

**Start of Official Canvass for the
March 6, 2012 Primary Election**

March 19, 2012

Chairman Tim Rudd called the Meeting to order at 9:00 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: Faye E. Miller (representing Paul Hall, not an Observer), Bob Mecklenborg (Observer representing Joe Uecker)

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2012-20 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept and pay the bills. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon discussion Rick asked to change the designation of temporary employees to part-time employees in the future. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

TEST DECK:

Dave and Rick observed Nick Sommer run the Test Deck thru the 650 scanners. Tim and Dave compared the results with the previous Test Deck results and found them to match and that the ballot scanner was counting accurately.

2012-21 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the Results of the Test Deck. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

Director Miller reviewed the breakdown on the Absentee Ballots. There were 5,014 Absentee Ballots requested and issued. The total returned and counted on Election Day was 4,736.

VALID ABSENTEE BALLOTS-to be added to the count

9 – Regular Absentee Ballots postmarked before Election Day and received within the 10 day period

6 – UOCAVA (4-military-in country and 2 civilian-overseas)

15 – Total Additional Valid Absentee Ballots

2012-22 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the 15 additional valid Absentee Ballots that were postmarked prior to Election Day as identified by the staff. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

4,736 + 15 = 4,751 Total Valid Absentee Ballots

INVALID ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Board reviewed 5 additional absentee ballots that required determinations on the postmark. **2012-23** – Paul Campbell made the motion to reject the 5 additional Absentee Ballots whereby the “postmark” could not be identified and were determined to be invalid by the Board. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

The Board then reviewed an additional 46 absentee ballots as follows:

25 – refused by nursing home voters (requested but not voted)

2 – no secrecy envelope

6 – no identification

3 – ballot returned undeliverable

1 – secrecy envelope not signed

1 – ballot mailed – refused to vote

8 – postmarked election day or later

2012-24 – Dave Lane made the motion to reject the 46 Absentee Ballots determined by the staff to be invalid. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

5 + 46 = 51 Total Rejected Absentee Ballots

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS:

Judy advised the Board that there were 331 Provisional Ballots issued. (She reviewed the fact that the provisional envelope was newly prescribed by the SOS and now includes a registration card on the back.)

INVALID PROVISIONAL BALLOTS:

Judy reviewed the potential invalid provisional ballots.

1 – no power of attorney on file

1 – did not sign provisional envelope

5 – failed to print name on provisional envelope as required

1 – current address is an “out of county” address

17 – voted in the wrong precinct and did not use SS#

21 – voters not registered

46 Total Invalid Provisional Ballots

2012-25 – Paul Campbell made the motion to reject the 46 Provisional Ballots that were determined to be invalid. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

VALID PROVISIONAL BALLOTS:

Judy advised the Board that there were **285 Valid Provisional Ballots**.

2012-26 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the valid Provisional Ballots. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

2012-27 – Paul Campbell made the motion to open the valid Absentee and Provisional Ballots and prepare them for Board review. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

The Board will Stand in Recess, while the staff prepares the ballots requiring Board review.

The Board went back on the Record. The Board reviewed the blank, over-votes and write-in ballots, and instructed the staff to proceed with the Official Canvass. The breakdown of the valid absentees added to the count was 1 Democrat and 14 Republican ballots, and 25 Democrat, 256 Republican and 3 Green Party provisional ballots added. (We will clarify the difference in the provisional count between the 285 that were determined to be counted and the 284 envelopes that were opened.)

At 11:55 a.m. the Chairman stated that the Board Stands in Recess and will Reconvene Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. to Certify the Election and hold the Regular Monthly Meeting.

Board Reconvenes
Certification and Regular Meeting
March 27, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

The Board Reconvened and was back in Session on March 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Rick Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Dave Lane and Rick Combs. Paul Campbell arrived at 10:35 a.m. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Keith Corman – SOS Field Liaison and Elizabeth Mason – Prosecutor’s Office.

