

Chairman Tim Rudd called the Meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Rick Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Dave Lane, Rick Combs, and Paul Campbell. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

OTHER ATTENDEES: John Becker, Rob McGinnis-RBM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2011-121 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept the minutes (3 sets) for the (1)-Election Day Meeting of November 8, (2)-Opening of Canvass, November 21 and Certification & November Regular Board Meeting, November 29 and (3)-Opening-December 7, and Certification-December 9, of the Automatic Recount Meetings. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2011-122 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept and pay the bills. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

BIDS ON BALLOTS:

Director Miller explained that H.B. 369 gives a waiver of bidding ballots for the March 6, 2012 Primary Election. We had already advertised for Bids for printing of ballots before we received notice of H.B. 369. Three companies submitted bids by the deadline of today by 10:00 a.m. The Board opened the bids. The bids were for 14-inch ballots. There were some concerns regarding the bond for RBM.

RBM’s bid was \$0.249 per ballot-1 or 2 pages same price

ES&S’s bid was \$0.25 per ballot-1 or 2 sided

DLB’s bid was \$0.23 per ballot-2 sided per general, \$0.23 per primary and \$0.25 per special-1 sided

2011-123 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the properly filed Bid of Dayton Legal Blank as being the lowest bid and best to print the ballots for all Elections in 2012. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

REFERRAL TO PROSECUTOR-Absentee Voter

Director Miller advised the Board of a situation where an absentee voter also went to the polls and voted. This was discovered when the books were scanned for voter history update. Leroy Stanforth (TE-E) requested, voted, and returned an absentee ballot and then on Election Day. He went to the polls and voted a regular ballot. It appears that the poll workers allowed him to vote a regular ballot instead of a provisional ballot. The signature book clearly indicated he was an absentee voter.

2011-124 – Paul Campbell made the motion to refer Leroy Stanforth to the Prosecutor’s Office for investigation. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon discussion, Mr. Lane stated we are obligated to refer him but there could be a reasonable explanation. The Chairman stated that he did not think the Board was looking for a prosecution; we are looking for the Prosecutor’s Office communicating with Mr. Stanforth, regarding this matter. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Paul stated that the poll workers responsible for allowing this person to vote needs to be “tuned up”.

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES TO MARCH 6, 2012 PRIMARY BALLOT:

Director Miller reviewed the Candidate Petitions that were filed for the Primary Ballot. She explained the Democrat Ballot Candidates Petitions (excluding central committee). They were all filed in proper order. **2011-125** – Dave Lane made the motion to accept and Certify the Petitions of Ken P. McNeely, Jr. (State Representative 66th), Steve Myers (State Representative 65th), Russell E. Arey (State Central Committee man), Constance Lighthall and Melanie J. Ogg (State Central Committee woman) and place them on the March 6, 2012 Primary Democrat Ballot. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy reviewed the valid Republican Ballot Candidate Petitions (due to a change in the Clermont County Republican Party’s Bylaws in 2010, their Central Committee now run every 4 years and not until 2014). This list includes Steven W. Powell-12th District Court of Appeals (certified from Butler County BOE). She explained that Bob Turner withdrew his petitions and should be removed from the list.

2011-126 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept and Certify the Petitions of the Republican list of Candidates and place them on the March 6, 2012 Primary Republican Ballot. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Paul Campbell – “yes”, Dave Lane – “yes”, Rick Combs “abstained”, and Tim Rudd – “yes”.

Judy reviewed the Petitions that had problems.

Leo Lopez circulated petitions stating for the 66th House District. He lives in the 65th House District (his district changed from the 66th to 65th after the redistricting). Judy checked with the Secretary of State’s Office regarding this matter and his petitions are invalid. Mr. Lopez was aware when he filed his petitions that it stated the wrong district and that he could withdraw his petitions before the Board takes official action.

2011-127 – Paul Campbell made the motion to reject the Petitions of Leo Lopez for the 66th House District. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Charles W. Carlier filed for State Senator in the 14th District and needed 50 valid signatures but only had 41 valid signatures. Mr. Carlier sent a letter to the Board requesting to withdraw his nominating petitions before the Board takes any action.

2011-128 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept Mr. Carlier’s Letter of Withdrawal for the 14th Senate District. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy explained that when a candidate circulates and files their petitions, they can photocopy the front portion of the petition as long as there is an original signature (per ORC 3513.19) on one petition. On the back of the petition, in the circulator’s statement, that must be an original signature (per ORC 3501.38(E)(I)) on each petition. Bob Turner (who filed petitions for County Commissioner for the Republican Party) had pre-signed and then photocopied the circulator’s statement on the back of his petitions. This made several of his petitions invalid and along with other problems; he did not have enough valid signatures. He also sent a letter requesting to withdraw his nominating petitions before the Board takes action on it.

