

SPECIAL MEETING

February 9, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Pavella at 9:00 a.m. Present were Mrs. Joan Windnagel, Mr. Ed Ryder, Director Michelle Lane, Deputy Director Nora McGinnis, Staff member Scott Daisher, County Auditor Charles Walder, IT Chief Deputy Administrator Frank Antenucci, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kristen Rine, Guests, Nancy McArthur, James MacNeal, and Barbara Walter. Board member Janet Carson attended as a guest via WebEx. Other guests attending the meeting via WebEx were Bonny Vadas, Shelly Lewis, Rita Szymczak and Keith Cunningham from Knowink.

Mr. Ryder made a motion to move the Knowink discussion to the beginning of the agenda after approval of the minutes. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to approve the January 20, 2022, Board Minutes as presented. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

Mr. Cunningham explained that updated Poll Pads are available for purchase or a three year lease. They are configured differently from our current Poll Pads and the screens flip instead of turn. Mr. Daisher reported that we have 35 of the updated pads and 95 older ones. We were informed by Mr. Cunningham that as of August, 2022, there will no longer be security updates on the older pads. The seriousness of not having Poll Pads that can be updated and that new Poll Pads will need to be purchased as soon as possible is vital to the Election process. There are currently 13 counties using the newer poll pads with two more working on a contract. The cost of the poll pad upgrade would include a rebate for the return of the old poll pads.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to pay the following bills as presented. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

KMI Printing	\$114.52
UPS	\$13.41
Dennis Pavella	\$906.39
Quill	\$81.04
Quill	\$218.89
Sunrise Springs	\$17.30

Petitions were reviewed for certification. Attached are the Democratic Central Committee and Republican Central Committee lists of certifications.

A motion was made by Mr. Pavella to keep Holly M. Rondo's name as is on the ballot since she is registered under that name, and not have it show as Holly M. Rondo-Burge. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

A motion was made by Mr. Pavella to allow Ben Kotowski's Declaration of Candidacy without "Democrat" being stated on the form. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

A motion was made by Mr. Pavella to allow Susan Effron's Declaration of Candidacy with the missing Primary date on the form. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

A motion was made by Mr. Pavella to accept and certify the candidacy of all candidates on the attached Democratic Central Committee list except the following: Dennis Pavella (Chardon City D). Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryder to accept and certify the candidacy of Dennis Pavella (Chardon City D). Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder. Abstain, Mr. Pavella.

The following Republican Central Committee candidates submitted withdrawal forms: Craig Sirna, Auburn Twp. A; Donna Yuse, Bainbridge Twp. F; Walter Claypool, Chester Twp. D; Beth Clark Welty, Chester Twp. E; Lisa Cavasinni, Chester Twp. G; John Oros, Middlefield Twp. B; Nathan Ricket, Montville Twp. A; Christine Stenzel, Munson Twp. A; Erin Brady, Munson Twp C; Jodie Swartwout, Newbury Twp. C; Frank Cavanagh, Newbury Twp. E; Kevin O'Reilly, Parkman Twp. A; Bonny Vadas, Hunting Valley Village.

In the case of Bonny Vadas, although Ms. Vadas was not able to submit her withdrawal in person at the Board of Elections due to being out of town, she did send an email and was an attendee at this meeting via WebEx and identified herself and her intent to withdraw her 2-L petition and file as a Write-in Candidate. The Board and the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney agreed that the email and her presence on the WebEx meeting was a valid request.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryder to accept the withdrawals of the above mentioned candidates. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

The following Declarations of Candidacy were reviewed individually:

Anne Patram, Bainbridge B – Declaration of Candidacy was not signed by the candidate. On the advice of our counsel, Mr. Ryder made a motion not to accept the candidacy of Anne Patram. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

Janice Sugarman, Bainbridge I, – one signature was missing the year on the date of signing. There were enough signatures on the petition. Mr. Ryder made a motion to accept the candidacy form of Janice Sugarman. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

Todd Albright, Chardon City B – The number of signatures was not filled in on the Circulator Statement. Mr. Ryder made a motion not to accept the candidacy of Todd Albright. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

Robin Gardner, Newbury A – The candidate did not sign the Declaration of Candidacy. Mr. Ryder made a motion not to accept the candidacy of Robin Gardner. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

Matthew Albright, Thompson A – There was no Petition for Candidacy included on the Declaration of Candidacy. Mr. Ryder made a motion not to accept the candidacy of Matthew Albright. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

A motion was made by Mr. Ryder to accept and certify the candidacy of all candidates on the attached Republican Central Committee list except the following: Joan Windnagel (Chardon Twp A). Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

A motion was made by Mr. Pavella to accept and certify the candidacy of Joan Windnagel (Chardon Twp A). Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mr. Ryder. Abstain, Mrs. Windnagel.