TEST DECK:

Dave and Rick observed Nick Sommer run the Test Deck thru the 650 scanner. Tim and Dave compared the results with the previous Test Deck results and found them to match and that the ballot scanner was counting accurately.

2012-28 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the Results of the Test Deck. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

CERTIFICATION OF THE MARCH 6, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION:

2012-29 – Dave Lane made the motion to Certify the Results of the March 6, 2012 Primary Election to the Secretary of State. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

Director Miller advised the Board that we do not have any races that qualify for an automatic recount countywide. The Republican 14th District Senatorial and Democratic 2nd Congressional, which are multi-county races, appear to qualify for an automatic recount. Lawrence County Board of Elections is not Certifying their results until 1:30 p.m. today and we are waiting on their results. For these races, the Secretary of State will declare and determine the date of the recount (April 2-6) after they receive the results. The Board set the time of the recount for 10:00 a.m.

Judy gave the Board a copy of the Reconciliation of Election Day Results. This is a breakdown of the Election Day results per precinct that did not balance with the poll books. It states the re-run totals and the

reason for the discrepancy. The results for Williamsburg Village C were accidentally added twice on election night.

(Judy stated for the Record that there were 285 provisional ballots, not 284. When we were opening them during the Opening of the Official Canvass one slipped behind the table; it was a Republican provisional ballot.)

Judy reminded the Board that after the recount we must complete a Post Election Audit (per Directive 2012-12) for the Republican Presidential Delegates-at-Large race, the contested Democrat Supreme Court race, and one countywide race to be determined at that meeting. We are unable to set the date for the Post Election Audit until the completion of the recount. (Judy did ask the SOS if one of the races involved in the recount could be used for the audit, and we cannot.)

She said everything went well for the election and the turnout was 25.69%.

The Board entered into the Regular March Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2012-30 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept the minutes from the February 23, 2012 Board Meeting with the corrections and additions as noted by Dave Lane. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2012-31 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept and pay the bills. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

Board Member Paul Campbell entered the meeting (10:35 a.m.).

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Judy advised the Board that the filing deadline for an August Special Election (Questions & Issues) is May 9, 2012 by 4:00 p.m. SB 284 has been submitted in the Ohio Senate. It is proposed legislation to eliminate February and August Special Elections. The OAE0 is now taking a stand to eliminate those elections.

The Secretary of State is going to schedule a District Meeting instead of the summer conference. Judy stated that we anticipated a recount during Certification and have kept the absentee ballots in precinct order (by party) when we checked them for the write-in hand count. That procedure went very well. The write-in candidates on the Green and Libertarian ballots must garner 500 votes statewide to appear on the November ballot.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley did not have anything to report.

Director and Deputy Director Compensation:

Rick Combs wanted to address the issue of the compensation for the Director and Deputy Director, and allocate 3% for each of them. Their salaries had not been set during the January 19, 2012 Board Meeting. Tim asked if it still fits within the budget and Judy stated that it did.

2012-32 – Rick Combs made the motion to increase the Director and Deputy Director’s salary 3% (retroactive to January 1, 2012) and re-evaluate it in September if we want to make adjustments. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

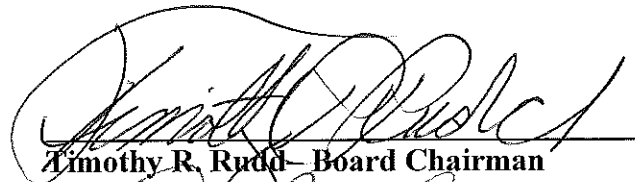
The Date for the Automatic Recount is to be determined by the SOS declaration of a recount, and the time will be at 10:00 a.m.

The Date for the Post Election Audit will follow the Recount.

April 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., Regular April Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

2012-33 – At 10:42 a.m. Dave Lane made the motion to adjourn. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon direction of the Chairman, all Members voted “aye”.



