

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m. Larry Heller 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. Observers Sue Miller and Mary True attended the meeting. Beth Hamad – SOS Liaison arrived at 6:42 a.m.

III. Motion to Adopt the Agenda as Presented

2018-150 – Mr. Combs made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

IV. Motion to Open the Polls at 6:30 a.m. November 6, 2018

2018-151 – Mr. Heller made the motion to declare the polls open for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

V. Motion to allow staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (November 7, 2018) with half working from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the other half working from noon until 4:30 p.m.

2018-152 – Mr. Combs made the motion to allow the staff to work splits shifts the day after the election. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Motion that the staff work the Veterans Day Holiday, (November 12, 2018) as required by the Secretary of State, Directive 2018-33, in exchange for having December 24, 2018 off as a holiday.

2018-153 – Mr. Heller made the motion to allow the staff to exchange the Veterans Day holiday (November 12, 2018) for Christmas Eve (December 24, 2018). Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Combs asked for an explanation. Director Carney explained per the Secretary of State Directive, the office must be open November 10, 11, and 12 to cure absentee and provisional ballots. By exchanging the dates, we are also saving by not paying holiday/overtime pay.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Board to Review Absentee Ballots

The Board reviewed absentee ballots that were damaged, torn, defective, blank, had over votes or write-ins. They also reviewed absentee ballot envelopes that contained the incorrect precinct and those ballots that were returned with no stub. We have a bipartisan team prepared to remake the ballots.

2018-154 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the ballots as the Board determined. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2018-155 – At 8:12 a.m., Mr. Heller made the motion to stand in recess until 3:00 p.m. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

VIII. Board to Reconvene to Review Additional Absentee Ballots

2018-156 – At 3:28 p.m., Mr. Conrad made the motion to return from recess. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

The Board continued to review absentee ballots that required Board determinations.

2018-157 – Mr. Heller made the motion to allow the staff to remake torn ballots. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

2018-158 – At 4:45 p.m., Mr. Heller made the motion to go into recess and reconvene at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

2018-159 – At 5:07 p.m., Mr. Conrad made the motion to return from recess. Mr. Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

The Board continued to review the absentee ballots for overvotes.

2018-160 – Mr. Heller made the motion to go into recess. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

2018-161 – At 6:50 p.m., Mr. Conrad made the motion to return from recess. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:
Mr. Combs – Yes
Mr. Conrad – Yes
Mr. Heller – Yes
Mr. Lembke – Yes

The Board continued to review the absentee ballots for determinations.
Mr. Combs inquired about the amount of days the Director and Deputy Director have worked without a day off and will work due to cure dates for absentee and provisional ballots. He would like to authorize additional time off for them. Mr. Heller wants to look into the situation before we make a decision.
Mary Lynne Birck (Prosecutor's Office) entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and was asked if the Board can do this. She advised the Board that they could give them additional vacation days.

2018-162 – Mr. Combs made the motion to allow the Director and Deputy Director to take two days off in the next two weeks, during the cure period, and work out the schedule so the office is covered. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

IX. Motion to Close the Polls at 7:30 pm November 6, 2018

2018-163 – At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Heller made the motion to close the polls. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

At 7:30 p.m., the Board recessed.

2018-164 – At 9:33 p.m., Mr. Conrad made the motion to return from recess. Mr. Combs seconded the Motion. Upon roll call:

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

The Board reviewed additional absentee ballots for determinations.

At 9:52 p.m., the Board recessed.

At 10:04 p.m., the Board returned from recess.

The Board reviewed absentee ballots.

At 10:13 p.m., the Board recessed.

2018-165 – At 11:56 p.m., Mr. Conrad made the motion to return from recess. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

X. Motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the Election

2018-166 – Mr. Heller made the motion to accept the Unofficial Results of the November 6, 2018 General Election. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

At 12:03 a.m., the Board recessed.

At 12:06 a.m., the Board returned from recess.

XI. Motion to Accept the Results of the Test Deck

Mr. Lembke read from the control sheet while Mr. Combs compared the results of the newly run Test Deck and found the results to match and that the computer was counting accurately.

Mr. Conrad brought to the Board's attention that one of our rovers was accosted by more than one voter at the Goshen High School. The entrance to the building was changed at the last election however the door had been unlocked and voters came in the old entrance. The rover explained that it was not the entrance and the voters verbally abused the rover. Mr. Conrad wants to show support to the rover and our staff. Mr. Combs suggested splitting the precincts into another building and file a complaint with the Goshen Police. The Board will contact Mary Lynne Birck regarding the follow up on this matter.

XII. Upcoming Board Meetings and Dates

November 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., Open Official Canvas,
November 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., Certification of General Election & Regular Meeting,
Recounts must be held within 6-10 days after the Declaration of the Official Results of the
Election (December 3 – December 7).

XIII. Motion to Adjourn

2018-167 – At 12:32 a.m., Mr. Heller made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

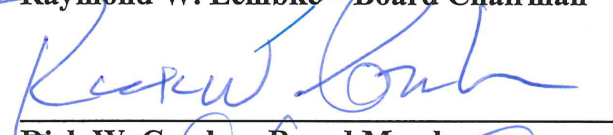
Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Heller – Yes

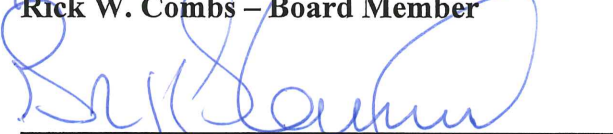
Mr. Lembke – Yes



Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member

Date

12/17/2018.

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 8:43 AM
To: clermont sun
Subject: mtg notice
Attachments: 2018 nov 6 -election day, canvass, cert & reg mtg.docx

Good Morning,

Please 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:

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

November 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. – Opening of Canvass and any other business the Board deems necessary.

November 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. – Certification of the November 2018 General Election & Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

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

Julia Carney - Director