Candidate Petitions for the 23rd District (district as of date of meeting) were reviewed next.

Rita Darrow – The candidate filed in Summit County and should have filed in Geauga County, the most populous at the time. Mr. Pavella made a motion not to accept the Declaration of Candidacy of Rita Darrow due to filing in the wrong county. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

Tom Jackson - The Declaration of Candidacy was dated after the dates of all the signatures. Mr. Pavella made a motion not to accept the Candidacy of Tom Jackson due to the signature dates being prior to the Declaration of Candidacy date. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder. Abstain, Mr. Pavella.

Steve Demetriou – Mr. Ryder made a motion to accept and certify the Declaration of Candidacy of Steve Demetriou. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

Lori O’Neill – Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept and certify the Declaration of Candidacy of Lori O’Neill. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

Diane Grendell – For County Auditor, the Petition for Candidate portion was not filled in by Mrs. Grendell on two part-petitions. Mrs. Grendell had enough signatures based on the other pages counted. Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept and certify the Declaration of Candidacy of Diane Grendell. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

Carolyn Paschke – For Judge of Court of Common Pleas, Mr. Ryder made a motion to accept and certify the Declaration of Candidacy for Carolyn Paschke. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

Walter Claypool – For County Commissioner, Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept and certify the Declaration of Candidacy of Walter Claypool. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

Charles Walder – For County Auditor, Mr. Ryder made a motion to accept and certify the Declaration of Candidacy of Charles Walder. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

Jim Dvorak – For County Commissioner, Mr. Ryder made a motion to accept and certify the Declaration of Candidacy of Jim Dvorak. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

There were three questions and issues reviewed for certification:

Chardon Township – Additional tax levy of 2.75 mills for streets, roads and bridges. Mr. Ryder made a motion to accept and certify the issue to the Primary Ballot. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mr. Ryder. Abstain, Mrs. Windnagel.

Claridon Township – Additional tax levy of 1.76 mills for streets, roads and bridges. Mr. Ryder made a motion to accept and certify the issue to the Primary Ballot. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mr. Ryder. Abstain, Mrs. Windnagel.

Hemly Hardware, Thompson Twp B – Local option for sales and Sunday sales. Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to accept and certify the issue to the Primary Ballot. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mr. Ryder, Mrs. Windnagel.

Mr. Walder and Mr. Antenucci were in attendance to discuss the progress being made to keep the Board of Elections at 470 Center St. through the end of 2022. Prior to the discussion, Mr. Walder offered to set up a blue tooth speaker and large monitor in the Board Room to improve the quality of the current video and sound equipment in the room.

With regards to the Board of Elections remaining at 470 Center St., Mr. Walder said the current equipment and network switches should be able to accommodate the office through the end of the year. Internet connection should mostly remain the same. Mr. Walder stated a lot of progress has been made in the last couple weeks and there are currently no show stoppers. IT will work with Mr. Daisher on a Black-box initiative. The Board of Elections still relies on County Maintenance for the security system and cameras. He recommends keeping the generator at 470 Center St. Battery backups are under the authority of the Maintenance Department.

Mr. Antenucci looked into a fire suppression system for the new administration building and the preliminary design estimate was \$60,000 - \$70,000. The ADP Department will be on the third floor and there is fire suppression on the second floor.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to go into Executive Session per the ORC Section 121.22 (G) (3) at 11:49 a.m., and to include Director Lane, Deputy Director McGinnis, Mr. Daisher, Mrs. Carson, and counsel Mr.

Colombo. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Mrs. Windnagel, Yes; Mr. Ryder, Yes; Mr. Pavella, Yes.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to leave Executive Session at 1:32 p.m. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Mrs. Windnagel, Yes; Mr. Ryder, Yes; Mr. Pavella, Yes.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to table the agenda item to enter into a Settlement Agreement with the Geauga County Board of Commissioners to a later date. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Mrs. Windnagel, Yes; Mr. Ryder, Yes; Mr. Pavella, Yes. A motion was made by Mr. Ryder for the Board of Elections to request appropriations from the Geauga County Board of Commissioners for a foam fire suppression system for the large storage room and programmer's room in the proposed office space at 12611 Ravenwood Drive (new Administration Building), or in the alternative, appropriations for construction or lease of off-site storage for voting equipment as requests are necessary and proper election expenses, and the use of storage area and costs accrued for an early voting center in support of proper election setup expenses. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Mrs. Windnagel, Yes; Mr. Ryder, Yes; Mr. Pavella, Yes. Mrs. Carson was in agreement of the motion. Director Lane reported that the secrecy sleeves for the DS200s are not going to work and therefore will not be ordered. The Director and Deputy Director will look at other options for secrecy sleeves.

Concerning the Fair Opinion and the political party tents, money cannot be given to any political party for the purpose of getting voter registrations. The Board of Elections will consider having its own fair tent.