Timothy R. Rudd – Board Chairman



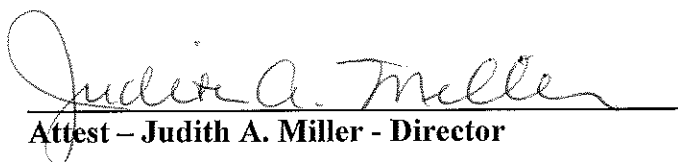
Dave A. Lane – Board Member



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 19, 2012**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
INVOICES APPROVED BY BOARD MEMBERS:		
ABLE AWARDS	BANNER FOR MOSCOW VOTERS	\$ 150.00
ALLEEN COMPANY	TENT RENTAL FOR MARCH PRIMARY	\$ 854.25
ALPINE VALLEY	BOTTLED WATER	\$ 56.45
SARAH ARCHER	ELECTION NIGHT WORKER	\$ 47.50
KIM BEARD	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 34.41
CLERMONT SUN	ADVERTISING PROCLAMATION	\$ 444.00
COMMERCIAL WORKS	DELIVERY OF VOTING EQUIPMENT-MARCH PRIMARY	\$ 2,250.00
GREGG CONRAD	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAINING CLASSES	\$ 26.64
DAYTON LEGAL	BALLOTS - ELECTION DAY	\$ 20,509.10
DAYTON LEGAL	BALLOTS - ELECTION DAY - TEST BALLOTS	\$ 1,865.30
DAYTON LEGAL	FORM 11 A.V. SUPPLY ENVELOPE	\$ 2,195.37
DELAGE LANDEN	COPIER RENTAL	\$ 324.57
DONNELLON MCCARTHY	SHIPPING CHARGE FOR TONER	\$ 7.25
ELECTION NIGHT WORKERS PAYROLL	MARCH 6, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$ 3,410.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	ANNUAL HARDWARE/SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FEE	\$ 64,345.00
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE	PICK BELTS AND RETARD BELTS	\$ 43.67
HOLIDAY INN	RENTAL FOR POLL WORKER TRAINING CLASS	\$ 843.09
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JANITORIAL PAYROLL	MARCH 6, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$ 4,970.00
OFFICE DEPOT	PAPER AND LABELS	\$ 49.98
POLL WORKER PAYROLL	MARCH 6, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION	\$ 108,655.69
POLL WORKER PAYROLL	MARCH 6, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION-ADDITIONAL	\$ 455.00
LISA TURNER	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - NURSING HOMES	\$ 130.42
RUTH ANN WERNER	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT - TRAINING CLASSES	\$ 72.15
INVOICES APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR:		
SAMS CLUB	MISC OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 147.96
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 02-06-12 TO 02-19-12	\$ 15,866.41
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 02-06-12 TO 02-19-12	\$ 1,953.40
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	PAY PERIOD 02-06-12 TO 02-19-12	\$ 3,530.00
OVERTIME	PAY PERIOD 02-06-12 TO 02-19-12	\$ 601.42
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 02-20-12 TO 03-04-12	\$ 15,866.40
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 02-20-12 TO 03-04-12	\$ 1,953.40
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	PAY PERIOD 02-20-12 TO 03-04-12	\$ 4,480.00
OVERTIME	PAY PERIOD 02-20-12 TO 03-04-12	\$ 2,462.65
	TOTAL:	\$ 259,256.70

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2012**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
INVOICES APPROVED BY BOARD MEMBERS:		
INTAB	1,600 RED LOCKS	\$ 314.04
PITNEY BOWES	RENTAL PAYMENT FOR POSTAGE MACHINE - MARCH	\$ 321.29
J. ROBERT TRUE	FEBRUARY PHONE BILL	\$ 321.19
COMMERCIAL WORKS	PARTIAL PAYMENT-RETURNING VOTING EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,626.00
INVOICES APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY DIRECTOR:		
	TOTAL:	\$ 3,582.52