

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ray Lembke called the meeting to order at 6:29 a.m. Director 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 Administrative Assistant Cherie Wilson.

III. Open the polls – 6:30 a.m.

2020-140 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to open the polls. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

IV. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented

2020-141 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve 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. Other Attendees - None

Mr. Combs asked about the status of loading ballots. Director Carney responded that we will run ballots from the weekend and Monday; we have about three cans or approximately 4,000 ballots to run at this point. We have roughly 3,000 absentee ballots outstanding at this point. We will also run the curbside ballots (approximately 500) from early voting through the DS-200.

Mr. Conrad reported that Amelia Elementary had 20-30 people standing in line as he passed by. Director Carney indicated that we expect an early morning rush, then shorter lines, a lunchtime rush, and another rush after work.

The board discussed the possibility of a court order to keep the polls open after 7:30 pm. A court order could be statewide or regional, depending on the specific circumstances. Any ballots subject to a court order would be segregated in case of appeal.

Early voting totals for 2020 were 16,872 compared to approximately 10,550 in 2016. We mailed 41,301 absentee ballots and have had 37,124 returned as of 2 p.m. Monday. The total absentee count for 2016 was 32,416 (approximately 22,000 mailed and 10,550 in person).

The board asked about the expected mail and how often the USPS delivers per day. Director Carney said we got one mail tray yesterday that needs to be opened, removed and verified. Mr. Conrad reminded everyone that the post office brought us a second load the last day of the 2020 primary election.

The board asked about staffing; we have part-time staff coming in today, plus ISD (County IT) on-site. We have 11 rovers. Two observers have appeared so far -- one in the office and one at a polling location. We have others registered; each party (state and local) appointed one or two people. The observers must bring their letters of appointment.

2020-142 – Mr. Grant made a motion to recess until 2 p.m. Mr. Combs seconded the motion.

Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

VI. Board to Reconvene at 2:00 p.m. to Review Additional Absentee Ballots

At 2:14 p.m., the board reconvened. Mr. Combs will join later.

VII. Board to Review Absentee Ballots

The board reviewed three damaged ballots and agreed that they should be remade. Also, the ballots with over-votes will be remade and counted if they wrote in the same person as they selected in the printed portion.

For other ballots with over-votes, that race will not count. Director Carney reported that Mary Lynne Birck, Legal Counsel, had responded regarding the statute language; the board does not have discretion if the machine detects an over-vote. Based on this input from counsel, the board took the appropriate actions on the over-vote ballots from the Saturday, October 31 meeting. Mr. Lembke stated that he does not like the “machine makes the decision” rule, but it has reduced work for the board.

The board discussed the curbside ballots; since the voter does not have a chance for a second look, are they treated the same as a fleeing voter? Director Carney replied that they go into the DS-200 with the rest of the in-person voters. If there is an over-vote, the machine will ignore that race, accept the ballot and count the other races.

The board reviewed the remaining ballots that the DS-850 had separated for unclear or extraneous marks. Mr. Combs rejoined the board at 2:47 p.m. to review the last unclear ballot. The other three board members had reached consensus on all of the other ballots, and reached consensus on the last one after Mr. Combs arrived.

The board recessed at 2:52 p.m.

The board reconvened at 5:37 p.m. to review more ballots from curbside voting: one ballot with an over-vote for the same candidate, one damaged ballot, plus additional ballots with unclear or errant marks.

Mr. Combs asked about feedback from the polling locations. Lines appear to be steady but not overwhelming.

The board recessed at 5:55 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:30 p.m. with observer Robert Hermann present.

VIII. Closing of Polls – 7:30 p.m.

2020-143 – Mr. Combs made the motion to close the polls in Clermont County. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

Mr. Combs – Yes

Mr. Conrad – Yes

Mr. Grant – Yes

Mr. Lembke – Yes

The board reviewed groups of ballots with physical damage, with unclear or ambiguous marks, and with the candidate names written and colored in. The ballots with true over-votes will be set aside until today’s final group of absentee ballots from the mail and drop box have been run through the DS-850. We will then reprogram the machine to accept the ballots and tally the over-votes as a separate total for that race. If a ballot has stray marks in addition to the over-vote, it may be kicked out again.

