

Chairman Rick Combs called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Larry Heller led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Rick Combs, Paul Campbell, Larry Heller and new member Ray Lembke. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

Judy advised the Board that Raymond W. Lembke was nominated by the Clermont County Democratic Executive Committee to fill the vacancy on the Board created by the passing of David A. Lane on June 16, 2015. Mr. Lembke was then appointed by Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted on July 15, 2015 to fill the vacancy and Mr. Lembke was sworn in on July 20, 2015. Mr. Lembke filed his Oath of Office with the Clermont County Clerk of Common Pleas Court and the Board. Mr. Lembke is also the Chairman of the Clermont County Democrat Party.

OTHER ATTENDEES: No other attendees

PUBLIC TEST DECK:

Judy and Rick explained the purpose and procedure of the Test Deck to the new Board Members. They also explained the voting equipment (DS200, 850 scanner and 650 scanner). Judy advised the Board that the Test Deck will be run/scanned thru the 650 scanner, 850 scanner and the DS200's because of the newness of the machines and to let the Board observe the new equipment. Our test deck is pre-scored by the printer. She explained Dan Shebesta's roll with ES&S and the Board of Elections. Paul added that the Public Test is to verify that the equipment is working accurately and the same test will be run at the end of the election to again verify the accuracy.

At 10:12 a.m. the Board went off the Record to observe the running of the Test Deck for the August 4, 2015 Special Election.

At 10:27 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

Rick read the results of the newly run test deck while Ray compared them to the control sheet. They found the results to match and that the computer/scanners were counting accurately.

2015-46 – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the results of the Public Test for the August 4, 2015 Special Election. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2015-47 – Paul Campbell made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2015 Board Meeting. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Mr. Campbell – “yes”, Mr. Heller – “yes”, Mr. Lembke – “abstain”, Mr. Combs – “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Judy explained that the highlighted portions of the bills were added after the bills had been emailed to the Board Members.

2015-48 – Larry Heller made the motion to approve and pay the bills of July 20, 2015. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon discussion Judy advised the Board that \$10,000 had to be sent to the Post Office to cover the postage of the NCOA mailing/return postage. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Judy reported on the candidate filing fees that were sent to the OEC. The OEC stated that they had only received half of the fees. They discovered that it was an oversight in their office and sent a letter stating that we are paid in full to date. A portion of the filing fees stays in the county and the other portion goes to the OEC.

Judy gave the Election Update pertaining to the Bethel Village August Special. We will still be using a paper poll book even though we just purchased the electronic poll books. Per our bid specifications we are to receive the latest upgrade available and that is in certification with the SOS and should be approved and released very soon. The office will be open on Saturday, August 1st from 8:00 am till noon for voting and Voting Location Managers supply pick-up. The Voting Location Managers will also be trained on the DS200 Ballot Scanners at that time. The office will also be open on Sunday, August 2nd from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm for voting per SOS Directive. To date there have only been 10 voters apply to receive an

application, 3 have submitted applications (and received a ballot) and 2 have returned their ballots. To date we have not had anyone vote in the office and per the Directive we have been staying open until 5:00 pm during weekdays.

We received 7,250 signatures (over 900 part petitions) to check for the Marijuana Petitions. We had approximately a week and a half to check and return the petitions. This involved verifying and scanning the petitions which required some overtime and part-time staff. The petitions were difficult to check because so many were invalid. We did find some irregularities and those were turned over to the SOS because these Petitions were filed with the SOS. We had 3,025 valid and 4,225 invalid signatures. Ray inquired if we would receive any of the additional signatures/petitions that are being collected to meet the required quota or would the SOS check them? Judy advised that the Secretary of State does not check signatures on petitions but sends them to the appropriate County Board for checking.

We have also been working on the NCOA returns, of which we could potentially have 36,000 returned. We have also been working on the Special Election and checking local Candidate and Issue Petitions for the November General Election.

Judy reported on the need to move 2 of the 4 precincts out of the Batavia Township Hall. Currently the Township Hall votes precincts Batavia B, D, K & N. We originally thought we would have enough room but with the increase of new homes in those areas it has increased the size of the voting precincts. The Landmark Baptist Church will allow us to use their facilities for a rental fee of \$100. The building is handicap accessible and they have plenty of parking with appropriate signage.

Child Focus has notified us that we can no longer use their building for voting. It contains 4 precincts (Union Township J, F1F, P1P & S1S).

