

**I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Grant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Ray Lembke – Chair – Yes

Rick Combs – Yes

Gregg Conrad – Yes

Richard Grant – Yes

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

**III. Other Attendees – Roy Gerber, Tim Rosser**

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

Deputy Director Dennison advised the Board he would like to add a line item on the agenda (F), absentee voting by bulk mail.

**2019-94** – Mr. Conrad made the motion to approve the amended agenda as presented. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**V. Public Participation – None.**

**VI. Approval of Minutes of the July 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting**

**2019-95** – Mr. Grant made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2019 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VII. Approval of Bills as of August 14, 2019 Meeting**

**2019-96** – Mr. Conrad made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of August 14, 2019. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**VIII. Certification of Non-Partisan Candidates:**

**A. Letters Submitted to Withdraw Candidacy**

Director Carney reviewed with the Board, candidates that timely submitted letters to withdraw their petitions. These candidates also refiled petitions.

**2019-97** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the letters of withdraw from the following candidates: Glenn Ewing (New Richmond Mayor), Donald G. Gates (Amelia Village Council), Bradley Webb (Batavia School Board), Christopher Goodman (Bethel Tate School Board), Julie Casey (Goshen School Board), Emily Chesnut (Milford School Board), Ryan Patton (West Clermont School Board), Tina Sanborn (West Clermont School Board). Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**B. Motion on Petitions to be Rejected**

Director Carney reviewed the candidate petitions that required Board review.

**2019-98** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petition of Marie Stevenson for Chilo Village Mayor. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2019-99** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petition of Glenn Ewing for New Richmond Village Mayor. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2019-100** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petition of Ryshel Bowling for Williamsburg Village Mayor. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2019-101** – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the petitions of Dave Ausman and Kelly Ausman for Felicity Village Council. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2019-102** – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the petition of Sandra K. Russell for Milford City Council. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2019-103** – Mr. Combs made the motion to reject the petition of Ken Van Skaik (Newtonsville Village Council) because he did not have enough valid signatures. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

**2019-104** – Mr. Conrad made the motion to reject the petition of Andrew J. Moran (New Richmond Village Mayor) because he did not have enough valid signatures. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2019-105** – Mr. Conrad made the motion to reject the petition of Adam Cowan (Williamsburg Village Mayor) because he did not have enough valid signatures. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2019-106** – Mr. Conrad made the motion to reject the petition of Dennis Elchlinger (Wayne Township Trustee) because he did not have enough valid signatures. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

Mr. Combs suggested investigating the validity of some of the signatures on this petition.

The Director and another staff member noticed that a portion of the Statement of Candidacy of Mr. Freeman's petition was not filled out completely when he was at the counter (signature and date). He then noticed it also, went outside, came back into the office and the petition was completed. This information should have been completed prior to him circulating the petition. The Director had concerns about backdating the petition.

At 10:53 a.m., the Board recessed for Legal Counsel's opinion.

At 11:10 a.m., the Board returned from recess. Mary Lynne Birck (Prosecutor's Office) entered the meeting.

Mary Lynne Birck advised the Board regarding the petition of Carl M. Freeman, candidate for Clermont Northeastern School Board. Her understanding is the Statement of Candidacy was not completely filled out when first presented at the counter. The date and signature line was not affixed. He was instructed to look through the petitions to make sure the information was accurate prior to submitting the petitions. He affixed the date of May 10, 2019 and then signed his name as a candidate and in fact it was not May 10, 2019 when he signed his signature to the statement of candidacy. The concern first is he back dated his signature, so the date of his signature is not correct, also the concern is the candidate did not follow the prescription under the Statement of Candidacy, stating the candidate must fill in, sign and date the Statement of Candidacy before the signature of electors are affixed. Had Mr. Freeman signed the petition and dated it on August 2, 2019 the petition would still be invalid because it was required before to be affixed. He made a false statement of the date. Had this been submitted without a date it would also be invalid. Mr. Combs asked if the date was missing or just his signature. The Director stated she knew it was blank, not sure of the date or signature or both. It is highly unlikely that that date was there by comparing the other petitions. Kim Beard (clerk) saw that the signature was not on the petition and thinks the entire line was blank (date).

It was Asst. Prosecutor's opinion that this petition should be rejected.

**2019-107** – Mr. Grant made the motion to reject the petition of Mike Freeman (Clermont Northeastern School Board) based on the recommendation of the Director and Legal Counsel. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conard – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

#### C. 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

The Board reviewed the list of candidates that request their name to appear on the ballot that is not their legal name but is a derivative of their name.

