larry Heller made the motion to reject the petitions of George Rise for Goshen School Board (not enough valid signatures). Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Mr. Heller – “yes”, Mr. Lembke – “yes”, Mr. Combs – “abstain”.

**2015-70** – Larry Heller made the motion to certify all of the petitions reviewed by the staff and Board as being Valid with the exception of those that we already removed {and with the exception of candidates for Goshen Township Trustee (Claire B. Corcoran, Bob Hausermann, Steven Holland) & Fiscal Officer (Cathy Carlier, Brittany Koepke, Art Treinen) and Goshen Local School Board (John Benthien)}. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-71** – Ray Lembke made the motion to certify the candidates for Goshen Township Trustee (Claire B. Corcoran, Bob Hausermann, Steven Holland), Goshen Township Fiscal Officers Officers (Cathy Carlier, Brittany Koepke, Art Treinen) and Goshen Local School Board (John Benthien) as reviewed by the staff and Board and determined to be valid. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Mr. Lembke – “yes”, Mr. Heller – “yes”, Mr. Combs – “abstain”.

**2015-72** – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the Names of Candidates as they desire to be listed on the ballot: Carolyn Joyce Benjamin as Joyce Benjamin, John Richard Schramm Jr. as Rick Schramm, Carl Michael Freeman as Mike Freeman and Edward J. Haskins as Ted Haskins. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy advised the Board that we have Overlapping Candidates from other counties, after those candidates are certified by their Boards they will send us the names. We will also send our overlapping candidates to the appropriate counties for their ballots.

Judy reviewed the Questions & Issues with the Board. There are three State Issues.

**2015-73** – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept and approve the following tax levies to be placed on the November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot:

Miami Township – additional tax levy (2.5 mills) for a continuing period of time – for Fire, Emergency Medical Services and Police,

Pierce Township – (in the Unincorporated Areas of Pierce Township) additional tax levy (2.1 mills) for a continuing period of time – for Fire & Emergency Medical Services,

Union Township – Electric Aggregation – With Opt-Out Provisions – for residents and small businesses in the township,

Union Township – Natural Gas Aggregation – With Opt-Out Provisions-for residents and small businesses in the township,

Clermont County – renewal tax levy (0.8 mill) for a period of 5 years – for Children Services,

Clermont County – renewal tax levy and an increase (0.75 mill) for a period of 5 years – for Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health,

Clermont County – (in the Unincorporated Areas of the County) – Electric Aggregation – With Opt-Out Provisions — for residents and small businesses and other non-mercantile electric consumers in the County,

Clermont County –(in the Unincorporated Areas of the County) – Natural Gas Aggregation – With Opt-Out Provisions – for residents and small businesses and other non-mercantile electric consumers in the County, and including the overlap from

Warren County for the Little Miami Local School District – renewal tax levy (13.86 mills) for a period of 5 years – for Avoiding An Operating Deficit.

Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-74** – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the petitions from Amelia Village and Certify the Candidates for the question of “Shall a Commission be Chosen to Frame a Charter? Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy reviewed the three Local Option Petitions that filed to be on the ballot. One petition was not filled out properly; they did not include the Name on the petition.

**2015-75** – Larry Heller made the motion to reject the Local Option Petition in Monroe Township D for DJ’s General Store, Inc., 2305 Laurel Nicholasville Rd., New Richmond, Ohio 45157 – (Single Site) – Sunday Sales of Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor (ten a.m. and midnight) based upon a faulty petition and the lack of a “Name” on the petition. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-76** – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept and place on the November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot: Batavia Township J – VFW Post 3954-Clermont County, Inc., 4070 Greenbriar Road, Batavia Township., Batavia, Ohio 45103 – (Single Site) – Sunday Sales of Beer, Wine and Mixed Beverages and Spirituous Liquor (eleven a.m. and midnight). Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-77** – Larry Heller made the motion to accept and place on the November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot the petition of Miami Township F – Scene 75 Cincinnati Entertainment Center, LLC, 876 S.R. 28, Miami Township, Milford, Ohio 45150 (Single Site) – Sunday Sales of Wine and Mixed Beverages & Spirituous Liquor (eleven a.m. and midnight). Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**2015-78** – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2015 Board Meeting. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**2015-79** – Larry Heller made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of August 17, 2015. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Judy updated the Board on the Lease Agreement and the Board’s Insurance Coverage at the Reception Hall Building at 295 Haskell Lane. She gave the Board copies of the contract and insurance certificate. There is no chargeback on the insurance coverage the the Haskell Lane location; it is included in the County’s blanket insurance. She stated that we have keys and a passcode for the security system. The electronic pollbooks are already being delivered and the DS200’s will be delivered tomorrow. Staff training on the pollbooks will be September 3. Rick asked Judy to advise the Communications Center, Batavia Police and the Sheriff’s Department of what is being stored in the building. Larry inquired if the building was in a flood plain and Judy stated that it had been previous to the construction of the East Fork Dam but that area is no longer in a Flood Plain since the construction of the dam.