2011-129 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the Letter of Withdrawal from Mr. Turner for County Commissioner. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

2011-130 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the list of Democrat County Central Committee Persons with the exception of Monroe Township. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Paul Campbell – “yes”, Rick Combs – “yes”, Dave Lane – “abstained”, Tim Rudd – “yes”.

2011-131 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the list of Democrat County Central Committee Persons for Monroe Township. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Dave Lane – “yes”, Rick Combs – “yes” – Paul Campbell – “abstained”, Tim Rudd – “yes”.

2011-132 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the list of the names of the candidates, as they desire to be listed on the ballot (filed as legal names and going on the ballot as a natural derivative). Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Dave Lane – “yes”, Rick Combs – “abstained”, Paul Campbell – “yes”, Tim Rudd – “yes”.

CERTIFICATION OF QUESTIONS & ISSUES:

Judy advised the Board that there was only one Question that filed for the Primary Ballot. It is a Local Option Petition for The Talon Tavern in Miami Township I. It did have enough valid signatures and was filed in proper order.

2011-133 – Paul Campbell made the motion to Certify the Local Option Petition for The Talon Tavern (MI-I) and place it on the March 6, 2012 Primary Election Ballot. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Director Miller reported on Sub H.B. 369. As she reported earlier, this Bill waives the necessity to Bid for Ballots for the March Primary. Other key provisions that affect us include one Primary (March 6, 2012) and we may have to check re-filed petitions for congressional candidates. These candidates must re-file by December 30, 2011.

Judy stated that we just received notification of our Final Appropriation Draft and reviewed it with the Board. The original appropriation was 1.4 million and with the allowance of a 3% raise for salaries, it is now 1.414 million. She stated that financially we are in good shape.

The employee evaluations have been postponed until the January 2012 meeting.

Referrals to the Elections Commission:

Judy advised the Board that two candidate committees had late filings on the Designation of Treasurer forms; Emily McCarthy and Bill Dowdney.

2011-134 – Dave Lane made the motion to refer the committees of Emily McCarthy and Bill Dowdney to the Ohio Elections Commission. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy updated the Board regarding the Winter OAEO Conference. She stated that the OAEO is establishing an Education Program and offering a series of Education Courses (8-3 hour classes) to receive an Elections Official Certification. Classes will be offered during the Summer and Winter Conferences, starting with a Poll Worker Recruiting/Maintaining/Training class during the Winter Conference. She

reminded the Board that all of the poll workers must be trained before this Primary Election. She would like to send Bonnie Carlier, Ruth Ann Werner, Tonia Blackburn, and Terrie Latham to the conference to attend these classes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley brought to the Board’s attention the ongoing problem with the polling location being at the Milford Jr. High School. The principal does not want us using their building as a polling location (the school is not closed for the primary election). It was the consensus of the Board that the Director and Deputy Director communicate with the Civil Prosecutor (Mary Lynne Birck) to contact the Milford Jr. High School principal, and copy the superintendent, and their compliance with the Ohio Revised Code in regards of being a polling place.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., January Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:

2011-135 – At 3:17 p.m. Dave Lane made the motion to adjourn. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon direction from the Chairman all Members answered “aye”


Timothy R. Rudd – Board Chairman


Dave A. Lane – Board Member


Rick W. Combs – Board Member


Paul L. Campbell – Board Member


Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
INVOICES APPROVED BY BOARD MEMBERS		
BATAVIA ELECTRIC	12 VOLT BATTERY (3)	\$ 67.50
CLERMONT SUN	ADVERTISING-BIDS FOR PRINTING BALLOTS	\$ 54.07
O.A.E.O.	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (8 EMPLOYEES)	\$ 1,080.00
O.A.E.O.	TRAINING CLASS AT CONFERENCE (5 EMPLOYEES)	\$ 300.00
J. ROBERT TRUE	PHONE BILL FOR NOVEMBER W/ CELL PHONES	\$ 1,393.26
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER	\$ 321.29
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	SHIPPING CHARGES TO MAIL PETITIONS TO S.O.S.	\$ 36.27
	TOTAL:	\$ 3,252.39

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2011 8:21 AM
To: 'therron@communitypress.com'; 'clermontsun@fuse.net'
Subject: chg of mtg date
Attachments: 2012-January- 2012-reg mtg date.doc

Good Morning,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attached notice regarding the date change for the January 2012 Clermont County Board of Elections Monthly Board Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Becky Rudd
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Clermont County Board of Elections
Notice of Change of Meeting Date
for the January 2012 Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Clermont County Board of Elections has been rescheduled for Thursday January 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, 45103.

Tim Rudd - Board Chairman
Judy Miller - Director