**2019-108** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the name changes of candidates as they want to appear on the ballot of Edward John Haskins as Ted Haskins, James Nathan Jeffries as Nathan Jeffries and Molly Darlene Jowers as Darlene Jowers. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conard – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

#### D. Accepted list of Candidates

**2019-109** – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the list of all their petitions that were not subject to prior discussion and rejection. List of approved candidates is attached to the minutes. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conard – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

At 11:25 a.m., the Board recessed.

At 11:26 a.m., the Board returned from recess.

**IX. Certification of Questions and Issues**

A. Motion to Reject Williamsburg Village Gas Aggregation

Director Carney explained the ordinance the council adopted incorrectly references the wrong Revised Code Section. They used the code section associated with electric aggregations (4928.20) instead of gas aggregations (4929.26).

**2019-110** – Mr. Combs made the motion to reject the Village of Williamsburg Gas Aggregation and not place on the ballot. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

B. Motion to Accept and Place the Issues filed in Clermont County along with the Questions on the November 5, 2019 General Election ballot

**2019-111** – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept and place on the ballot the following questions and issues on the ballot:

Tate Township – unincorporated area – additional tax levy – 0.4 mill – for police – for 5 years,

Village of Williamsburg – Electric Aggregation,

Milford City – Renewal with an increase – 17 mills – for fire & EMS – for 5 years,

(overlaps into Hamilton County)

Goshen Local School District – Bond Levy – 5.24 mills – 34 years, (overlaps into Warren County),

Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**2019-112** – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept and place on the ballot the Village of Newtonsville – Proposed Plan of Government. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Abstain

C. Local Liquor Options

1. Motion to reject FN-D – Colonial Pines petition filed for the November 5, 2019 General Election ballot

Director Carney advised the Board that the Local Option in Franklin Township D – Colonial Pines Golf Course did not have enough valid signatures. They required 118, submitted 145, and had 90 valid signatures.

**2019-113** – Mr. Combs made the motion to reject the local option petition for Colonial Pines Golf Course, Franklin Township D because it did not have enough valid signatures. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2. Motion to Certify Batavia Township F – Hoppy's Place and Milford F – Acapulco's Local Option Petitions filed to the November 5, 2019 General Election ballot

Director Carney advised the Board that Hoppy's Place and Acapulco's were properly filed and had enough valid signatures. Hoppy's Place – Bat Twp-F required 209, submitted 258, and had 237 valid signatures. Acapulco's – MD-F required 102, submitted 139, and had 128 valid signatures.

**2019-114** – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept and place local option petitions, Hoppy's Place and Acapulco's on the November 5, 2019 General Election ballot. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

**X. Director's Report**

A. Part-Time Help for November Election – Starting Monday, September 30, 2019

Advertising for help – Starting August 21

Director Carney will be advertising for part-time workers to help with absentee ballot processing, staffing the early voting center and nursing homes. The hourly pay is \$10.00

B. Price Road bridge detour (Miami K) Faith Evangelical Church

The Director sent the Board Members a draft of the letter for voters (242) affected by the Price Road bridge detour, the Board approved the letter to send to the voters. Chairman Lembke inquired if we want to consider redrawing the precinct lines around the bridge. The Board discussed multiple options on this matter. We need to stay in contact with the engineer on the bridge repair. Chairman Lembke wants to keep up on the issue and know what are the last dates if we do split the precinct.

C. Budget year to date

Director Carney presented the budget report for the first seven months of the year. We are over on salaries; we can pull from the available part-time salaries and still have over-time available. We are using grant funds for our security.

D. Referral of Penelope Costella to Prosecutor

The Board voted to refer Penelope Caostella to the Prosecutor because she voted absentee and then at the polls. The Sheriff's Office interviewed her, and determined due to her age she was confused about the voting and decided that the case did not need to move forward.

**XI. Deputy Directors Report**

A. Training

Training is going smooth but we will have to revamp because of new equipment for this election. All training will be held at the Red Barn.

B. New Equipment setup

The Express Vote Machines were delivered. This unit does not mark an existing ballot as did the old unit, the voter receives a blank ballot and the machine will print the ballot with the voters' choices. It uses thermal paper (no ink cartridge), but the printing lasts as long as the required retention period. The poll worker will select correct precinct ballots for the voter. Mr. Conrad suggested using the provisional ballot judge.

C. L&A testing

The initial tests have been performed on the express votes. The Ballotar, ballot on demand system, was delivered yesterday (August 13, 2019). Dan Shebesta (ES&S) will continue testing the equipment. A server was delivered and set up in the computer room.

