

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Beth Hamad – SOS Liaison, Kathy Turner – Batavia Village Council Candidate

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

2017-76 – Ray Lembke made the motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2017-77 – Larry Heller made the motion to approve the July 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Director Miller pointed out to the Board that the first payment for the annual warranty/maintenance fee for the DS-200's and DS-850 is on this month's bills.

2017-78 – Larry Heller made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of August 15, 2017. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**Certification of Candidates and Questions and Issues to the
General Election Ballot of November 7, 2017**

Candidates:

Judy reviewed the process for candidates to withdraw their petitions whereby a candidate may withdraw their petition before the Board takes action on it and refile by the August 9th filing deadline. If the Board takes action on a petition and the petition is rejected that candidate cannot file as a write-in candidate.

2017-79 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the letters of withdraw from the following candidates to withdraw their petitions; Tiffany Riddle (Bethel Tate School Board-full term), Gary Stephens (Bethel Tate School Board-unexpired term), Tom Bixler (Goshen School Board), David Peters (Washington Township Trustee), who refiled their petitions and Paulette Smith (Bethel Village Council) and Gary Jordan (Williamsburg Township Trustee). Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy advised the Board that there were petitions that required Board review. The Board reviewed the petitions requiring review by the Board and had questionable and non-genuine signatures.

At 10:55 a.m. the Board went off the Record to wait for Mary Lynne Birck (Prosecutor's Office).

At 10:58 a.m. the Board went back on the Record and Mary Lynne Birck entered the meeting.

At 11:13 a.m. the Board went off the Record so Mary Lynne could review the questions regarding the petitions.

At 11:25 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

Mary Lynne advised the Board with regard to Petitions where it was obvious that one signer signed their own name and then “possibly” signed another person's name. After a review of the Revised Code, Mary Lynne advised the Board that they had the choices of either invalidating the entire petition or just the signature in question on the Petition Part. Rick suggested the Board take off the questionable names and count all the verified signatures. Paul added that we spent a lot of time on something we shouldn't have had to do and they should know how to do it and to take the questionable names off. Larry suggested to

take names off unless we see something fraudulent in an effort to try to get people on the ballot. Ray agreed to take the non-genuine names off and keep the good names.

2017-80 – Ray Lembke made the motion to reject the petitions of Chris Huser – Batavia School Board (candidate's petition address is not the same as his registered address in DIMS), Delores Daniel – Amelia Village Council, Mark S. Elliott – Monroe Township Trustee, Mark E. Ewing – Batavia School Board, Donnie Woodall – Felicity Franklin School Board, and Jason Chandler – Goshen School Board (not enough valid signatures). Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2017-81 – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the following petitions for Bryan Coogan – Bethel Council, Amy Brewer – Milford City Council, Kim D. M. Simmons – Monroe Township Trustee, Edward Cooper – Stonelick Township Trustee, Gary Reed – Tate Township Trustee, Mike McCarthy – Tate Township Trustee, Rus Whitley – Tate Township Trustee, Minta Colvin – New Richmond Village Council, Rodney Henry – New Richmond Village Council, Karey Herrin – New Richmond Village Council, Darren Walriven – New Richmond Village Council, Raymond Walriven, Jr. – New Richmond Village Council, and David E. Yockey – Milford Board of Education. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Mary Lynne left the meeting.

2017-82 – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept the names changes of candidates as they want to appear on the ballot for Woolery Charles Napier as Charles Napier, Windell Franklin Morrow as Frank Morrow, Lloyd Derrick Campbell as Derrick Campbell, Beverly Jo Caudill as Jo Caudill, and George Fred Bauer as Fred Bauer. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2017-83 – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept all other petitions that were not subject to prior discussion. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon discussion Paul asked to amend the motion to add that these petitions have been determined to be valid by the staff. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Questions & Issues:

2017-84 – Ray Lembke made the motion to approve the following Municipal and Township Resolutions, Tax Levies and Questions for the November 7, 2017 General Election Ballot, including the Little Miami School District Bond Issue and any other Issues Certified from any other overlapping counties:

Village of Moscow – Electric Aggregation – with opt-out provisions,

Village of New Richmond – Electric Aggregation – with opt-out provisions,

Village of Newtonsville – Renewal Tax Levy – (1.4 mills) – for 5 years – for current expenses,

Batavia Township – Electric Aggregation – with opt-out provisions,

Batavia Township – Gas Aggregation – with opt-out provisions,

Jackson Township – Replacement Tax Levy – (2 mills) – for 5 years – for fire & EMS,

Monroe Township – Electric Aggregation – with opt-out provisions,

Monroe Township – Gas Aggregation – with opt-out provisions,

Pierce Township (Unincorporated Area) – Renewal Tax Levy – (2.3 mills) – for 5 years – for collection and disposal of garbage,

Tate Township (Unincorporated Area) – Electric Aggregation – with opt-out provisions,

Tate Township (Unincorporated Area) – Gas Aggregation – with opt-out provisions,

Wayne Township – Electric Aggregation – with opt-out provisions.

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

Judy reviewed the Local Option Petitions that did not have enough valid signatures.

2017-85 – Paul Campbell made the motion to reject the following petitions because they failed to obtain the required amount of valid signatures for:

Williamsburg Village "A" – Spiros Kritikos dba Mama's Grill (required 95 only had 89 valid) and

Miami Township "K1K" – Kaleshwari, Inc. dba JP's Food Mart (120 were required and 81 valid). Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2017-86 – Larry Heller made the motion to certify the following Local Liquor Option Petitions and place them on the November 7, 2017 General Election ballot:

Milford City "G" – RJM Management LLC dba Lehr's Prime Market, Sunday Sales of spirituous liquors (10 am to midnight),

Monroe Township "D" – DJ's General Store, Inc., Sunday Sales of beer, wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquors (10 am to midnight), and
Williamsburg Village "C" – Hilltop One Quick Stop, LLC dba Marathon, Sunday Sales of wine and mixed beverages and spirituous liquors (10 am to midnight). Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Appointment of Precinct Election Officials:

Judy gave the Board the lists of Democratic and Republican Precinct Election Workers for review. She also advised the Board to remove one PEO from the Republican list as she did not respond back to us.

2017-87 – Ray Lembke made the motion to appoint the Precinct Election Workers, Democrat and Republican, by September 15, 2017 with the exception of Sidnie Reed (D) and Marsha Heller (R). Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2017-88 – Paul Campbell made the motion to appoint Marsha Heller (R) as a Precinct Election Worker by September 15, 2017. Seconded by Ray Lembke. Upon roll call, Paul Campbell – "yes", Larry Heller – "abstain", Ray Lembke – "yes", and Rick Combs – "yes".

2017-89 – Ray Lembke made the motion to appoint Sidnie Reed (D) as a Precinct Election Worker by September 15, 2017. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Paul Campbell – "abstain", Larry Heller – "yes", Ray Lembke – "yes", and Rick Combs – "yes".

Personnel Matters:

Chairman Combs read into the record the retirement letter from Director Judy Miller effective December 31, 2017.

2017-90 – Larry Heller made the motion to accept Judy Miller's letter of retirement. Paul Campbell reluctantly seconded the motion. Upon discussion Paul stated she is something to behold in this office. Rick added that she has done a very good job and has made it easy for him and he wishes her well and is always welcome. Ray stated that she has been a tremendous help to him and is sad to see her go. Larry also wishes her well. Rick reminded Julia to contact the Secretary of State of this notice. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Advertisement of Deputy Director Position:

Judy discussed the advertisement for the Deputy Director position. Judy contacted the Secretary of State's Office and their advice was to make Julia the Director and advertise for a Deputy Director position (effective January 1, 2018) and a Democrat Board Member will become chairman of the Board. That person will come in as an interim trainee effective on or about September 25, 2017. We need to request from the Commissioners addition money to cover the cost of hiring a Deputy Director and an increase in the poll worker pay. Judy has the letter ready for the Board to sign.

At 12:26 p.m. the Chairman requested to go off the Record for a brief recess.

At 12:29 p.m. the Board went back on the Record.

Paul would like to know when the final advertisement is ready.