Judy advised the Board that we are waiting for approval from the SOS regarding the ballot language for the questions & issues. Dan Shebesta (ES&S) will be here September 29 to work on putting the ballot together.

**Appointment of Precinct Officials:**

**2015-80** – Larry Heller made the motion to accept all of the Republican Precinct Election Workers with the exception of Marsha Heller for the term September 15, 2015 – September 14, 2016. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon discussion Rick explained that Marsha Heller is Larry Heller’s wife and he cannot vote on her. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**2015-81** – Ray Lembke made the motion to appoint the Democratic Precinct Election Workers for the term September 15, 2015 – September 14, 2016. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Rick wants to make sure that it is OK for a wife of a Board Member to serve as a poll worker and vote on her if needed.

Judy advised the Board that all of the staff can benefit from the District Meeting on September 1, 2015 at the Warren County Board of Elections and would like to send the entire staff at a cost of \$10 per person plus mileage.

**2015-82** – Larry Heller made the motion to send the full time staff (10 ) to the Warren County District Meeting on September 1, 2015 and to pay \$10 to attend and gas reimbursement and to include Board Members and Mary Lynne Birck. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Deputy Director Keeley is on vacation.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

September 24, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
October 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Public Test  
for November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot.

ADJOURNMENT:

2015-83 – At 11:19 Larry Heller made the motion to adjourn. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Rick W. Combs – Board Chairman

Paul L. Campbell – Board Member

R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member

Raymond W. Lembke – Board Member

Attest – Judith A. Miller – Director  
Minutes signed on September 24, 2015

SUMMARY REPORT

Clermont County, Ohio  
Special Election  
August 4, 2015

Official Results

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VOTES PERCENT

PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 2)	. . . . .	2	100.00
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	. . . . .	1,667	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	. . . . .	199	
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL	. . . . .		11.94

Village of Bethel - Addl, CPT, 8 Mills, Police  
(WITH 2 OF 2 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

FOR THE TAX LEVY	. . . . .	71	35.68
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	. . . . .	128	64.32
Total	. . . . .	199	
Over Votes	. . . . .	0	
Under Votes	. . . . .	0	

# APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 17, 2015

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**Rudd, Rebecca**

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**From:** Rudd, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 04, 2015 9:28 AM  
**To:** 'clermontsunlegals@fuse.net'; rmaloney@communitypress.com  
**Subject:** time change  
**Attachments:** 2015-Aug 17 mtg dates-time change reg mtg.docx

Good Morning,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attached notice regarding the time change of the August 17, 2015 Regular Clermont County Board of Elections Board Meeting. Please let me know if you need if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Becky Rudd  
Clermont County Board of Elections  
76 S. Riverside Drive  
Batavia, OH 45103  
513-732-7275

**Notice of Meetings  
Clermont County Board of Elections  
76 S. Riverside Dr.  
Batavia, OH 45103  
513-732-7275**

The Clermont County Board of Elections has changed the time of the August 17, 2015 Monthly Board to 9:00 a.m.

**August 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. – Open Certification of the August 4, 2015 Special Election, Certify the Special Election Results, Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Certify Candidates & Issues to the November 3, 2015 General Election Ballot.**

The meetings are held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, OH 45103.

**Judy Miller-Director**