

A court stenographer attended and recorded the meeting today.

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Mr. Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes
Rick Combs – Yes
Larry Heller – Yes
Also present were Julia Carney – Director, Chris Dennison – Deputy Director, and Becky Rudd – Clerk talking record.

Other Attendees: Mary Lynne Birck – Prosecutor’s Office, Gregg Conrad, Lori Holzhauser – court stenographer, Chris Hicks, and Paul Kamphaus – Sheriff Deputy

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

2018-14 – Mr. Combs made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Lembke – Yes
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes

IV. Approval of Minutes

2018-15 – Mr. Heller made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2018 Regular Monthly Board Meeting. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Lembke – Yes
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes

V. Approval of Bills

2018-16 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of February 16, 2018. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Lembke – Yes
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Heller –Yes

VI. Certification of Candidates to May 8, 2018 Primary Ballot:

A. Motion on Petitions Requested to be withdrawn

Director Carney advised the Board of the candidates that requested to have their petitions withdrawn. They are:
Calvin Pauley-(R) – County Central Committee Miami Township C,
Carl C. Hoerth III-(R) – County Central Committee Stonelick Township B, and
Nathan M. Little-(R) – County Central Committee Union Township F1F (Nathan Little was the only candidate that refiled petitions).

2018-17 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the letters of withdraw for the aforementioned candidates. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Lembke – Yes
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Heller –Yes

B. Motion to Accept Names of Candidates as they desire to be listed on the ballot, which is different from their name as listed on their registration and/or petition

Director Carney explained there are several candidates with a variation of their name as they want it to appear on the ballot.

| <u>Legal Name</u> | <u>Name they want to be on the ballot</u> |
|--------------------------|---|
| Susan Elaine Barnett-(D) | Elaine Barnett – County Auditor |
| Mark Douglas Green-(R) | Doug Green – State Rep 66 th District |
| Richard L. Heller-(R) | Larry Heller – County Central Committee Miami Township X |
| Richard Aaron Maus-(R) | Aaron Maus – County Central Committee Washington Township B |

2018-18 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the names of the candidates, that requested name changes as provided today. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller –Yes

C. Motions on Petitions to be reviewed

a. Democrat County Central Committee petitions with the exception of Raymond Lembke

2018-19 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the Democrat County Central Committee Petitions with the exception of Raymond Lembke - Pierce Township B. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller –Yes

b. Democrat County Central Committee Petition for Raymond Lembke- Pierce Township B and any other conflicts

2018-20 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the Democrat County Central Committee petition for Raymond Lembke. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Abstain

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller –Yes

c. Republican County Central Committee Petitions with the exception of Rick Combs – Miami Township E, Larry Heller – Miami Township X, Jacqueline Block – Union Township D, Stephanie Swindling – Milford H and any other conflicts

2018-21 – Mr. Heller made the motion to accept the Republican County Central Committee Petitions with the exception of Rick Combs, Larry Heller, Jacqueline Block, and Stephanie Swindling. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller –Yes

d. Republican County Central Committee Petition for Rick Combs – MI-E

2018-22 – Mr. Heller made the motion to accept the petition for Rick Combs for Republican County Central Committee – Miami Township E. Ray Lembke seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs – Abstain

Mr. Heller –Yes

e. Republican County Central Committee Petitions for Larry Heller – MI-X, Jacqueline Block – UN-D and Stephanie Swindling MD-H

2018-23 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petitions for Larry Heller, Jacqueline Block, and Stephanie Swindling. Mr. Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller –Abstain

The portion of the agenda to review and reject problem petitions was inadvertently left off. It is therefore necessary to rescind a motion.

2018-24 – Mr. Heller made the motion to rescind the motion (2018-21) that accepted the list of Republican County Central Committee petitions with the exception of Rick Combs, Larry Heller, Jacqueline Block, and Stephanie Swindling. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller –Yes

Director Carney reviewed the problem petitions with the Board.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board recessed to contact the Secretary of State's Office for an opinion regarding a petition where the petitioner did not include the date of the election on the petition.

At 11:15 a.m. the Board returned from recess.

Mary Lynne Birck addressed the Board regarding this issue. This situation is similar to others that courts have had. They have found the omission as opposed to an error in the date, which would be confusing or mislead a signer, in other ways it would not, depending upon the type of petition. She advised the Board would be within the law to say it would be substantially compliant with the request. Mr. Lembke indicated that if there is nothing in the law that says we have to reject this, he is generally inclined to accept it.

f. Certify all other Candidates to the May 8, 2018 Primary Ballot

2018-25 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept and Certify all other Central Committee Candidates with the exception of those candidates that the Board determined to be invalid; Bill Boggess (candidate did not sign the petition), Patricia A. Ahr (not enough valid signatures), Penny Gortemiller (collected signatures before candidate signed the petition), David Kahle (not enough valid signatures), Kelly Maddox Louk (not enough valid signatures), Kenneth Barg (not enough valid signatures), James A. Kidwell, Sr. (not enough valid signatures). Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Director Carney gave the Board correspondence from Suellen Brafford, she is representing Christopher Hicks and Tommie Bixler and a letter from Claire Corcoran.