Director Lane, Deputy Director McGinnis, and Mr. Daisher went to the Lake County Board of Elections to attend a BallotSync presentation. It is a very useful tool for counties to share election information with each other. Mr. Daisher will test the 11th District with Lake County.

A motion was made by Mrs. Windnagel to approve the Blue Spark contract effective 12/1/21. Mr. Ryder seconded the motion. AYES, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella.

Director Report – Director Lane reported that ES&S will be onsite 3/10/22 to review the ballot layout with Mr. Daisher and also on 3/22/22 to assist with L&A Testing. Bob Fink said the Board of Elections can chargeback postage that was paid by the Commissioners for Absentee Ballot mailings. Mrs. Lane reported that Juan Carlos, a Project Controls Analyst from NV5 was onsite to discuss and facilitate the move to the new Administration Building. Director Lane also reviewed the Marshal pay rate for training and said marshals should receive the same amount as Voting Location Managers.

Deputy Director Report – Mrs. McGinnis has been assisting with the review and validation of petitions and signatures for candidates and questions and issues. She is assisting Kim Schwartz with running reports for all petitions, including statewide. She is also preparing to send out requests for ballot quotes so the Board can review at the next meeting. Deputy Director McGinnis also assists Director Lane as needed.

Joan Windnagel made the motion to go into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. as per ORC 121.22 (G) (1) for the Board to consider the discipline of a public employee. Ed Ryder seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Joan Windnagel, yes; Ed Ryder, yes; and Dennis Pavella, yes.

Dennis Pavella made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 2:48 p.m. Joan Windnagel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Dennis Pavella, yes; Ed Ryder, yes; and Joan Windnagel, yes.

Mr. Ryder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. AYES, Mr. Pavella, Mrs. Windnagel, Mr. Ryder.

Next meeting – March 17, 2022

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Primary: May 3, 2022 (as of certification)

PRECINCT	CANDIDATE	CERTIFIED	NOTES
AUBURN TWP A	Erica Wachtler	Yes	
AUBURN TWP B	Nora McGinnis	Yes	
AUBURN TWP C	Tanya J. Fouts	Yes	
AUBURN TWP D	Josephine Wenning	Yes	
AUBURN TWP E	Marla F. Zwinggi	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP A	Gabrielle Alvarez	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP B	Holly M. Rondo	Yes	Requested last name Rondo-Burge
BAINBRIDGE TWP D	Barbara L. Miller	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP E	Lori O'Neill	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP F	Bran Furman	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP G	Mabel E. Kopp	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP H	Janet M. Carson	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP I	AJ Khoury	Yes	
BURTON TWP B	Chris Lacny	Yes	
CHARDON CITY A	Christine C. Takacs	Yes	
CHARDON CITY B	Jefferey J. Campbell	Yes	
CHARDON CITY C	Matthew Stout	Yes	
CHARDON CITY D	Dennis Pavella	Yes	
CHARDON TWP C	Keith A. Brewster	Yes	
CHARDON TWP D	Kasie Podojil	Yes	
CHESTER TWP B	Pegah Zardoost	Yes	
CHESTER TWP C	Heather Fisher	Yes	
CHESTER TWP D	Patty Varanese	Yes	
CHESTER TWP E	Lindsay Carcioppolo	Yes	
CHESTER TWP H	Karen Rego	Yes	
CHESTER TWP I	Rebecca Gorski	Yes	
CLARIDON TWP A	Mallory McMaster	Yes	
CLARIDON TWP B	Dewain Hall	Yes	
HAMBDEN TWP A	Cheryl Sekura	Yes	
HAMBDEN TWP D	Howard Allen Schultz Jr	Yes	
MIDDLEFIELD VILL A	Anita Blue Marlowe	Yes	
MIDDLEFIELD VILL B	Ronald W. Wiech	Yes	
MUNSON TWP A	Mary Young	Yes	
MUNSON TWP B	Elbert Whitright	Yes	
MUNSON TWP C	Connie Dustman	Yes	

MUNSON TWP F	Joseph W. Eiduke	Yes	
NEWBURY TWP A	Guy T. Darone	Yes	
NEWBURY TWP C	Catherine Leffler	Yes	
NEWBURY TWP D	Glen Quigley	Yes	
NEWBURY TWP E	Meghan Haas Bando	Yes	
SOUTH RUSSELL VILL B	Robin S. Rood	Yes	
SOUTH RUSSELL VILL D	Minna Zelch	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP A	Janel E. Mueller	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP A	Andrew Mehall	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP B	James G. Dickinson	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP C	Matthew F. Carter	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP C	Chester Ramey	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP D	Rachel Hazelwood	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP E	Ben Kotowski	Yes	Declaration of candidacy - "Dem" not filled in
THOMPSON TWP A	Karen E. Kne	Yes	
TROY TWP B	Susan J. Efron	Yes	Primary date missing