The board recessed at 7:54 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:47 p.m. to review more ballots with the candidate names written and colored in and a damaged (crinkled) ballot.

The board recessed at 10:49 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:55 p.m. to review more ballots on which the machine found unclear marks.

The board recessed at 10:59 p.m.

The board reconvened at 11:54 p.m. to review a ballot with a damaged channel mark and an over-vote ballot where the voter had written-in the same candidate.

The board recessed at 11:56 p.m.

The board reconvened at 12:30 a.m. on November 4, 2020.

Deputy Director Dennison presented ballots that had channel mark issues and needed to be remade. Director Carney presented ballots with true over-votes that must be processed as such. She also presented over-vote ballots where the voter had written in the same candidate name; those will be remade with nothing filled in the write-in area.

The board recessed at 12:41 a.m.

The board reconvened at 1:26 a.m.

IX. Board to review any Election Day Ballots not processed through DS-200 that are Blank, Over-Voted or Write-In

2020-144 – Mr. Combs made the motion to approve the remakes of ballots that were torn, damaged or had extraneous marks as the staff has been directed by the board during the course of the day. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

X. Motion to Accept the Unofficial Results of the Election and send copy to the Secretary of State and Most Populous County in the 2nd Congressional District, and 12th District Court of Appeals.

- Board must sign unofficial certification of results for Secretary of State

2020-145 – Mr. Conrad made the motion to accept the Unofficial Results of the 2020 General Election and send a copy to the Secretary of State and the most populous county in the 2nd Congressional District, and the most populous county in the 12th District Court of Appeals. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. Mr. Conrad noted that the 165 of 166 total precincts on the unofficial results does include all of our ballots, but the precinct (GN-N) that we ran through manually was the 166th precinct that does not currently show in the precinct count; the vote totals are correct. Mr. Lemke noted that we had over 75 percent turnout. Director Carney said that we had more absentee voters (including early voting) than in-person Election Day voters. Upon roll call:

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

XI. Motion to allow staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (Nov 4th) – half coming in from 8:00 am to 12:30 and the other half coming in from 12 noon until 4:30 pm.

2020-146 – Mr. Combs made the motion to allow staff to work split shifts on the day after the election (Nov 4th) – half coming in from 8:00 am to 12:30 and the other half coming in from 12 noon until 4:30 pm. Mr. Conrad seconded the motion. Upon roll call:

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

XII. Upcoming Meetings:

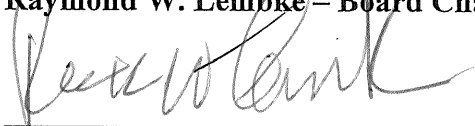
- Opening of the Official Canvas -Saturday, November 14 at 9:00 a.m.
- Certification - Monday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m.

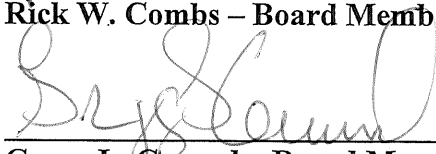
XIII. Motion to Adjourn

2020-147 – At 1:31 a.m., Mr. Grant made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Combs 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 12-18-2020

Cherie Wilson

From: Cherie Wilson
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 4:24 PM
To: legals@clermontsun.com
Cc: bmilam@clermontsun.com
Subject: Notice of upcoming board meetings
Attachments: 2020 Nov General Election meetings.docx

Good afternoon,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding the upcoming board meetings for the November 2020 General election. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Cherie Wilson, Administrative Support Specialist
Clermont County Board of Elections
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Clermont County Board of Elections Notice of Board Meetings

The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for

October 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – Review ballots for voter intent

November 3, 2020 at 6:30 a.m. – General Election Day Board Meeting.

November 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – Opening of the Official Canvas.

November 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. – Certification of the November 2020 General Election and regular monthly board meeting.

