

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Chris Dennison 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 – Teresa Hinnners

IV. Approval of Agenda

2019-185 – 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. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

V. Approval of Audit Results of Clermont County Educational Services Center

Director Carney advised the Board the audit report reflected a 100% accuracy. We audited 1,167 ballots. The only issues we had were; Pierce Township I – did not complete the security form (not checking the tabs on the security locks) and in Wayne Township B – two of the security seals were broken (probably during delivery), we were notified on Election Day and new security locks were sent out with a rover, also the chain of custody forms were not completed.

2019-186 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to approve and accept the results of the Audit of the Clermont County Educational Services Center and report them to the Secretary of State. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Approval of Minutes

2019-187 – Mr. Grant made the motion to approve the minutes (2 sets of 3 meetings) from the (1) November 5, 2019 Election Day Board Meeting and (2) November 18, 2019 Opening of Official Canvass and Certification of General Election and Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2019-188 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2019 Automatic Recount Board Meeting. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VII. Approval of Bills as of December 23, 2019

2019-189 – Mr. Grant made the motion to approve the bills as of December 23, 2019. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Combs asked if we have thought about buying a tent for election night. Director Carney stated she had but the problem is putting it up. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VIII. Certification of Candidates to March 17, 2019 Primary Ballot

A. Candidates who requested to withdrawal petitions

The Director advised the Board of candidates that requested to withdraw their petitions.

Acacia Uible – Clerk of Courts – refiled

Gloria Martin – State Central Committee Woman 14th District – refiled

Jeff Richards – County Commissioner (1-2-2021) – did not refile

Jeff Richards – County Central Committee – refiled

Brian Flick – County Central Committee – refiled

Jennifer Naylor – County Central Committee – refiled

Sabrina Sells – County Central Committee – refiled

Vivian Poe – County Central Committee – did not refile

2019-190 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the Letter of Withdraws from candidates as advised by the Director. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

B. Review of Candidate Petitions

2019-191 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petition of Alice Bailey for County Central Committee, candidate failed to put the date of election. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2019-192 – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the petition of Acacia Uible for Clerk of Courts Common Pleas, candidate failed to put term commencing date on all part petitions, only gave month and year. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2019-193 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petition of Brian Treon for County Coroner, candidate put wrong election date on all part petitions, March 19, 2020 not March 17, 2020. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2019-194 – Mr. Grant made the motion to accept the petitions of Bonnie Batchler for County Commissioner, John K. McGraw for County Commissioner, and Adam C. Bird for State Representative 66th District, all candidates put the original date of the primary – March 10, 2020 and the SOS Advisory state it is acceptable. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2019-195 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petitions of Barbara Wiedenbein for Clerk of Common Pleas Courts; candidate put commencing date, but also filled in a date in the unexpired term box. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion.

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

2019-196 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to reject the petition of Richard J. Perry for County Commissioner 1-3-2021, candidate filled the term commencing date while standing at the counter on both part petitions, petitions were circulated without knowing which term the candidate was running for. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

2019-197 – Mr. Grant made the motion to reject the petition of John Kirby for State Representative 65th District, 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 – Yes

2019-198 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the entire list of candidates other than the one we have already adjudicated and rejected with exception for Gregg Conrad and Ray Lembke for Pierce Township Central Committee. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

2019-199 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petition for Gregg Conrad for Pierce Township Central Committee. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

2019-200 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the petition for Ray Lembke for Pierce Township Central Committee. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

E. Motion to Accept Names of Candidates as they desire to be listed on the ballot which are different from their name as listed on their registration and/or petitions

2019-201 – Mr. Combs made the motion to accept the names of candidates listed as Susan Elaine Barnett as Elaine Barnett, Christine Freyhof as Tina Freyhof, Teresa Conway as Terry Conway, Jeannette Schmidt as Jean Schimdt Mary Kristin Diekmeyer as Kristin Diekmeyer and Klara K. Reynolds as Kay Reynolds. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

At 10:55 a.m., the Board recessed.

At 11:01 a.m., the Board returned from recess.

IX. Certification of Questions and Issues

A. Motion to Certify or Reject the Local Liquor Option Petition for The Governor located at 231 Main Street, Milford, Ohio – Milford City B.

