

## SPECIAL MEETING

March 25, 2022

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Pavella at 11:01 a.m. Present were Joan Windnagel, Director Michelle Lane, and Deputy Director Nora McGinnis. Board members Janet Carson and Ed Ryder and the Board's legal counsel, Corey Colombo, attended via WebEx. Attending the meeting as a guest via WebEx was Chuck Walder and Shelly Lewis.

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to go into Executive Session per the ORC Section 121.22 (G) (3) to conference with the Board's legal counsel concerning imminent litigation, at 11:02 a.m., and to include Director Lane, Deputy Director McGinnis, Mr. Daisher, and Counsel Mr. Colombo. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Mr. Pavella, Yes; Mrs. Windnagel, Yes; Mrs. Carson, Yes; Mr. Ryder, Yes.

Mrs. Carson made a motion to leave Executive Session at 12:13 p.m. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. The roll call vote was taken by Deputy Director McGinnis: Mr. Pavella, Yes; Mrs. Windnagel, Yes; Mrs. Carson, Yes; Mr. Ryder, Yes.

Mr. Ryder made a motion to institute legal action pursuant to RC. 3501.17(A) against the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners to seek an appropriation in an amount sufficient to provide the necessary and proper expenses of the Geauga County Board of Elections for "either a foam 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 and the expenses needed to locate the early-vote center in a portion of the proposed storage area" as was requested on February 17, 2022, and which the County Prosecuting Attorney conveyed to the Board of Elections' special counsel on March 7, 2022 that such request was unanimously rejected by the County Commissioners.

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

Mr. Ryder made a motion to request the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners and Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney take the necessary steps to appoint the law firm of McTigue Colombo & Clinger LLC, and its attorneys J. Corey Colombo, Donald McTigue, and Derek S. Clinger, who was previously appointed special counsel to the Geauga County Board of Elections, to institute legal action against the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners if necessary in furtherance of the preceding motion.

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

Mr. Ryder made a motion to request the Geauga County Board of County Commissioners and Geauga County Prosecuting Attorney take the necessary steps to seek additional appropriations in the amount of \$11,117.64 for the additional legal work that was necessary for the law firm of McTigue Colombo & Clinger LLC, and its attorneys J. Corey Colombo, Donald McTigue, and Derek S. Clinger, to serve as special counsel to the Geauga County Board of Elections pursuant to the October 1, 2021 Judgment Entry in Geauga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 21 Misc. 430.

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

Mrs. Windnagel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.