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Primary: May 3, 2022 (as of certification)

PRECINCT	CANDIDATE	CERTIFIED	NOTES
AUBURN TWP A	Joseph DeBoth	Yes	
AUBURN TWP B	Mary E. O'Toole	Yes	
AUBURN TWP C	Alex J. Cavanagh	Yes	
AUBURN TWP D	Benjamin Timmons	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP A	Karen S. Swan	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP C	Richard F. Dobre	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP D	Todd F. Palmer	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP E	Mary B. Matheney	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP G	Robert P. Porter	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP H	Susanne M. Bagley	Yes	
BAINBRIDGE TWP I	Janice Sugarman	Yes	
BURTON VILLAGE	Kevin Freeman	Yes	
BURTON TWP A	Timothy H. Snyder	Yes	
BURTON TWP B	Daniel Whiting	Yes	
BURTON TWP C	Ray E. Hutchinson Jr.	Yes	
BURTON TWP C	Kenneth Zwolinski	Yes	
CHARDON CITY A	Daniel Meleski	Yes	
CHARDON CITY C	Thomas Nolfi	Yes	
CHARDON CITY D	Nancy McArthur	Yes	
CHARDON TWP A	Timothy A. Garton	Yes	
CHARDON TWP A	Joan Windnagel	Yes	
CHARDON TWP B	Brian J. Valletto	Yes	
CHARDON TWP D	Richard Piraino	Yes	
CHARDON TWP D	Dorothy Stange	Yes	
CHESTER TWP A	Ann Marie Allegretti	Yes	
CHESTER TWP B	Dalgisa Lanese	Yes	
CHESTER TWP C	Ken Radtke Jr	Yes	
CHESTER TWP D	Walter Claypool	Yes	
CHESTER TWP E	Beth Clark Welty	Yes	
CHESTER TWP F	Jerome Fudurich	Yes	
CHESTER TWP H	Stephanie L. Foucher	Yes	
CHESTER TWP I	Michael J. Petruziello	Yes	
AQUILLA VILLAGE	Erin K. Knife	Yes	
AQUILLA VILLAGE	Chris Alusheff	Yes	
CLARIDON TWP A	James Blair	Yes	
CLARIDON TWP A	Thomas V. Niewulis	Yes	

CLARIDON TWP C	Benjamin J. Park	Yes	
HAMBDEN TWP A	Carol J. Byler	Yes	
HAMBDEN TWP A	Cole Kornell	Yes	
HAMBDEN TWP A	Suzanne Stevenson	Yes	
HAMBDEN TWP B	Jon Bilicic	Yes	
HAMBDEN TWP C	Scott A. Hildenbrand	Yes	
HAMBDEN TWP D	Andrew Humar	Yes	
HUNTSBURG TWP A	Nancy J. Saunders	Yes	
HUNTSBURG TWP B	Tad Thurling	Yes	
MIDDLEFIELD VILL A	Celesta Mullins	Yes	
MIDDLEFIELD VILL B	Matthew Darone	Yes	
MIDDLEFIELD TWP A	Paul Porter	Yes	
MIDDLEFIELD TWP B	John V. Oros	Yes	
MONTVILLE TWP B	Frank Antenucci	Yes	
MUNSON TWP A	Frank J. Gliha	Yes	
MUNSON TWP B	Rick A. Webb	Yes	
MUNSON TWP D	Victor Fedin	Yes	
MUNSON TWP E	Ralph Spidalieri	Yes	
MUNSON TWP F	Ted S. Peterson	Yes	
NEWBURY TWP A	Jonathan Broadbent	Yes	
NEWBURY TWP B	Pasqualino A. Ianiro	Yes	
NEWBURY TWP D	Chip Manyo	Yes	
NEWBURY TWP E	Tezeon Wong	Yes	
PARKMAN TWP B	Rebecca Traggia	Yes	
SOUTH RUSSELL VILL A	Dennis Coyne	Yes	
SOUTH RUSSELL VILL B	Kendall Smith	Yes	
SOUTH RUSSELL VILL C	Elsie M. Tarczy	Yes	
SOUTH RUSSELL VILL C	Christopher Hitchcock	Yes	
SOUTH RUSSELL VILL D	Mark E. Porter	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP A	Timothy C. Lennon	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP B	Bryan Kostura	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP B	Carolyn Heather Copper	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP C	Kristina Port	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP D	Douglas Naylor	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP E	Mary H. Zettelmeyer	Yes	
RUSSELL TWP E	Barbara Walter	Yes	
TROY TWP A	James R. MacNeal	Yes	
TROY TWP B	Phillip M. Malensek	Yes	
TROY TWP B	Donna Matzek	Yes	