D. New and merged polling locations

The Oasis has three precincts in it, and St James has four. The Oasis charges \$200 per room, we already use two (\$400) and we could get the third room for \$100 (\$500 plus a 25% service fee). We can move out of the Oasis to the Loveland Presbyterian Church and American Legion. The Early Childhood learning Center had some room also. We will perform the ADA inspection on these two locations next week.

E. AutoMark removal (donate to other counties: Geauga, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Summit)

There are four counties still using these units and Deputy Director Dennison contacted them to see if they wanted any more units. Geauga County will bring it before their Board. Summit County would like to have some and will bring it to their Board. Cuyahoga County has not returned calls and Columbiana County does not want any. The other option is to scrap them.

F. Bulk mail – absentee ballot mailing

Deputy Director Dennison advised the Board of an option to outsource the absentee mailing process to Seachange. He wants to put together a spreadsheet to see the cost effectiveness. We would send the daily list of absentee requests and this company would fulfill the requests with the ballot, instruction inserts (up to 5 inserts) and return mailing envelope for \$1.75 per ballot sent plus postage. Ten counties in Ohio are using this service. The temporary payroll in 2016 was \$76,000 and \$36,000 on overtime; this includes more than the mail out of absentee ballots. We do not have an accurate number yet. Director Carney stated she would contact the counties that use this option. Chairman Lembke stated it was worth looking into for November 2020.

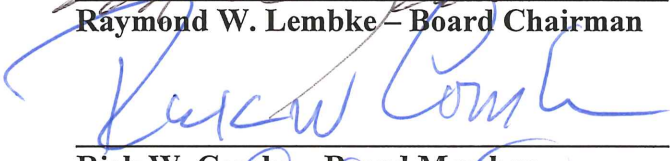
**XII. Upcoming Calendar**

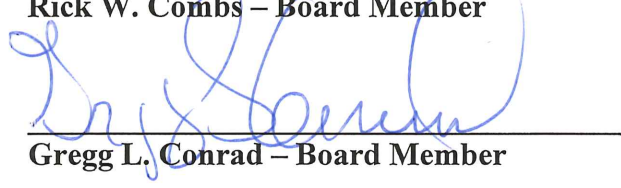
August 23, 2019 by 4:00 p.m. – Last day to protest candidates' petitions in nonpartisan races & local option petitions  
August 26, 2019 by 4:00 p.m. – Last day to file as a Write-In Candidate  
September 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
October 7, 2019 at 9:00 p.m. – Voter registration deadline  
October 8, 2019 – Absentee ballots (Non-UOCAVA) to be available for November General Election  
October 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting & Public Test for November General Election  
November 2, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. – Last day to request Absentee Ballots by mail, poll workers to pick-up supplies  
November 5, 2019 – General Election – 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**XIII. Motion to Adjourn**

**2019-115** – At 12:35 p.m., Mr. Combs made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.  
Upon roll call:  
Mr. Combs – Yes  
Mr. Conrad – Yes  
Mr. Grant – Yes  
Mr. Lembke – Yes

  
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Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman

  
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Rick W. Combs – Board Member

  
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Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member

  
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Rick Grant – Board Member

Date 9/25/19

# APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR BOARD MEETING

## AUGUST 14, 2019

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**Rudd, Rebecca**

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**From:** Rudd, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 10:05 AM  
**To:** clermont sun  
**Subject:** mtg date chg  
**Attachments:** 2019 aug 14 - chg reg mtg & certify petitions.doc

Good Morning,

Attached please find and post as a PSA (no cost) the attached notice regarding the date change for the Clermont County Board of Elections August Regular Board Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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 August 2019 Meeting Date**

The Clermont County Board of Elections has re-scheduled the 2019 August 28 Regular Monthly Board Meeting & certification of petitions for the 2019 November General Election for:  
**Wednesday August 14, 2019 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



**Clermont County Board of Elections**  
**Certified Petitions Filed for– November 5, 2019**

**School Board**

**Batavia - 2 to be elected**

Michael Enriquez  
Clarence Klopstein  
Bradley Webb  
Dennis G. Wells  
Tim Wilson

