

Chairman Rick Combs called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Larry Heller 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: None

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

2016-109 – Ray Lembke made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2016-110 – Larry Heller made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2016-111 – Ray Lembke made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of August 22, 2016. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Certification of Questions & Issues:

Director Miller explained the Questions & Issues with the Board. She stated all of the Questions & Issues have been sent to the Secretary of State’s Office for review.

2016-112 – Ray Lembke made the motion to approve the following Resolutions that were filed to place Tax Levies and Questions on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot which include:

Amelia Village – Replacement Tax Levy – (7 mills) – for a continuing period of time – to provide and maintain a police department,

Amelia Village – “Shall a Commission be Chosen to Frame a Charter?”

Village of Bethel – Initiative – To repeal Village Ordinance No. 1808 that imposed a 0.5 % Income Tax in the Village of Bethel on Residents and Wage Earners in the Village,

Village of Felicity – Renewal Tax Levy – (3.5 mills) – for 5 years – for current expenses,

Village of New Richmond – Increase of Income Tax – (1% Increase on Income) – for maintaining emergency services (50% to fire & ems and 50% to police),

Village of Williamsburg – Renewal Tax Levy – (5 mills) – for 5 years – for current operating expenses,

Franklin Township – Additional Tax Levy – (1 mill) – for 5 years – for maintaining and operating cemeteries,

Goshen Township – Additional Tax Levy – (3.4 mills) – for 5 years – for the operation of a police department,

Stonelick Township – Replacement Tax Levy – (4.9 mills) – for a continuing period of time – for fire & ems services,

Bethel-Tate Local School District – Overlaps into Brown County – Additional Tax levy – (6.6 mills) – for 5 years – for avoiding an operating deficit,

Clermont County Park District – Additional Tax Levy – (0.5 mill) for 10 years – for parks and recreational purposes.

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

Judy explained Stonelick Township is replacing 3 existing tax levies into 1 tax levy and there is a new House Bill that now allows for 3 levies to be combined into 1 levy.

2016-113 – Larry Heller made the motion to Certify the following Local Liquor Options and place them on the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot:

Miami Township “L” – Rusty Nail, Inc, dba The Rusty Nail, 339 Center St., Miami, OH 45147 – Single Site – Sunday Sales of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor – On/Off premises sales – (10:00 a.m. and midnight),

Wayne Township “C” – Deer Track Golf Course Inc and Patio, 6160 SR 727 Goshen, Ohio 45122 – (single site) – Weekday Sales of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor – On/Off premises sales

and Sunday Sales of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor – On/Off premises sales (ten a.m. and midnight) and
Williamsburg Village “A” - Valley View Lounge LLC, 102 Main St, Williamsburg, Ohio 45176 (single site), Sunday Sales of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquor, On/Off premises sales (eleven a.m. and midnight).

Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”. Judy advised the Board that the local options met all of the requirements per the Division of Liquor.

Certification of Candidates:

Judy explained the Candidates that are being Certified to the November 8, 2016 General Election Ballot. The Amelia Charter Issue requires 15 candidates and they chose to file as a single petition; they needed 25 valid signatures and had 49 valid signatures.

2016-114 – Ray Lembke made the motion to Certify the 15 Candidates who filed to serve on the Amelia Village Charter Commission. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy explained that we are the most populous county of the 17 counties within the State Board of Education 10th District race and this is for a regular term, this is a nonpartisan race.

2016-115 – Larry Heller made the motion to Certify the Candidate Petitions who filed for Member of the State Board of Education (10th District) for the full term commencing 1-1-2017, Braydon L. Bevens and Nick Owens. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

At 10:21 a.m. the Board went off the Record to review the list of Democratic and Republican Poll Workers list.

At 10:29 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

Appointment of Poll Workers by September 15, 2016:

After reviewing the list of poll workers the following motion was made:

2016-116 – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the list of Republican Poll Workers for the Year September 15, 2016 thru September 14, 2017 with the exception of Marcia Heller (MI-X), who will be approved at the September meeting (Marcia is Larry Heller’s wife). Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

2016-117 – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept the list of Democratic Poll Workers for the Year September 15, 2016 thru September 14, 2017. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Precinct and Polling Location Changes:

Judy advised the Board of several precinct and polling locations that require action from the Board. There is a limit of 1,400 voters per precinct and Union Township U is at the limit and needs to be split. The voters will continue to vote at the same polling location, Clough Pike Elementary. The Seipelt Elementary School has been replaced by a new Seipelt Elementary School. The Mosaic Cincinnati Church is not suitable after having renovation done to the building.

