

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Gregg Conrad led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Larry Heller – Yes

Also present were Director Julia Carney, Deputy Director Chris Dennison and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

III. Other Attendees – Jay Dee Noble and Mary Lynne Birck (Prosecutor's Office-arrived at 10:13 am)

IV. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

2018-108 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

V. Approval of Minutes

2018-109 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2018-110 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2018 Special Board Meeting. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Approval of Bills as of August 17, 2018

2018-111 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of August 17, 2018. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Certification of Questions and Issues

All of the schools, municipalities, and townships have met the requirements for submittal for tax levies and aggregates.

There is one State Issue – Neighborhood Safety, Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation State Constitutional Amendment. The Kidney Dialysis Patient Protection Ohio Constitutional Amendment did not make it onto the ballot.

Two Initiative Petitions were filed but were not complete: Initiative Petition to amend Amelia Charter and Initiative Petition to repeal Bethel Village Income Tax.

A. Review of School Issues filed

B. Motion to accept and place the School Issues on the November General Election Ballot

2018-112 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept and place the following School Issues on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot:

Batavia Local School District – Bond Levy – 6 mills – 32 years – new construction, improvements, additions, equipment, furnishings and Tax Levy – additional – 1 mill – continuing – acquisition, improvements,

Williamsburg Local School District/Brown County Overlap – Renewal – 7.32 mills – 5 years – avoiding an operating deficit,
Great Oaks Career Campuses/Hamilton County most populous – Renewal – 2.7 mills – continuous – current expenses, and
Brown County Educational Service Center – Additional 1.95 mills – continuous – current expenses.

Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

C. Review of Municipal Issues

D. Motion to accept and place the Municipal Issues on the November General Election Ballot
2018-113 – Mr. Heller made the motion to accept and place the following Municipal Issues on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot:

Felicity Village – Renewal – 6 mills – 5 years – police,

Moscow Village – Renewal (1) with an increase (6) – 7 mills – 5 years – current expenses,

Newtonsville Village – Additional – 1.4 mills – 5 years – police,

Williamsburg Village – Additional – 2.75 mills – 5 years – police.

Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

E. Review of Township Issues

F. Motion to accept and place the Township Issues on the November General Election Ballot
2018-114 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept and place the following Township Issues on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot:

Goshen Township – Replacement (3.5) with an increase (1) – 4.5 mills – 5 years – fire & EMS,

Pierce Township (Unincorporated Area) – natural gas aggregation,

Pierce Township (Unincorporated Area) – electric aggregation,

Miami Township – Additional – 1 mill – continuing – streets/roads/bridges,

Monroe Township – Replacement – 3 mills – continuing – fire & EMS,

Monroe Township – Replacement – 1 mill – continuing – fire & EMS,

Stonelick Township (Unincorporated Area) – electric aggregation,

Tate Township – Additional – 0.6 mill – continuing – police,

Wayne Township – Additional – 2 mills – continuing – fire & EMS.

Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call,

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

G. Review of Local Liquor Options

Director Carney reviewed the local option petitions. The Bethel Village – A petition does not have enough valid signatures because many of the signers did not write “Bethel” in the space indicating the village and wrote “village” instead. The addresses are in the village. Mary Lynne Birck addressed the Board regarding this issue; there is case law directly on point regarding requiring substantial compliance. If there is any information on the petition that would mislead or an actual inaccuracy, failure to place the name of the city on the residence where you do not have any inaccuracy would be adequate compliance. The Secretary of State instructs that the full/complete address and the appropriate city, village, or township must be included. The Board agreed that the petitions were substantially compliant.

H. Motion to accept all Local Options

2018-115 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the following Local Option Petitions and place them on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot:

Batavia – L – Amelia Deli, Inc, dba Amelia Carryout – Sunday Sales,

Batavia – M – Batavia C Store, dba Batavia Sunoco – Sunday Sales,

Batavia – M – Batavia Drive Thru Inc., dba Benjys Drive Thru – Sunday Sales,

Bethel Village – A – entire precinct,

Bethel Village – B – entire precinct,

Milford – E – Little Miami Brewing Company – Sunday Sales.

Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

VIII. Appointment of Precinct Election Officials by September 15, 2018

A. Appointment of Precinct Election Workers (PEO's) by September 15, 2018

2018-116 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the list of Republican PEO's with the exception of Marsha Heller. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

B. Appointment of Marsha Heller as a Precinct Election Worker (PEO) by September 15, 2018

2018-117 – Mr. Combs made the motion to appoint Marsha Heller (R) as a Precinct Election Official. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Abstain
Mr. Lembke – Yes

Director Carney advised the Board that there were six workers (3-D & 3-R) that were not reappointed.