Director Carney advised the Board on the County Commissioner petitions of Michael Collins and David Uible that included the incorrect term commencing date of 1-2-2019 (correct date is 1-1-2019). Only one commissioner position is on the ballot for this election, when two commissioners are being elected term dates determine which seat they are running for. Mr. Lembke cited O.R.C. 3513.08 paragraph two, each person filing a declaration of candidacy for nomination at a primary election as a candidate for election to the office of county commissioner, in addition to designation in the declaration the office for election to which he seeks the nomination, shall, if two or more commissioners of the same county are to be elected at any one election, designate the term of the office for election to which he seeks the nomination by stating therein if a full term, the date of the commencement of the term. He interprets this as, in a year that we are electing two commissioners in the same election then you are required to state the commencement date of the term you are running for, and when only one commissioner is being elected you are not required to state the commencement date.

Mr. Combs inquired if these candidates could have gotten this date from somewhere else.

Deputy Director Dennison stated that there were three places on our website with commissioner term commencing dates, and in two places, the date was incorrect. This website information had the commissioner term date incorrect for some time.

The Board agreed that the incorrect term date was not a fatal error.

2018-26 – Mr. Combs made the motion to certify all other candidates to the May 8, 2018 Primary Ballot for the following races:

State Representative (65th District – Democrat & Republican), State Representative (66th District – Democrat & Republican), Clermont County Commissioner (Republican), Clermont County Auditor (Democrat & Republican), three Clermont County Common Pleas Court Judge (Republican), State Central Committee Man (14th Senatorial District – Democrat & Republican), State Central Committee Woman (14 Senatorial District – Democrat & Republican), Clermont County Central Committee (Democratic & Republican) and including the candidates certified to us for the 2nd Congressional District (Hamilton County) and the 12th District Court of Appeals Judicial (term 2/9/2019 – Butler County). Mr. Heller seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

VII. Review of Questions & Issues

2018-27 – Mr. Heller made the motion to approve the following Resolutions and place them on the May 8, 2018 Primary Ballot: Clermont County Developmental Disabilities – Renewal Tax Levy – (0.75 mill) – for 5 years – for operation of Developmental Disabilities programs, services and facilities, Washington Township (unincorporated area) – Additional Tax Levy – (0.4 mill) – for a continuing period of time – for providing and maintaining police, and the Little Miami Local School District (overlap from Warren County) – Bond Issue for \$64,600,000 – (3.6 mills) – for 37 years – for new construction, improvements, renovations, equipment, furnishings and site

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

VIII. Leave Request by Becky Rudd

Director Carney advised the Board that Becky Rudd asked for time off on May 29 & 30, which is during the election cycle. The Board left the decision to the discretion of the Director and Deputy Director.

IX. Director's Report

Director Carney advised the Board of a request to have a protest hearing concerning commissioner petitions. She added that we could also have protests against the write-in candidates and suggested holding the hearing on a date to cover any additional protests. The protest hearing was set for March 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

We are working on the ballot drafts; there will be four different ballot types for this election; Republican, Democrat, Green and issues only.

Mr. Lembke brought up and Director Carney would like to schedule a recognition for former Board Member Paul Campbell after the March 29 Regular Board Meeting.

2018-28 – Mr. Combs made the motion to allow the Director and Deputy Director to spend up to \$200 for Paul Campbell's recognition. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

X. Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Dennison advised the Board that he has been working on the poll worker training manual with Leann Helton and Stephanie Haight. He might bring in Lora Richards prior to training to review the manuals. We are considering a weekend training day; there are some scheduling conflicts for poll workers. Mr. Lembke would like a copy of the training schedule when it is complete.

Mr. Heller inquired about the citizen inquiry regarding deceased voters and voters that no longer reside in the county and are still on the voter list. He would like to research the issue and be able to relay the information back to this person. Director Carney will follow up and get the information.

XI. Upcoming Calendar

February 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., Deadline for Write-In Candidates.
March 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

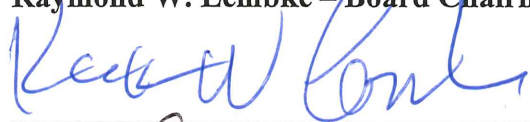
XII. Motion to Adjourn:

2018-29 – At 11:46 a.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

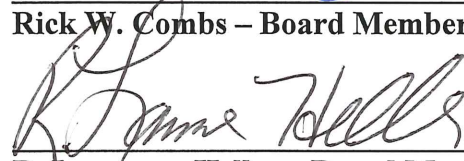
Mr. Lembke – Yes
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Heller –Yes



Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member

Date 3-22-2018

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2018

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Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 11:51 AM
To: rmaloney@communitypress.com; 'clermontsun@fuse.net'
Subject: bd mtg date chg
Attachments: 2018 feb date chg reg mtg.doc

Good Morning,

Please be advised and post the attached notice as a PSA (no cost) regarding the upcoming Board of Elections – February Board Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Becky Rudd
Clermont County Board of Elections

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 11:55 AM
To: 'legals@clermontsun.com'
Subject: bd mtg date change
Attachments: 2018 feb date chg reg mtg.doc

Good Morning,

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Thank you,

Becky Rudd
Clermont County Board of Elections
76 S. Riverside Dr.
Batavia, Ohio 45103
513-732-7275

**Clermont County Board of Elections
Notice of Change of Meeting Date
for February 2018**

The Clermont County Board of Elections has re-scheduled the 2018 February Regular Monthly Board Meeting for:
Friday February 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr.,
Batavia, 45103.

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Julia Carney – Director