2016-118 – Larry Heller made the motion :

To split Precinct Union U, maintaining 843 voters in Union U and create precinct Union V1V which will contain 557 voters (effective today) and the voters of both precincts will continue to vote at the Clough Pike Elementary School and

To transfer the polling location for Miami Township N from Seipelt Elementary located at 5684 Cromley Drive to the new Seipelt Elementary located at 900 St. Rt. 131 effective at the General Election of November 8, 2016 and all elections thereafter and

to transfer the polling location for precincts Miami Township R, containing 821 registered voters and Miami Township C1C, containing 722 registered voters from the Mosaic Cincinnati Church located at 1301 St. Rt. 131, Milford to the new Seipelt Elementary School located at 900 St. Rt. 131, Milford. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon discussion Judy stated that the voters effected by these changes will be notified by a letter, a new voter ID card and it will be newspapers. A sign/banner will be posted at the old location advising of the change. She added that the new Seipelt School has plenty of parking and is an overall better location. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Hiring of Deputy Director Trainee:

2016-119 – Larry Heller made the motion to hire Julia Carney of 4722 Brookfield Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244 (Union Township), a registered Republican in Clermont County, as Deputy Director Trainee, effective September 26, 2016, at a salary of \$58,000 annually, with three (3) weeks paid vacation accruing during the first year with the Clermont County Board of Elections, and to include all benefits available as any other employee which includes hospitalization (payable on a co-shared basis with the County effective 60 days after hire or December 1, 2016), along with other optional medical benefits offered by the Clermont County Commissioners, PERS benefits and any other benefits she may be eligible for. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

2017 Fiscal Budget:

Office Staff Salaries: Rick explained that he would like to have two members from the Board (D & R) to review and study the salaries to give the staff a raise. He wants a uniform way on how to evaluate each year what we need for the raises. He wants to do it formally and have a unified support on the Board for what is deserved. Ray would like to know what other county Board of Elections do. Rick would like Larry to do it for the Republicans and Ray stated he would do it if Paul didn't want to.

Poll worker Pay: Rick also wants to get the poll worker pay increased for next year. Any changes we want to make for 2017 must be submitted to the Commissioner no later than October 1, 2016.

Ray addressed the Board regarding new employee, Barb Hudson. She was brought in at \$13.50 and our lowest paid employee is at \$15.00, he would like to bring her up. Rick agreed that there was some misinformation regarding the salaries when she was hired. Larry didn't feel comfortable giving her the same as an employee that had been here several years. The Board discussed the issue further.

2016-120 – Ray Lembke made the motion to revise the salary of Barbara Hudson to \$14.50 retroactive to August 1, 2016 and to increase her salary to \$14.75 after probation. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Miller updated the Board on the upcoming General Election. We are 80 days out from the election.

She has been interviewing for the part-time office help.

We will process the absentee applications in the office until in house voting starts and then we will use the Corcoran Building for the absentee data entry.

To date we have had 591 absentee requests and 146 UOCAVA. We are preparing for 25,000 mail absentee ballots and 10,000 walk-in absentee ballots.

Golden Week begins October 6; we can start absentee voting in the office if there are no changes on this decision. The regular scheduled date to vote is October 12.

Dan Shebesta came in to set up the ballot layout; we wanted to make sure we didn't need a second ballot. The ballot layout is due August 29.

Janet Everhardt filed to be a write-in candidate in the 2nd Congressional District, this covers the entire county.

Tom Bixler filed as an independent candidate and did not request to have “non party candidate” under his name on the ballot.

Judy discussed the video that she wants to make for the poll worker training classes. She spoke to Steve Rablot and if the county does it, it would only be about a 10 minute video which isn't long enough to be effective. Judy checked with Rich Lane and he could shoot the video but we would have to pay approximately \$1,000 for editing. She will continue to look into this.

The Chamber of Commerce is holding a Women's Day, October 5, 2016 at the Oasis Conference Center. They would like a table with registration cards and election related material. Larry and Rick do not want to participate; they feel that they are a partisan group. The Board will revisit this topic when Paul is in attendance.

The NCOA (change of addresses) and Supplemental (no activity) mailing went out. There were 5,708 NCOA's and 7,216 Supplemental's. This mailing deals with voters that could be involved in the purge of 2018.

Judy advised the Board that Kevin Horvath (ES&S) will be here today to work on attaching the mag strip readers (to read the driver's license) and Jerry Amick (ES&S) will be here tomorrow to install an upgrade to the tablets.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley is on vacation.

RESOLUTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

September 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Board Meeting,
September 24, 2016 – UOCAVA ballots sent out.

ADJOURNMENT:

2016-121 – At 11:31 a.m. Ray Lembke made the motion to adjourn. Larry Heller 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 21, 2016