

Chairman Tim Rudd called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Dave Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Dave Lane and Paul Campbell. Rick Combs was absent. Also present were Judy Miller – Director and Mike Keeley – Deputy Director.

OTHER ATTENDEES: James Constable, Peter Vezey

REVIEW OF WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:

Director Miller advised the Board that four (4) people filed to be write-in candidates for the November 5, 2013 General Election ballot. They are Priscilla Johnson (Bethel Village Council), Charles Stokes (Goshen Township Trustee), Peter T. Vezey (Goshen Township Trustee) and David C. Pennington (Clermont Northeastern School Board). She explained that Priscilla Johnson and David Pennington filed petitions and then withdrew them before the Board took action on the petitions. Peter Vezey had not previously filed any petitions. These three write-in candidates filed in proper order. Charles Stokes filed petitions, the Board took action on them and he did not have enough valid signatures to go on the ballot. He then filed to be a write-in candidate. He is not eligible to be a write in candidate. (He was notified by the staff when he filed his petitions that there appeared to be problems with his petitions, it would be a Board decision, and if he chose he could withdraw his petitions before the Board reviewed it. Mr. Stokes stated he understood.) Tim reminded the Board Members of Directive 2011-29 which states, if a candidate timely withdraws their petition then they have the right to re-file (petitions or intent to be a write-in). This is very clear. Tim also stated O.R.C. 3513.052 and 3513.041 which also states that a candidate cannot re-file as a write-in if you have already filed petitions.

2013-89 – Paul Campbell made the motion to deny the Write-In Petition for Charles Stokes. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon discussion Mr. Campbell stated that the Director had adequately explained and briefed the Board on the Directives. Mr. Rudd asked Mr. Constable what his intent was at the meeting. Mr. Constable stated he was the person that brought in the Write-In Declaration and gave Mr. Stokes an in-kind contribution of \$30.00 for his filing fee. Mr. Constable asked if there was a timely protest filed against the write-in candidates. Mr. Rudd stated there does not have to be a timely protest. Mr. Constable added that if the write-in intent was accepted, and it was not supposed to be accepted, he thinks that he or Mr. Stokes should be returned the \$30.00. Mr. Rudd stated that if Mr. Stokes wishes to ask for the return of his filing fee the Board will take that up at a later date and he can put his request in writing. Mr. Rudd also added that since Mr. Constable stated he was not an attorney he cannot represent Mr. Stokes, and because the taking of the filing (write-in and \$30) by a deputy clerk does not mean that it was accepted by the Board. The Board has to accept all petitions and write-ins. Mr. Constable added that Mr. Stokes had not received any notification by the Board that he was rejected (petitions) or of his write-in intent. Mr. Rudd stated that he would look into the notification on the status of Mr. Stokes petition. Chairman Rudd called for a vote on the motion to reject Charles Stokes Declaration to be a Write-In Candidate. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

2013-90 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the Write-In Filings for Priscilla Johnson, Peter T. Vezey and David C. Pennington as being in proper order. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE:

Director Miller explained that Ed Brady filed petitions for Milford City Council and then was appointed to a vacancy on the council, replacing Mr. Vilaro. She reminded the Board that Milford City is under a Charter and when someone is appointed to a vacancy, they fill it for the entire term (ending 2015). He is requesting to have his name withdrawn from the ballot. He notified us on August 22, 2013 which was prior to the August 27, 2013 (70 days) deadline to have his name removed from the ballot.

2013-91 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the withdrawal of the Candidacy of Ed Brady, for Milford City Council. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2013-92 – Paul Campbell made a motion to pay the bills to date. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon discussion Mr. Rudd tabled the bills until the next meeting.

Judy brought to the Board’s attention that the Child Focus Board met and approved the BOE using their facility as a polling location. Precincts UN-F1F and UN-S1S will move from the First Baptist Church to Child Focus. We are still waiting for approval from the Board at Legendary Run to use their facility. Mike added that we want to move WE-A from the Township Hall to a new firehouse at the same location.

2013-93 – Paul Campbell made the motion to approve the tentative move of WE-A from the township hall to the new firehouse. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Paul inquired if the rest of the consolidations were going well. Judy stated it was a lot of work but it has gone well and we are right on target. All of the forms have been filed with the Secretary of State. Mike talked with Barrett Brothers and this week ES&S will program the cards that will be mailed to the voters later this month.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

September 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

2013-94 – Dave Lane made the motion to adjourn. Paul Campbell 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

Notice of Meetings
Clermont County Board of Elections
76 S. Riverside Dr.
Batavia, OH 45103
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The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled a Special Meeting on:
Wednesday September 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., to approve the Write-In Candidates for the
November 5, 2013 General Election, review the withdrawal of Candidates and any other
necessary business.

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

Judy Miller-Director

Dated August 30, 2013

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Friday, August 30, 2013 1:46 PM
To: Clermont Sun (clermontsunlegals@fuse.net); Theresa Herron
(therron@communitypress.com)
Subject: special bd mtg
Attachments: 2013 Sept 4, 2013- Special Mtg.doc

Good Afternoon,

Please be advised and post if possible as a PSA (no cost) the attachment regarding a Special Board Meeting to be held on September 4, 2013. Please call if you have any questions.

Becky Rudd
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