

Chairman Tim Rudd called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.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:** Cameron Sagester – SOS Liaison

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**2015-06** – Rick Combs made the motion to approve the January 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

**2015-07** – Dave Lane made the motion to accept and pay the February 26, 2015 bills. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Director Miller reported to the Board that there was a Tax Levy filed in Warren County for the Warren County Joint Vocational School District which overlaps into our county. This was filed for a Special Election on May 5, 2015. It is a replacement levy for the Warren County Joint Vocational School which affects 28 voters in the Little Miami School District (portion of GN-N). Per Ohio Revised Code 3503.01 in any election in which only a part of the electors in a precinct is qualified to vote, the board may assign voters in such part to an adjoining precinct. Such assignment may be made to an adjoining precinct in another county with the consent and approval of the board of elections of such other county if the number of voters assigned to vote in a precinct in another county is two hundred or less. This allows our County to request Warren County to accept our voters (to a contiguous precinct in Warren County). Judy received notice from Warren County stating that the Warren County Board of Elections will take the Clermont County voters for this May 5, 2015 Special Election. Warren County will give us ten (10) ballots should we have any provisional voters. We will mail a notice to all of the Little Miami voters advising them of where they will vote in Warren County and their absentee ballots would be processed through Warren County.

**2015-08** – Paul Campbell made the motion to transfer the voters in the Warren County Joint Vocational School District in Clermont County to the contiguous precinct in Warren County for the Replacement Tax Levy for Current Expenses to be held at the Special Election on May 5, 2015 per Ohio Revised Code 3503.01. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon discussion Paul asked if we had to print any ballots and Judy stated “no we do not”. Judy added the school district is saving money by not having to pay for poll workers and programming an election in our county. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**Directive 2015-2**

Judy discussed Directive 2015-2 – Enhancing Voter Access to Election Data, offering online voter access to public information. Rick stated that our website is OK except for the tracking of absentees. Judy stated that our website doesn't operate the way the Directive wants it to operate. Judy had contacted Tom Doepker (ISD) several years ago regarding the website and ballot look up and he stated we had a very basic website. It has limited functionality and this can't be done on our website as it stands now. We do have a link on our website through ES&S for voter look up (is the voter registered and their poll location). ES&S is working on creating the reports for this and then provide a link to communicate on how to pull the reports out. Steve Rabolt (County Administrator) advised Judy that the County is putting in a new website system in the first part of September; this could conflict with the timing. The Directive states that this must be fully implemented no later than September 18. Judy spoke with Joe Mallory from Hamilton County and they had a programmer that took their reports and created the platform for this to operate off of. Judy will talk to them. There is going to be a cost to this. Tim asked if ES&S can provide website support. Judy stated not at this time. Tim said it would be easier to contract with ES&S and they will have to keep up with the changes in Ohio law. Tim added that "we are otherwise up to date." Many other counties use TRIAD and they are providing the platform and programming for their websites and already have the required capability. There could be a charge for the platform and then a maintenance fee. Judy and Mike will keep the Board updated on the progress of this Directive.

**Tabulation Equipment: DS200 & 850 Scanner**

Judy reported to the Board on the Tabulation Equipment of the DS-200 and 850 ballot scanner. After discussing many different options that did not work out for ES&S or us, County Administrator Steve Rabolt told Judy that the Board of County Commissioners would fund the entire project. Judy and Mike were able to get another reduction in cost from ES&S since we are now paying upfront for the equipment; they are reducing the premium another \$58,000. The total purchase price is now \$1,015,142.00. The purchase is through the County Commissioners on behalf of this Board.

**2015-09** – Dave Lane made the motion to request the Board of Commissioners of Clermont County, Ohio to purchase the Election Tabulation Equipment as outlined in the Purchase Proposal from Election Systems and Software (ES&S) dated 2/25/15 for \$1,015,142.00 and includes the trade in of (215) M-100's and (2) 650 scanners. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon discussion Tim questioned the BCC making the purchase since we are independent of the BCC and the BCC budgets for this Board, but this Board is the contracting agency. Judy had an opinion from Allen Edwards and cited O.R.C. 3506.03. The statute states the BCC must buy the voting equipment. The Board needs to go on the Record stating that they are requesting the Board of Commissioners to purchase the selected Tabulation Equipment. Upon roll call, Dave Lane-"yes", Rick Combs-"yes", Paul Campbell-"yes", Tim Rudd-"yes".