C. Appointment of Democrat Precinct Election Workers by September 15, 2018.

2018-118 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the list of Democrat PEO's. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

IX. Director's Report

A. Budget

1. Director Carney reviewed and gave the Board a summary of the budget.

2. SOS Reimbursements for Pathfinder Consultant

The Secretary of State will provide up to \$30,000 for a consultant to look at our computer system. Director Carney looked at two consultants and she would like to recommend Paul Weingartner, Cincinnati State. He is working with several other counties.

3. SOS allocation for PEO training

The Secretary of State reimbursed us \$1,303.00 for poll worker training. Lora Richards will be conducting the training sessions. The training classes have been scheduled for October.

B. Cybersecurity

4. Directive 2018-15

We have been actively attending the training on cybersecurity and following the Directive, it requires us to select someone to review our systems.

At 10:47 a.m., the Board recessed.

At 10:50 a.m., the Board returned from recess.

5. SOS Training

6. Pathfinder Consultant – Paul Weingartner, Cincinnati State

Director Carney would like to use Paul Weingartner as our consultant, his professional service fee is \$7,500, and he is working with three other counties. He will make recommendations regarding actions we may want to take for the cybersecurity to our system. The Board will be reimbursed from the Secretary of State for his fees.

2018-119 – Mr. Combs made the motion to enter into an agreement with Weingartner Enterprises, LLC for provision of Pathfinder Services pursuant to Directive 2018-15-Cybersecurity, with review from our legal counsel. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

C. Enhancements to Voter Registration System

This produces absentee reports, which can be accessed from the website, allowing the public to capture the daily absentee voter reports instead of our staff having to create the reports and email them to those requesting the information.

2018-120 – Mr. Combs made the motion to enter into an agreement with ESSVR, LLC to provide a registration system for \$3,552.50, which will augment our providing the citizens of Clermont County better information about their candidates and the election process. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

X. Deputy Director's Report

A. Remote Ballot Marking System

Deputy Director Dennison reminded the Board that they must choose a Remote Ballot Marking System by September 1, 2018, per a Secretary of State Directive, and that we received \$17,776.50 for this purchase. The system will be instituted by the 2019 General Election to be ready for the 2020 Presidential General Election. He reviewed four systems: Secure Select, Prime III, Accessible Ballot Marking System, and myBallot. His preference and recommendation is Secure Select, their cost is \$12,086.00, with yearly license and support for \$1,715.00.

2018-121 – Mr. Heller made the motion to enter into an agreement with Secure Select to purchase a Remote Ballot Marking System, once approved by our Legal Counsel. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Combs wanted to be sure that this would be completed by the September 1, 2018 deadline. Deputy Director Dennison will get a contract from them and upon approval of Counsel it should be fine.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

XI. Upcoming Dates

September 20, 2018 – UOCAVA Ballots to be available,

September 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting,

October 9, 2018 – Last day to register to vote for the General Election – office open until 9:00 pm,

October 10, 2018 – Absentee voting begins,

October 25, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Public Test,

November 6, 2018, at 6:30 a.m. – General Election Day Meeting.

XII. Executive Session

2018-122 – At 11:16 a.m., Mr. Heller made the motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to R.C. § 121.22(G) (1) to discuss compensation of public employees. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2018-123 – At 11:29 a.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

2018-124 – At 11:30 a.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Heller seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

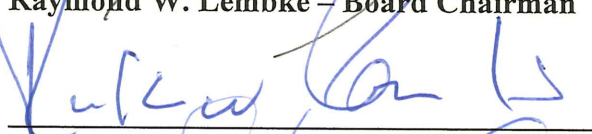
Mr. Combs – Yes


Mr. Conrad – Yes

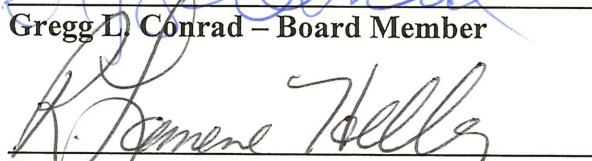
Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes


Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman


Rick W. Combs – Board Member


Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member


R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member

Date

9/27/2018

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 20, 2018

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Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 3:04 PM
To: clermont sun
Subject: bd mtg notices
Attachments: 2018 july 23 & august 20.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attached notice regarding upcoming Board Meetings for the Clermont County Board of Elections. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you,

Becky Rudd
Clermont County Board of Elections
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**Notice of Meetings
Clermont County Board of Elections
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The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for the following dates:

July 23, 2018 at 8:30 a.m., to review petitions for Libertarian candidates, and
August 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., rescheduled Regular August Board Meeting and certify petitions of non-partisan candidates and local options for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

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

Julia Carney - Director

