

Acting Chairman Rick Combs called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Rick Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Rick Combs, Paul Campbell and new Board Member Larry Heller (appointed by Secretary of State Jon Husted, effective May 18, 2015, to fill the vacancy of Republican Board Member Tim Rudd), Dave Lane was absent. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director, and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

The resignation of Timothy R. Rudd created a vacancy of Chairman on the Board. Per Ohio Revised Code Section 3501.091 it became incumbent upon the Board to elect a new Chairman of the Board when the vacancy in the Board Member position was filled.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:

Call for Nomination(s) for Chairman of the Board

Paul Campbell nominated Rick Combs (R) for Board Chairman.

Paul Campbell made the motion to close the nominations. Larry Heller seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote for Rick Combs for Chairman:

Mr. Campbell – “yes”, Mr. Heller – “yes”, Mr. Combs – “yes”.

OTHER ATTENDEES: No other attendees.

Director Miller stated that we have a new SOS Liaison, Elizabeth (Beth) Hamad.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2015-33 – Paul Campbell made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2015 Regular Board Meeting and May 13, 2015 Special Board Meeting. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2015-34 – Paul Campbell made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of May 28, 2015. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon discussion Rick explained several line items to Larry. Paul wanted to clarify that the entry for the DIMS Annual Software Agreement was the bill that Judy had reduced. She advised that it was. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

Non-Citizen Voters:

Judy updated the Board on this matter per request of Board Member Dave Lane. She spoke with our SOS Legal Representation Mia Yaniko. Mia advised that she had not heard anything further on this from the SOS or Attorney General’s Office and suggested that Judy contact the Attorney General’s Office. Judy spoke with William Jones, an investigator with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. He stated that the case has been turned over to Joel King in Cincinnati. Judy advised that our office has not been contacted to date, although advised that Butler County has been contacted. The Board explained and updated this issue with Mr. Heller.

Set Salary for Director and Deputy Director:

Rick asked Judy to put this on next month’s agenda, with an Executive Session, when the full Board will be in attendance to set the salary for the Director and Deputy Director as the rest of the employees have compensated for the same.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Director Miller updated the Board on the May 5, 2015 Special Election (overlap), Warren County Joint Vocational School District, replacement tax levy – for current expenses – 3.5 mills – for a continuing period of time. Warren County Certified the Election on May 19, 2015 with 4 voters from Clermont County (there are 28 registered voters in GN-N) voting (2 For the Levy and 2 Against the Levy). The Secretary of State’s Office will give the voting credit for these voters.

Judy reviewed the DIMS Annual License Extension – 5 Year Contract Annual Renewal. The contract was signed and received from ES&S on May 26, 2015 and we are now waiting on a bill. When we receive the bill, we will send it to the Auditor's Office.

The Board reviewed the Electronic Pollbook Contract. We received the signed contract back from ES&S and haven't received the bill yet. Steve Rabolt stated that the money has been appropriated but Judy is not sure how it is going to be processed. We are planning two poll worker training classes, the first of September and mid-October.

Judy advised the Board of the Post Warranty Maintenance Contract on the new ES&S Election Tabulation Equipment. The contract did come in but is not what it was supposed to be (one year and price not locked in and needs the Indemnification Clause removed). It should be for a five (5) year period and no charge in the first year at a locked in price (\$50,900 a year). ES&S is in the process of re-drafting the contract and should have it for the next meeting.

Judy updated the Board on Directive 2015-02 – Enhancing Voter Access to Public Information. ES&S is working on the web hosting system and it will be \$1,200 per year and this price does not include any reports.

DIMS user Conference is July 30-31 at Mohican State Park Lodge, this requires an overnight stay. Judy would like to send herself and Jackie Smith to the conference for two nights (July 29 & 30).

2015-35 – Paul Campbell made the motion to allow Judy Miller and Jackie Smith to attend the DIMS Conference with expenses paid up to \$500.00. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

The Secretary of State's Summer Conference is June 26, 2015 at The Ohio State University Union Center. The Board and staff will stay at the Homewood Suites, 1576 W. Lane Avenue in Columbus the night before. Those to attend are Judy, Mike, Larry Heller, Kim Beard, Terrie Latham, Becky Rudd and Jackie Smith. Rick wanted it clarified that these monies are within the budget. Judy stated it was.

Larry Heller advised the Board he received notice of the new Board Members Training in Columbus on June 10, which he will attend. Rick advised him to keep track of his expenses to be reimbursed.