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

Ray Lembke – Chairman
Julia Carney – Director

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UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Clermont County, Ohio

Statistics	TOTAL	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Election Day Precincts Reporting	165 of 166	165	0	0	0
Precincts Complete	0 of 166	0	0	0	0
Absentee/ Early Precincts Reporting	166 of 166	88	166	166	0
Registered Voters - Total	145,129				
Ballots Cast - Total	109,181	53,832	38,582	16,767	0
Voter Turnout - Total	75.23%				

For President and Vice President
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %		Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Dem Joseph R. Biden	33,505	30.86%		9,750	18,252	5,503	0
Howie Hawkins	265	0.24%		131	116	18	0
Lib Jo Jorgensen	1,468	1.35%		853	516	99	0
Rep Donald J. Trump	73,077	67.31%		42,707	19,293	11,077	0
Write-In Totals	256	0.24%		126	113	17	0
Write-In: Undeclared	1	0.00%		0	1	0	0
Not Assigned	255	0.23%		126	112	17	0
Overvotes	249			138	74	37	0
Undervotes	361			127	218	16	0

For Representative to Congress (2nd District)
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %		Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Dem Jaime M. Castle	28,856	27.12%		8,501	15,310	5,045	0
Rep Brad Wenstrup	77,466	72.82%		43,960	22,105	11,401	0
Write-In Totals	60	0.06%		29	17	14	0
Not Assigned	60	0.06%		29	17	14	0
Overvotes	39			18	13	8	0
Undervotes	2,760			1,324	1,137	299	0

For State Senator (14th District)
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %		Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Terry A. Johnson	73,616	70.67%		42,164	20,444	11,008	0
Dem Ryan Ottney	30,550	29.33%		9,327	16,034	5,189	0
Overvotes	28			14	10	4	0
Undervotes	4,987			2,327	2,094	566	0

For State Representative (65th District)
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %		Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Dem Alan Damowsky	22,665	33.79%		6,874	12,074	3,717	0
Rep Jean Schmidt	43,603	65.00%		24,522	12,450	6,631	0
Write-In Totals	817	1.22%		344	304	169	0
Write-In: Jim Lewis	5	0.01%		0	5	0	0
Write-In: Undeclared	2	0.00%		0	2	0	0
Not Assigned	810	1.21%		344	297	169	0
Overvotes	31			15	13	3	0
Undervotes	2,822			1,400	1,067	355	0

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For State Representative (66th District)
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Adam C. Bird	30,290	93.20%	17,372	8,578	4,340	0
Write-In Totals	2,209	6.80%	607	1,023	579	0
Not Assigned	2,209	6.80%	607	1,023	579	0
Overvotes	11		3	5	3	0
Undervotes	6,733		2,695	3,068	970	0

For County Commissioner (1-2)
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Bonnie Batchler	74,120	71.26%	42,146	20,844	11,130	0
Dem Jeff Richards	29,899	28.74%	9,162	15,665	5,072	0
Overvotes	16		9	4	3	0
Undervotes	5,146		2,515	2,069	562	0

For County Commissioner (1-3)
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep David L. Painter	82,283	100.00%	44,283	25,687	12,313	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	26,898		9,549	12,895	4,454	0

For Prosecuting Attorney
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Mark J. Tekulve	83,463	100.00%	44,821	26,207	12,435	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	25,718		9,011	12,375	4,332	0

For Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Dem Acacia Uible	27,931	27.04%	8,326	14,690	4,915	0
Rep Barbara Wiedenbein	75,363	72.96%	42,594	21,597	11,172	0
Overvotes	21		12	3	6	0
Undervotes	5,866		2,900	2,292	674	0

For Sheriff
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Robert S. Leahy	85,279	100.00%	45,887	26,677	12,715	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	23,902		7,945	11,905	4,052	0

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For County Recorder

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Deborah Clepper	83,439	100.00%	44,663	26,318	12,458	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	25,742		9,169	12,264	4,309	0

For County Treasurer

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Jeannie M. Zurmehly	84,043	100.00%	45,128	26,421	12,494	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	25,138		8,704	12,161	4,273	0

For County Engineer

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Jeremy Evans	83,550	100.00%	44,853	26,260	12,437	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	25,631		8,979	12,322	4,330	0

For Coroner

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Rep Brian Treon	83,779	100.00%	44,998	26,343	12,438	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	25,402		8,834	12,239	4,329	0

For Member of the State Board of Education (10th District) (10th District)