2015-49 – Ray Lembke made the motion to move 2 precincts from the Batavia Township Hall, Batavia Township K (710 voters) and Batavia Township N (714 voters) to the Landmark Baptist Church, 1450 Clough Pike, beginning with the November 3, 2015 General Election. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon discussion Rick inquired about the \$100 rental fee and notifying the voters of the change. Judy stated that this is the ordinary fee. We will mail notices to the voters no later than 30 days in advance of the election and it will be in the papers. Paul asked if we had already voted 4 precincts in that polling location. Judy said we did and it was crowded then and not that many voted absentee. Ray inquired about a sign on Election Day at the Township Hall advising the voters to go to the new location. Judy stated we would. Paul inquired about the Child Focus polling location after they wanted us to be there. Judy stated that they expanded their programs and need the classrooms. We will have that location for the next meeting. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy then provided the Board with an explanation as to the Board Members recent pay increase. Judy explained that when the Census takes place every 10 years, Office Holders salaries are usually increased at that time due to the increase in population in the County. Judy advised that she had originally looked into this for the Board and was told that this did not affect the Board Members in 2010. Prior to the last board meeting a letter and checks were sent by the Auditor’s Office to Board Members for back pay because the Board Members did receive a pay increase based on the 2010 Census which the Auditor’s Office was not aware of. Further, per Amended Sub House Bill 64, that was just signed into law by the Governor, the County Office Holders and Board of Election Members will be given an additional pay increase. In 2016 the Board will receive a 5% increase and in 2017 receive another 5% increase in their salary.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley advised the Board that we expect delivery of the voting equipment August 18. We are in the process of piggy backing off of the Red Barn alarm system and if that goes OK the Red Barn will add an additional fee for the alarm service. Rick wants us to check to make sure that there isn’t another location that would suit our needs for less money for long term leasing. Judy stated that she has and there isn’t anything as suitable and reasonable as the Red Barn. While there may be other locations in the County she feels that it is important logistically to keep the Election Equipment in Batavia. We are getting this for \$5 a square foot and other buildings are \$8 and \$11 a square foot. Rick advised that he wants to consider other options before he agrees to the \$900 monthly lease. We still don’t know when the county would have a new records facility with space for us available. Wade Grabowski (Facilities) stated to Mike that there isn’t any building within a mile that would suit our needs and the Red Barn seems to have provided everything we need. Larry was satisfied that the Director and Deputy Director has done their best to find a suitable facility. Rick asked Mike if he would be advising the Batavia Police and Sheriff’s Department when we take delivery of the equipment where it is stored. Mike stated that Amy Brewer is working on reactivating the alarm system that is already installed in the building (Guardian), it will go the Sheriff’s Office and 911. Mike will move forward with alarming the building.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

2015-50 – At 11:07 a.m. Larry Heller made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss compensation of a public employee or official per Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1). Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

2015-51 – At 12:16 p.m. Paul Campbell made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Action taken by the Board was the following motion.

2015-52 – Ray Lembke made the motion that the compensation of the Director of the Board of Elections be increased by \$5,500 a year retroactive to January 1, 2015 and the compensation of the Deputy Director of the Board of Elections be increased by \$5,400 a year retroactive to January 1, 2015 only. We will address 2016 in the future. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy asked the Board to review Amended HB 64 sent out by the Secretary of State. It discusses several topics including funding for electronic poll books and we should be reimbursed approximately 85%. It explains how the Board Members salary were calculated, the elimination of the February Special Elections and the other Special Elections requiring 65% of the cost of the election to be paid within 10 business days after filing for an election to be held.

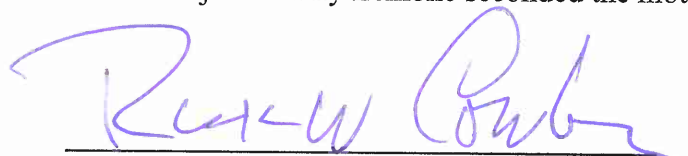
NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

August 4, 2015 at 6:30 a.m., Special Election Day Board Meeting,
August 5, 2015 (by 4:00 p.m.), Filing Deadline for City, Village, Township and
School Board Offices and Questions & Issues,
August 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., Open Certification of August 4, 2015 Special
Election, Certification of the Special Election, Rescheduled August Regular
Monthly Board Meeting and Certify Candidates & Issues to the November 3, 2015
General Election Ballot.

Judy wanted to thank the Board for their continued support. Paul still recognizes that the staff is underpaid and will continue to work to bring them up to where they should be. Rick would still like to discuss the job audits.

ADJOURNMENT:

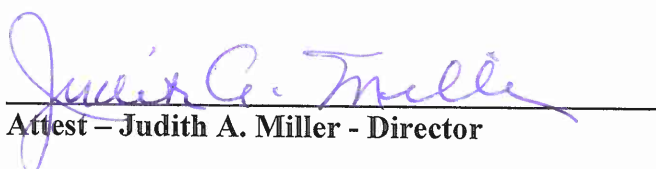
2015-53 – At 12:23 p.m. Paul Campbell made the motion to adjourn. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.


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

