

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: Keith Corman – SOS Field Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2011-79 – Dave Lane made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting/Certification of Candidates & Issues and the August 29, 2011 Special Board Meeting and Protest Hearing. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2011-80 – Dave Lane made the motion to approve and pay the September bills. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES-NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION:

Director Miller reported to the Board the Write-In Candidates for the November 8, 2011 General Election Ballot.

Amelia Village Council – Chris Dickerson

Batavia Village Council – Kent D. Teague

Bethel Village Council – Jeremiah S. Hembree, John G. Hutchinson, Lucy L. Shepherd

Felicity Franklin Local School Board – Aaron Taylor

Clermont County Educational Service Center – Donald A. Collins – Mariann Strosnider

Judy added that no candidates filed petitions for Bethel Village Council with 2 candidates to be elected and the Educational Service Center had 1 candidate file petitions and 2 candidates to be elected.

2011-81 – Dave Lane made the motion to approve the Write-In Candidates for the November 8, 2011 General Election Ballot. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL ELECTION:

Judy reported to the Board that William O. Blalock, candidate for Goshen Township Fiscal Officer submitted a letter (dated September 13, 2011) to withdrawal his candidacy from the November 8, 2011 General Election Ballot. Judy added that since the ballots have not gone to print yet, his name would not appear on the ballot.

2011-82 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept the Letter of Withdrawal of Candidacy from William O. Blalock for Goshen Township Fiscal Officer. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy added that Dennis Skeene, candidate for Moscow Mayor, came in the office with a letter to withdrawal his candidacy. Judy spoke to him and told him that if he withdrawals he cannot get back on the ballot. Letter was not filed. Subsequently Mike and Judy spoke with Dennis and advised him that our Ballots were printed.

Judy advised the Board of Directive 2011-24 (which states if a candidate withdraws they cannot file petitions or apply to be a write-in for the same office) has been replaced with Directive 2011-29. Directive 2011-29 states, based on a Supreme Court decision "a candidate who timely withdraws their candidacy prior to Board action on the petition (prior to certification) and prior to the filing deadline, may file a new petition even if that petition is for the same office to be elected at the same election as the withdrawn petition, as long as the Board has not officially acted on that petition".

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Judy gave the Board an Election Status Update and provided them with a copy of the "Election Check-Off List." Judy stated that everything was moving along well. The Ballot Proofs were sent to Dayton Legal Blank on September 19, 2011 and we expect to receive the Absentee Ballots on September 28. This gives us enough time to prepare if the "mail out" date is October 4. Judy showed the Board the SOS approved Ballot Proofs to review.

Gregg Conrad will come in on September 23rd in to assist Nick Sommer with testing the ballots and setting up voting equipment.

Military and overseas voters (UOCAVA) can begin voting on Saturday, September 24th. We have 3 military persons who have requested absentee ballots and they all want them mailed. Judy and Edna will make sure the ballots go out Saturday.

As it stands now, the regular Absentee Voting will begin October 4th. Should anything change we will revise the calendar.

The "Close of Registration" ad is in the Clermont Sun this week and will be in the Community Journal next week. Rick suggested emailing the ad out to all of the County employees. We also made it into posters for the high school and libraries.

Kim has been in contact with the janitors from the polling locations.

We have contacted the poll workers and have been collecting their email addresses so they can take the online poll worker training.

Casey Phillips (D) and Lisa Turner (R) will vote the nursing homes.

We are trying something new this election regarding the last minute instructions given to the presiding judges. There will be one person per polling location that will come in and get the instructions, and then they will give the other precincts (within their polling location) the instructions on election day.

We have two (2) write-in candidates for the Educational Service Center. This includes all of the county except for the school districts of Milford and New Richmond (they are exempted districts). The poll workers will have to count these write in candidates election night.

The SOS sent out a new Statistical Reporting Form for election night reporting which required an enormous amount of data. The SOS advised that our vendors would help with it, but because it was so complicated this reports have been put on hold.

Rick brought to the Boards attention the polling location-Eastside Christian Church, 5874 Montclair Blvd. He stated he has had several people make comments about this site because the church will not allow election campaigning on their property. This site was the former Cinema off Route 28. The Board discussed the situation.

It was also discussed about the multiple voting locations within Bethel (Bethel Middle School and the Community Center), and why can't they all be in one location. The Board also discussed this situation. There is limited parking in front of the Bethel Middle School and the school cannot hold all of the

precincts. There are not many facilities in Bethel large enough to hold all of the precincts, and the building must be handicap accessible.

Judy added that we are required to keep the EAC tab updated for the UOCAVA voters. This tracking program is already in place, this is something we must do for every election.

The regular absentee voting starts October 4, unless there are not enough signatures collected on Referendum 194.

Judy advised the Board that the Marathon Post Office (zip code 45145) is closing on September 28. The mail will be re-routed through the Fayetteville Post Office (zip code 45118). Those voters involved have been tagged though GIS and we were able to change their zip codes.