Director Carney reviewed the local option petitions with the Board. We provided the required information to this petitioner for the local option. Before the petitions were submitted, the petitioner also filled out a portion of the petition before turning it in and there are other issues with the petitions.

2019-202 – Mr. Combs made the motion to reject the local option petition for The Governor, located at 231 Main Street, Milford, Ohio – Precinct B. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

B. List of Issues filed for the March 17, 2020 Primary Election.

New Richmond Village Exempted Village School District – Additional Tax Levy – current operating expenses – 9.4 mills – for a continuing period of time,

West Clermont Local School District – Additional Tax Levy – avoiding an operating deficit – 7.99 mills – 10 years,

Williamsburg Local School District – (overlap into Brown County) – Bond & Tax Levy – \$21,900,000 for 37 years – 7.77 mills – and 0.5 mill – for a continuing period of time,

Little Miami Local School District – (overlap from Warren County) – Substitute Tax Levy – providing for the necessary requirements – 9.92 mills – for a continuing period of time,

Loveland City School District – (overlap from Hamilton County) – Additional Tax Levy – current operating expenses – 6.95 mills – for a continuing period of time,

Western Brown Local School District – (overlap from Brown County) – Additional Tax Levy – general permanent improvements – 1.5 mills – for 5 years.

X. Director's Report

Purchase of four DS 200s from Clinton County

Director Carney advised the Board that Clinton County Board of Elections has four DS 200s for sale for \$1,500 apiece. These were purchased in 2015. We have 175 DS 200s for 168 precincts and two for in office voting. The rovers take extra in case they have to replace any on Election Day.

We will be returning approximately \$60,000 back to the commissioners and can use this money for the purchase.

2019-203 – Mr. Combs made the motion for the Director to go to the Commissioners to purchase four DS 200s from Clinton County with excess money. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Crossroads Church as polling location

The Director, Deputy Director and two staff went to the Crossroads Church to view the building as a possible polling location, at no cost. We will be losing some locations and might be able to use this location.

Mr. Conrad inquired if we looked into the church across the street from the Monroe Township Maintenance Building. The Director has not at this time.

Review of Statewide Petitions

We are waiting on statewide petitions, approximately 600 signatures, that are due back to the Secretary of State on December 30.

Submittal of Union Township Zoning Referendum Petitions

Larry Barbieri, Union Township attorney, dropped off zoning referendum petitions that had been submitted to the township November 2018 regarding the Rumpke Road property. The court issued a mandamus on December 6, 2019 that the petitions be forwarded to us. They were not received prior to the deadline for this election. They will be reviewed for the November 2020 election at a later date.

Hiring of temporary staff

We have had five people show interest in working part-time/temporary for the primary election. We advertised at several locations.

Vacation

Director Carney has a vacation scheduled for December 29 – January 5.

Ballotsync Contract

The prosecutor reviewed the Ballotsync contract.

2019-204 – Mr. Combs made the motion to director the Director to proceed with the contract as approved by the prosecutor for a 2-years subscription for Ballotsync software that will assist with the communications to other counties, and has the money in the budget. Mr. Grant seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

December 24, 2019 – Close early

The Director advised the Board that the County Commissioners are closing the campus tomorrow at noon (12-24-2019) for county employees. She wanted to see if the Board wanted to close at noon also.

2019-205 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to allow the staff off half the day on December 24, 2019 with holiday pay. Mr. Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

Next month we will be going out to bid for ballots, ballots must be printed in state. We had problems with the perforations on the election day ballots.

XI. Deputy Director's Report

Poll Worker training

The training manual must be submitted by January 10, 2020, it includes primary training and any changes needed.

The mail house Seachange sent us a contract. We forwarded the contract to the prosecutor's office, then reviewed it with changes and was then sent back to Seachange. We are waiting on it.

Mr. Combs inquired about if we have talked with counties that have used them and how well it works. Deputy Director Dennison was satisfied with the other counties' replies. It was suggested that the Director and Deputy talk with Cuyahoga County because we have the same software vendor.

XI. Meeting Dates

January 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Meeting.

XII. Motion to Adjourn

2019-206 – At 11:52 a.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



Raymond W. Lembke – Board Chairman



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Gregg L. Conrad – Board Member



Rick Grant – Board Member

Date 22 Jan 2020

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 23, 2019

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