2017-91 – Paul Campbell made the motion to approve the advertisement for Deputy Director position effective on January 1, 2018 with interim training to begin not earlier than September 25, 2017 with 90 days' probation with a starting salary in the high \$50's. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Holiday Schedule Change:

2017-92 – Larry Heller made the motion to approve a holiday for staff on December 26, 2017 in place of the Veteran's Day holiday scheduled for November 10, 2017, which is in the middle of the General Election Certification cycle. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

RESOLUTIONS:

Chairman Combs read into the minutes a Resolution for Stephen Rabolt retiring County Administrator. The Board agreed he has done a wonderful job and has been very helpful to this Board.

2017-93 – Paul Campbell made the motion to approve the Resolution recognizing retiring County Administrator Stephen Rabolt for his years of service. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Judy reminded the Board of the situation with the Oasis Conference Center polling location. After talking to the Oasis regarding the contract, they advised that we can take out the “hold harmless and indemnification clause.” It is satisfactory with Allen Edwards to cross out the desired paragraphs and initial the corrections in the contract. The Oasis prepared contracts for May and November 2018 with the increase to \$400 per election. Judy still thinks this is the best option and location for a polling location. We could look to make changes in 2019.

2017-94 – Ray Lembke made the motion to contract this year and next year with the Oasis Conference Center paying \$200 for the November 2017 election and \$400 for each election in 2018 (May and November); and we will renegotiate after the last election in 2018. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”

Judy would also like to change the polling locations of Brandy Chase (UN-L) to the Withamsville Elementary School and the Milford American Legion (MD-A) to the Pattison School. Brandy Chase doesn’t have a lot of parking and the Milford American Legion is not ADA compliant.

2017-95 – Paul Campbell made the motion to move the polling locations, as recommended by the Director, Deputy Director and staff, Brandy Chase (UN-L) to the Withamsville Elementary School and the Milford American Legion (MD-A) to the Pattison School. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy advised the Board that Washington Township Firehouse #2 has been sold. There are three other locations available as polling locations. We are going to look at the other locations on August 24. Rick inquired that all voters in those precincts would be notified of the polling location changes.

Dan Shebesta (ES&S) is here today to start the ballot design. Brett Harbage is here working with the ADA.

Julia prepared all of the Local Liquor Option Ballot Language and SOS Notifications and did a great job.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Julia gave the Board Members Clermont County lapel pins from the Commissioners. She has had several conversations with Mary Lynne Birck (Prosecutor’s Office) regarding the personnel policy, which is still in progress. She also mentioned that Larry noticed some links from our website to the Secretary of State’s website were not working but Robert Frost said they now should be working.

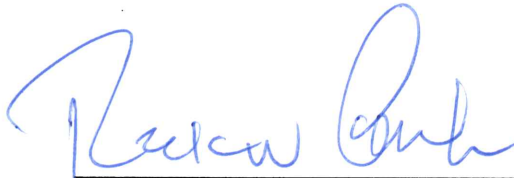
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

September 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting
October 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Public Test of
The General Election.

ADJOURNMENT:

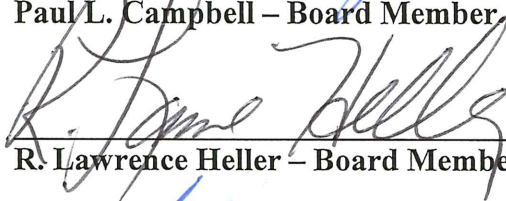
2017-96 – At 12:53 p.m. Paul Campbell made the motion to adjourn. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.



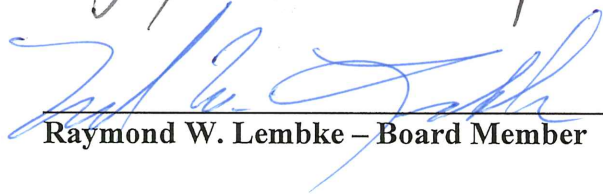
Rick W. Combs – Board Chairman



Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member



Raymond W. Lembke – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller – Director

Minutes signed on September 28, 2017

Figure 1 illustrates a single-layered, two-dimensional, isotropic, and homogeneous material. The material is represented by a rectangular block. A vertical line through the center represents a crack. The crack is labeled "Crack" and "Crack opening". The material is labeled "Material" and "Material properties".