We have not heard anything more about the Neville or Chilo Post Offices closing.

Regarding the Annexation of Batavia Township B (108.4973 acres – UC Clermont College Complex and Southern Ohio Development Center) to Batavia Village B, this annexation only involves 3 voters who will be moved from Batavia Township B to Batavia Village B. The three voters are currently inactive (2 have 2 years and the other has 4 years before they would be cancelled).

There was one Campaign Finance Committee for the Board to review for a referral. The New Richmond EVSDPI (school levy committee) did not file their 2011 Semi-Annual Report, due July 29, 2011. The staff repeatedly tried to contact the Treasurer by letters and phone calls to no avail.

2011-83 – Rick Combs made the motion to refer the New Richmond EVSDPI to the Ohio Elections Commission for failure to file the 2011 Semi-Annual Campaign Finance Report. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley updated the Board on the progress on the Annex. The expansion on the absentee voting room is complete. The furniture, carpet, and floor were scheduled to be completed two weeks ago. Mike left messages with Facilities to find out when they were going to remove their equipment from the back room because we are going to be testing equipment next week. Rick asked to take a recess while the Director and Deputy Director contacted Wade Grabowski (Facilities) to find out the status of the back room.

The Board went into off the Record at 10:36 a.m.

The Board went back on Record at 10:51 a.m.

Mike spoke with Wade and he stated the delay has been that Wade was waiting on the air quality control samples. He is finished and waiting for an OK on the room. The materials and equipment will be moved to the second floor Heritage Building and then they will start the air exchange.

Mike reported that Bonnie Carlier and Josh (GIS) are working to fine tune the precinct finder/locator for the web site. They want the program to have a picture and map of the precinct polling location.

Josh will also work with us regarding the redistricting.

Mike had an interesting records request. It was regarding the purchase of copier/fax/etc. Mike replied to him and found out he is a salesperson trying to sell him a copier.

Judy added that she had just received an email notice from Aaron Ockerman, Legislation Liaison, stating that yesterday the Legislation passed a bill funding \$2,750,000 to help with redistricting costs for drawing

maps and anything we need. They asked all of the counties to submit cost factors we will incur during this process. We do not foresee any costs at this time other than the cost to notify the Voters of their District change since we will be working with GIS and the changes in our DIMS system will be done manually by the staff. The 2nd Congressional and 14th Senatorial Districts will stay the same. We do not know if there will be any changes to the two House Districts (66th & 88th).

Another new piece of passed Legislation is setting the Presidential Primary for March 6, 2012.

The Board also discussed the candidate petitions for the 2012 Primary. The Secretary of State's Office said the candidate can put "March or May 2012" for the date to be acceptable, as long as it is a primary petition. The date will not be a fatal error.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:


October 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting & Public Test of the November General Election.
November 8, 2011 at 6:30 a.m., General Election Day Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

2011-84 – At 11:04 a.m. Rick Combs made the motion to adjourn. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon direction of the Director, 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
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
INVOICES PRE-APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY:		
ALPINE VALLEY	BOTTLED WATER	\$ 32.60
DELAGE LANDEN	RENTAL ON COPIER	\$ 340.80
DONNELLON MCCARTHY	MAINT ON B & W COPIES	\$ 146.97
DONNELLON MCCARTHY	MAINT ON COLOR COPIES	\$ 74.87
J. ROBERT TRUE	PHONE BILL - AUGUST	\$ 583.46
OFFICE DEPOT	PAPER - 3 HOLE PUNCHED	\$ 32.49
OFFICE DEPOT	DOOR STOPS (5)	\$ 21.85
SCHWAAB STAMP COMPANY	2 SELF INKING STAMPS	\$ 87.99
INVOICES APPROVED BY BOARD MEMBERS		
MILLENNIUM BUSINESS	MAINT & REPAIR FOR "BALLOT ON DEMAND"	\$ 250.00
JUDY MILLER	DISTRICT MEETING REIMBURSEMENT - 5 PEOPLE	\$ 117.71
OFFICE DEPOT	AT A GLANCE WALL CALENDARS - 2	\$ 81.38
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL FOR SEPTEMBER 2011	\$ 321.29
RB PRINTING	12,000 A.V. INSTRUCTIONS, 10,000 A.V. STOP SIGN FLYERS	\$ 889.11
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 08-08-11 TO 08-21-11	\$ 15,221.39
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 08-08-11 TO 08-21-11	\$ 1,953.40
OVERTIME PAY	PAY PERIOD 08-08-11 TO 08-21-11	\$ 38.00
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 08-22-11 TO 09-04-11	\$ 15,586.40
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 08-22-11 TO 09-04-11	\$ 1,953.40
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	PAY PERIOD 08-22-11 TO 09-04-11	\$ 70.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 37,803.11