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Mary E. Binegar	38,117	43.92%	15,975	16,779	5,363	0
Brendan P. Shea	48,672	56.08%	26,482	13,976	8,214	0
Overvotes	46		25	12	9	0
Undervotes	22,346		11,350	7,815	3,181	0

For Justice of the Supreme Court (1-1)

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Sharon L. Kennedy	59,112	63.83%	30,479	19,049	9,584	0
John P. O'Donnell	33,491	36.17%	14,430	14,025	5,036	0
Overvotes	39		22	13	4	0
Undervotes	16,539		8,901	5,495	2,143	0

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For Justice of the Supreme Court (1-2)

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Jennifer Brunner	39,591	43.23%	17,105	16,520	5,966	0
Judi French	51,982	56.77%	27,323	16,202	8,457	0
Overvotes	33		21	8	4	0
Undervotes	17,575		9,383	5,852	2,340	0

For Judge of the Court of Appeals (12th District) 1-1

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Matthew Byrne	74,917	100.00%	39,260	24,428	11,229	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	34,264		14,572	14,154	5,538	0

For Judge of the Court of Appeals (12th District) 2-9

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Robert A. Hendrickson	74,912	100.00%	39,302	24,384	11,226	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	34,269		14,530	14,198	5,541	0

For Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (Probate/Juvenile Division)

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
James A. Shriver	78,673	100.00%	41,231	25,750	11,692	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	30,508		12,601	12,832	5,075	0

Local Option - Felicity Ugly Goat - Felicity Village

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Yes	133	69.63%	107	22	4	0
No	58	30.37%	40	13	5	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	6		5	1	0	0

Local Option The Governor - Milford City B

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Yes	597	83.61%	278	231	88	0
No	117	16.39%	55	47	15	0
Overvotes	1		0	1	0	0
Undervotes	18		7	8	3	0

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Williamsburg Electric Aggregation

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Yes	534	52.46%	312	168	54	0
No	484	47.54%	291	133	60	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	66		40	16	10	0

Williamsburg Gas Aggregation

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
Yes	535	52.61%	318	163	54	0
No	482	47.39%	286	136	60	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	67		39	18	10	0

Goshen Township Police

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
For the Tax Levy	4,001	54.08%	2,496	1,044	461	0
Against the Tax Levy	3,397	45.92%	1,634	1,213	550	0
Overvotes	1		0	1	0	0
Undervotes	237		122	74	41	0

Union Township Fire

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
For the Tax Levy	15,820	64.18%	7,197	5,939	2,684	0
Against the Tax Levy	8,831	35.82%	3,873	3,351	1,607	0
Overvotes	9		3	4	2	0
Undervotes	1,081		478	386	217	0

Union Township Police

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
For the Tax Levy	13,660	55.66%	6,406	4,957	2,297	0
Against the Tax Levy	10,884	44.34%	4,605	4,319	1,960	0
Overvotes	4		2	1	1	0
Undervotes	1,193		538	403	252	0

Washington Township Fire

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
For the Tax Levy	635	61.06%	402	174	59	0
Against the Tax Levy	405	38.94%	264	108	33	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	45		32	10	3	0

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Little Miami Local School
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
For the Tax Levy	10	35.71%	7	3	0	0
Against the Tax Levy	18	64.29%	7	9	2	0
Overvotes	0		0	0	0	0
Undervotes	0		0	0	0	0

Clermont County Children Services
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
For the Tax Levy	73,633	70.16%	33,987	28,486	11,160	0
Against the Tax Levy	31,324	29.84%	17,518	8,866	4,940	0
Overvotes	35		16	13	6	0
Undervotes	4,189		2,311	1,217	661	0

Clermont County Mental Health
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
For the Tax Levy	68,780	65.84%	31,360	26,897	10,523	0
Against the Tax Levy	35,681	34.16%	19,862	10,361	5,458	0
Overvotes	24		8	10	6	0
Undervotes	4,696		2,602	1,314	780	0

Clermont County Senior Services
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Absentee Mail	Absentee In-Person	Provisional
For the Tax Levy	76,211	72.65%	35,134	29,484	11,593	0
Against the Tax Levy	28,697	27.35%	16,291	7,932	4,474	0
Overvotes	11		6	3	2	0
Undervotes	4,262		2,401	1,163	698	0