Judy pointed out to the Board that the Annual Post-Warranty License and Maintenance and Support Fees come out of our budget. We don't pay the maintenance fee (\$50,900) the first year, we will for the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year and it is a reduction from what we were paying now (\$64,000).

**Electronic Poll Books:**

Judy gave the Board copies of the Request for Proposals for the electronic poll books. They will be due from the vendors on March 24.

**2015-10** – Paul Campbell made the motion to move forward to advertise for the Proposals to purchase 182 Electronic Pollbooks and accessory equipment per the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Electronic Pollbooks approved by the County Prosecutor. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon discussed Paul inquired about the amount of pollbooks (182). Judy stated that there are 166 precincts and then we added 10% more totaling 182. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”

**State Constitutional Amendments:**

Judy explained that we received petitions to check for signatures for two different State Constitutional Amendments. We had less than twenty signatures to check. The two amendments submitted were 1) Proposed Constitutional Amendment for Medical Marijuana and Personal Use Amendment and 2) Proposed Constitutional Amendment-The End Ohio Cannabis Prohibition Act. The news is stating that the Attorney General’s Office is rejecting the first Amendment but we have not had any confirmation regarding it. After the initial approval by the Ohio Attorney General the final filing deadline for the petitions is sometime the first week of July.

**Chargebacks:**

Judy reported that the Chargebacks for the May 6, 2014 Primary Election and the November 4, 2014 General Election have been completed.

**2015-11** – Dave Lane made the motion to approve the Chargebacks and forward to the County Auditor for the Primary Election of May 6, 2014 and the General Election of November 4, 2014. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

**Election Commission Referrals:**

Judy reported that there were several committees that filed their Annual 2014 Campaign Finance Report late; they were due January 30, 2015.

**2015-12** – Paul Campbell made the motion to refer to the Elections Commission the committees of Partnership for Milford Schools, Goshen School Great Future, Warren Walker and Robert Pautke for a late filing of their 2014 Annual Campaign Finance Report. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Paul Campbell-“yes”, Dave Lane-“yes”, Rick Combs-“abstain”, Tim Rudd-“yes”.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

Deputy Director reported that we were notified by the County that they are replacing servers. We will be shut down approximately 6 hours on March 12.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

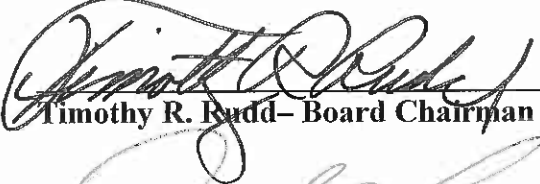
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:**

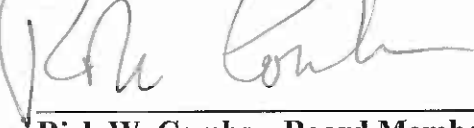
March 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Regular March Board Meeting,  
April 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Regular April Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

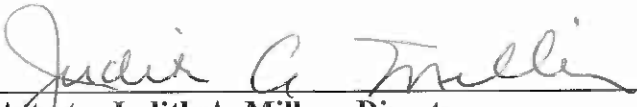
2015-13 – At 10:51 a.m. Paul Campbell made the motion to adjourn. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon direction from the Chairman, all Members answered “aye”.

  
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Timothy R. Rudd – Board Chairman

  
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Dave A. Lane – Board Member

  
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Rick W. Combs – Board Member

  
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Paul L. Campbell – Board Member

  
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Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2015**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
<b>INVOICES APPROVED BY BOARD MEMBERS:</b>		
DE LAGE LANDEN	COPIER LEASE	\$ 324.57
ELECTION ADMIN. REPORT	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	\$ 219.00
ICE MOUNTAIN	BOTTLED WATER	\$ 50.92
INTAB	RED LOCKS	\$ 297.06
JUDY MILLER	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WINTER CONFERENCE	\$ 137.44
OASIS CONFERENCE CENTER	POLL WORKER TRAINING - HALL RENTAL	\$ 200.00
OFFICE DEPOT	MISC. OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 55.32
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL	\$ 350.00
TIME WARNER	CABLE BILL - 01-22-14 TO 02-21-15	\$ 27.08
J. ROBERT TRUE	PHONE BILL FOR DECEMBER	\$ 329.96
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 01-05-15 TO 01-18-15	\$ 13,878.40
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 01-05-15 TO 01-18-15	\$ 1,953.40
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 01-19-15 TO 02-01-15	\$ 13,878.41
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 01-19-15 TO 02-01-15	\$ 1,953.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,654.96</b>