Judy updated the Board on the August 4, 2015 Special Election for the Village of Bethel and gave the Board a check-off list. There are 2 precincts involved (BL-A & BL-B) and as of today there are 1,669 voters. Judy went over the absentee voting hours. The ballot has been programed. Bethel's attorney approved the ballot and the 24 hour look is over.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley reported that he met with a representative from the Cincinnati area recycling center to remove the M100 boxes that were traded in on the new equipment. He is either contracting or putting in a bid to remove the M100 boxes for ES&S. ES&S will advise us of the removal of these boxes. Hopefully they will be removed mid-June and hopefully have the new DS200 boxes delivered in mid-July. Dan Shebesta (ES&S) backed up everything on the Unity System. Dan advised that the Unity System is going to need a "clean-up" and hopefully with his instructions the County IT department can perform it. After the clean-up, new upgrades can be installed.

Mike advised that the new county Records Center has dedicated 1,500 square feet in the basement for storage of our Election Equipment; we still need a storage area until that building is finished. Paul inquired about what equipment we would be using for the August Election. Dan programed four (4) M100's and two (2) automarks for the election. If we have the new equipment then Dan will program those machines. Paul inquired about the M100's that were loaned out. Judy stated that the four M100's that Clinton County borrowed will be worked out with ES&S (we don't have to get them back to return them) and we will be credited for those machines.

Mike updated the Board regarding the NCOA/Supplemental Voter Record Maintenance – Directive 2015-09. This mailing targets voters that we have not had any contact with since May 2013. Approximately 5,000 cards will be mailed out. Barrett Brothers will process the mailing (from information supplied by the SOS) and the cost will be about \$0.20 apiece.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

June 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Certification of Independent Candidate Petitions,
July 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting,
June 26, 2015, SOS Summer Conference in Columbus,
August 5, 2015 by 4:00 p.m., Filing deadline for City, Village, Township and School Board Offices and Questions & Issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

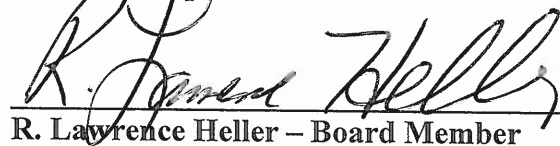
2015-36 – At 10:43 a.m. Larry Heller made the motion to adjourn. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.



Rick W. Combs– Board Chairman

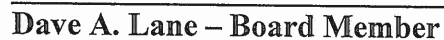


Paul L. Campbell – Board Member

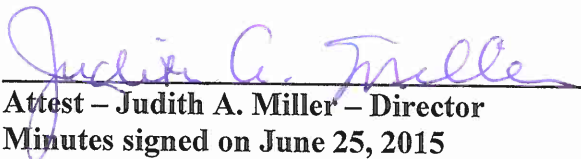


R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member

Deceased – 6-16-2015



Dave A. Lane – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller – Director
Minutes signed on June 25, 2015

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 28, 2015**

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May 18, 2015

Mr. Richard L. Heller
1044 Sagebrush Court
Loveland, OH 45140

Dear Mr. Heller:

Congratulations on being recommended by the Executive Committee of the Clermont County Republican Party to be a member of the Clermont County Board of Elections. I am pleased to appoint you for the unexpired term ending February 29, 2016 to succeed Timothy Rudd.

I am enclosing your Certificate of Appointment, Oath of Office and a copy of the Ethics Law with receipt. Your Oath of Office must be executed and filed with the Clerk of Courts in your county immediately. Please return the receipt for the Ethics Law to my office, attention Valerie Bunting.

I am looking forward to working with you and I am sure you will find your position to be challenging and rewarding. My staff and I are happy to assist you with your new duties, simply call my office at (614) 466-2585.

Sincerely,

Jon Husted

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BARBARA A. WIEDENBEIN
CLERK OF COMMON PLEAS COURT
CLERMONT COUNTY, OH

Board of Elections

Oath of Office

State of Ohio

CLERMONT County, } ss.

I, Richard L. Heller do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Ohio, that I will enforce the election laws, protect and preserve the records and property pertaining to elections, and perform my duties as a Member of the Board of Elections to the best of my ability.

Signed, Richard L. Heller, in the

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22 day of MAY, in the
year two thousand and fifteen.

for: D. Miller
Signature

Judge, Clermont County Municipal Court
Title of Officer