

SPECIAL MEETING

November 17, 2020

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Ryder at 12:04 p.m. Present were Mr. Dennis Pavella, Mrs. Janet Carson, Mrs. Joan Windnagel, Director Pete Zeigler and Deputy Director Michelle Lane.

Mr. Pavella made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 15th, 2020, as presented. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2020 with one correction (Regular Meeting **Special Meeting**). Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Director Zeigler reviewed the current bills. Mr. Pavella made a motion to approve payment of the following bills as presented. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Kenneth Chuha	\$107.35
Guy T. Darone	\$70.09
Mark E. Halford	\$90.05
Tom McGinnis	\$48.30
James Mekeel	\$34.73
Don Mohney	\$34.28
Kim Rushworth	\$34.50
Tezeon Wong	\$44.85
Terrance Zion	\$43.99
Ted Gedeon	\$35.48
Blue Technologies	\$166.29
Chardon Oil Co., Inc.	\$138.73
KMI Printing	\$231.47
KMI Printing	\$466.16
Don Mohney	\$41.26
Persistence of Vision, Inc. - POV	\$1,809.60
Quadient	\$295.89
Quill LLC	\$95.35
Quill LLC	\$30.99
Quill LLC	\$12.76
Quill LLC	\$34.05
Quill LLC	\$28.08
Quill LLC	\$39.99
Quill LLC	\$55.98
LBL - Shettler Solutions	\$4.99

Sunrise Springs Water Company	\$102.00
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Nancy McArthur	\$128.34
Kenneth Chuha	\$81.42
Daniel Craig	\$36.80
Richard Depenbrok	\$121.84
Ted Gedeon	\$25.76
Steve Hoffman	\$48.30
Suzanne Steveson	\$62.10
Pete Zeigler	\$23.92
Uline	\$166.23
Uline	\$62.63
Uline	\$151.61
Richard Depenbrok	\$22.25
Barb Petersen	\$3.45
Youngstown Letter Shop	\$18,363.24

Director Zeigler presented the following bills:

Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$180.00
Geauga County Maple Leaf	\$100.00

Mr. Pavella made a motion to approve payment of the two Maple Leaf bills. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Windnagel and Mr. Pavella voted: AYE. Mr. Ryder: Abstained.

Finance Reports - Director Zeigler had a list of failure to file Campaign Finance Reports and the Board will step up after the filing deadline to review. Mrs. Carson wanted to know if the poor addresses have been addressed. It was suggested that Mrs. McArthur send another letter by the end of the year to both Candidate/Officeholder and Treasurers of problem reports. If there is a phone number an attempt to call should be made.

Scott Daisher presented a ballot that read as an over vote due to a smudge mark. The Board determined it was not an over vote. Mr. Pavella moved to accept the ballot. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Nora McGinnis presented Ten Day Absentee Ballots with timely postmarks for review. Mr. Pavella moved to approve 67 Acceptable 10 Day Absentee Ballots. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to not approve 2 ballots with no postmark after Board review. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

After Board review Mr. Pavella moved to not approve 27 ballots with late postmarks. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to not approve 5 ballots with no stubs per Ohio Revised Code. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

The Board set the date for the Audit as December 3, 2020 and selected the precincts to audit. The precincts being audited are S. Russell Village A, Bainbridge Township I, S. Russell Village B, and Bainbridge Twp. A. Director Zeigler stated we will be auditing the Presidential, Justice of the Supreme Court, Term Commencing 01/01/2021 and Children Services races. The audit must be completed 21 days after certification. Mr. Pavella moved that the audit take place December 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. as a Special Board Meeting. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Nora McGinnis gave the Board 161 Provisional ballots that were change of addresses within the County for review. After review Mr. Pavella moved to approve the 161 change of address provisional ballots. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

The Board then reviewed 33 changes of name provisional ballots. After review Mr. Pavella moved to approve 33 ballots that were change of names. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

After the Board's review Mr. Pavella moved to approve 173 Provisional ballots that were cast by voters registered in the State of Ohio but not in Geauga County. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to approve 14 ballots with ID issues with staff's recommendation to count. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to approve 251 Absentee Provisional ballots. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

After Review Mr. Pavella moved to approve 29 APRI Provisional ballots whose voter registrations were cancelled in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2019 due to inactivity. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to approve 29 Provisional ballots that due to poll worker error should have received a regular ballot. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to not approve 1 Provisional ballot with no Birthday. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to approve 2 Provisional ballots. The races that can be counted will be counted. 2 Provisional ballots were voted in the wrong precinct but correct Polling location. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to approve 1 Provisional ballot where the races that can be counted will be counted. The voter was given the wrong ballot. Poll worker error was determined. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

The Board reviewed 4 Provisional Ballots. Two ballots were put through the M100.

Mr. Pavella then moved to give credit for the 2 ballots that went through the M100 (ballots already counted) Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to approve 1 Provisional ballot due to poll worker error. Poll worker stated ballot went through M100 but ballot was still in Provisional envelope. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to not approve 1 ballot with an incorrect social security number. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella and Mrs. Windnagel voted: AYE. Mrs. Carson voted: NO.

Mr. Pavella then moved to not approve 7 Provisional ballots where the voter had previously voted an absentee ballot that was returned and counted. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to not approve 92 Provisional ballots. The voters were not registered in the state of Ohio. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to not approve 2 Provisional ballots with invalid addresses. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to not approve 5 Provisional ballots that should have been voted in another County. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Due to address, date of birth issues or wrong County, 11 were not able to be entered as registered voters.

Mr. Pavella then moved approve 1 Provisional ballot where the voter showed ID to Poll worker. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved not to approve 1 Provisional ballot where the voter had no ID and no signature. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved not to approve 1 Provisional ballot with no signature. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Scott Daisher brought in 15 ballots for the Board to review. The Board verified one write in for President as valid. The Board then determined voter intent on the rest of the over voted ballots.

The Board took a five minute break and then briefly discussed the Re-organizational Meeting on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th of March.

Director's Report - Director Zeigler discussed time off for the staff. He felt it may be necessary to bring part time employees in occasionally. The Commissioners have given the County Employees the day after Thanksgiving off. Mr. Pavella made a motion to close the Board of Elections Office the day after Thanksgiving for all full-time staff. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Director Zeigler noted that Christmas is on Friday this year. Mr. Pavella made a motion to close the Board of Elections Office for full-time staff on December 24, as a paid holiday. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Director Zeigler would also like to close the office between Christmas and New Year's Day. Mr. Pavella made a motion to close the Board of Elections Office between the 28th of December and the 31st of December, the staff to use their Comp and or vacation time. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Deputy Director Report - Mrs. Lane has been inventorying the P.P.E. in case it is needed for future elections as well as performing her regular duties and handling Voter Registration issues. She is also reviewing Polling Location results and Poll Worker documentation: Phone logs, VAT binders and Incident Reports for each Polling location with some members of the staff.

At 3:28 p.m. Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Personnel ORC 121.22 (G) (1). Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ryder-Aye. Mr. Pavella-Aye. Mrs. Carson- Aye. Mrs. Windnagel-Aye. The Director and Deputy Director were also in attendance. At 4:02 p.m. Mr. Pavella made a motion to return to regular session. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Ryder-Aye, Mr. Pavella- Mrs. Carson-Aye. Mrs. Windnagel- Aye.

Mr. Pavella moved to end the probation period of Catherine Hall Gillette and increase her pay by 3%. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella then moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:09 p.m. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Next Meeting - December 3rd at 9:00 a.m.