**Bethel-Tate – 2 to be elected**

Christopher Goodman  
Brandy Pryor  
Gary Shepherd

**Clermont Northeastern – 3 to be elected**

Brandon Apgar  
Karen Crawford  
Regina Jenkins  
Julie Schmidt  
Bryan Sexton

**Felicity Franklin – 2 to be elected**

Jennifer Broadwell  
Andy Ninichuck  
Billy Stevenson  
Donald Woodall

**Goshen (full term) – 2 to be elected**

John Benthien  
Julie Casey  
Derrick Holmes

**Goshen (unexpired term) – 1 to be elected**

Deborah S. Gray

**Loveland**

*Files in Hamilton County*

**Milford – 2 to be elected**

Emily Chesnut  
Mike Durkee  
Dave Meranda  
James Rhodes

**New Richmond – 2 to be elected**

Tim DuFau  
Steve Hack  
Robert Wooten

**West Clermont (full term) – 2 to be elected**

Tammy Brinkman  
Michael Chumley  
Tina Sanborn

**West Clermont (unexpired term) – 1 to be elected**

Michele Delaney  
Ryan Patton

**Williamsburg – 2 to be elected**

Sue A. Madsen  
Charlie Maklem

## **Township Trustees**

### **Batavia Township – 1 to be elected**

Randy Perry

### **Franklin Township – 1 to be elected**

Robert Griffith

Sabrina Schnarrenberg

### **Goshen Township – 1 to be elected**

Bob Hausermann

Bill Pitman

### **Jackson Township – 1 to be elected**

William J. Wiederhold

### **Miami Township – 1 to be elected**

Ken Tracy

### **Monroe Township – 1 to be elected**

Molly Darlene Jowers

### **Ohio Township – 1 to be elected**

Frank J. Renn

Keith Vogelsang

### **Pierce Township – 1 to be elected**

Allen Freeman

### **Stonelick Township – 1 to be elected**

David C. Pennington

### **Tate Township – 1 to be elected**

Howard Daugherty

Bob Redden

### **Union Township – 1 to be elected**

Matthew B. Beamer

Michael Logue

### **Washington Township – 1 to be elected**

Ron Rudd

### **Wayne Township – 1 to be elected**

Michael Mantel

Jason Ritter

Tony Schwab

### **Williamsburg Township – 1 to be elected**

Guy Nathan Bainum

## **Fiscal Officers**

### **Batavia Township**

Jennifer Haley

### **Franklin Township**

Kathy Jarman

### **Goshen Township**

Laura Engled

### **Jackson Township**

Darrell C. Hawkins

**(Fiscal Officers)**  
**Miami Township**  
Eric C. Ferry

**Monroe Township**  
None filed

**Ohio Township**  
Bill Gilpin

**Pierce Township**  
Debbie Schwey

**Stonelick Township**  
Tracey Sumner

**Tate Township**  
Kathy A. Brannock

**Union Township**  
Ronald B. Campbell

**Washington Township**  
Sheila Dufau

**Wayne Township**  
Sandra J. Borchers

**Williamsburg Township**  
Greg Carson

**Williamsburg Village Clerk/Treasurer**  
Mike Murray

**Village Council**

**Amelia – 2 to be elected**  
Clayton Fite  
Don Gates  
Tim Rosser  
Regina Rumke

**Batavia – 2 to be elected**  
Diana Cole  
Jason Garrison  
Joseph Greener

**Bethel – 2 to be elected**  
Dawn Hollifield  
Lucy L. Shepherd

**Chilo – 2 to be elected**  
Ronnia Gittinger  
Norma McMath  
Billy Stevenson III

**Felicity – 2 to be elected**  
Dave Ausman  
Kelly Ausman  
Nancy S. Davis

**Loveland City – 3 to be elected**  
*Files in Hamilton County*

**(Village Council)**  
**Milford City – 4 to be elected**  
Edward J. Haskins  
Kyle Mitchell  
Benjamin Redman  
Sandra Russell

**Moscow – 2 to be elected**  
Debra Roark  
Phillip Turner

**Neville**  
None filed

**New Richmond – 2 to be elected**  
Minta Colvin  
Richard Feldkamp  
Larry Prues

**Newtonsville – 2 to be elected**  
None

**Owensville – 2 to be elected**  
Joseph M. Bailey

**Williamsburg – 2 to be elected**  
Anthony Percy  
James L. King  
James S. Maham  
Joseph Martin  
Michael Brandenburg

**Mayor**

**Amelia**  
Renee Gerber  
Todd Hart

**Batavia**  
John Thebout

**Bethel**  
Jay Noble

**Chilo**  
Marie Stevenson

**Felicity**  
Nathan Jeffries  
Randy Myers

**Moscow**  
Tim Suter

**Neville**  
None

**New Richmond**  
Ramona Carr  
Glenn Ewing

**Newtonsville**  
None filed

**Owensville**  
Richard McEvoy

(Mayor)  
Williamsburg  
Ryshel Bowling  
Mary Ann Lefker

**Clermont County Educational Service Center Board Members**

CCESC Board Members – 2 to be elected  
Leo H. Bradley  
Donald A. Collins

