

Geauga County Board of Elections

SPECIAL MEETING-Recount

December 2, 2019

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chairman Ed Ryder. Present were Mr. Dennis Pavella, Mrs. Joan Windnagel, Mrs. Janet Carson, Director Pete Zeigler and Deputy Director Dorothy Stange.

Also in attendance were: Linda O'Brien- Russell Twp., James Mac Neal-Troy Twp., Faith MacNeal- Troy Twp., Tim Carroll-Russell Twp., Justin Madden-Russell Twp., Isaac Burden, Gary Burden-Troy Twp., Tom Niewulis-Troy Twp., Cathy Niewulis-Troy Twp., and Kristina Port- Russell Twp.

The Russell Twp. Trustee race was declared an Automatic Recount when the difference between votes cast for a declared willing candidate is equal to or less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the total votes cast in the candidate contest. There were a total of 1253 votes cast. The Board then proceeded to randomly select precincts whose vote totals for the race to be recounted equaled at least 5 percent of the total vote in the race to be recounted, this required only selecting one precinct from the five precincts in Russell Township. The Chairman chose Russell Twp. A precinct from the random drawing.

Due to the fact the Lake County Financing District voters are very few in Geauga County and only involves one precinct, Mr. Pavella made a motion to Hand Count the votes in Geauga County. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: Aye.

Mr. Pavella made a motion to Hand Count the requested recount of Troy A and Troy B precincts by the qualified electors residing within the Berkshire Local School District per ORC 3515.01-3515.07, with Mr. MacNeal as Chairman. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: Aye.

After resuming the Board meeting, Mr. Pavella made a motion to accept the recounted results as the official count with no changes in either the Russell Twp. Trustee race or the Berkshire School District Levy, the same as the certified results. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: Aye

Mr. Pavella made a motion to approve payment of the following bills:

Maureen Depenbrok	57.28
Barbara Miller	53.36

Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: Aye.

The date for the post-election Audit was set for December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board office. Mrs. Carson made a motion to audit the county-wide Metzenbaum levy which is #24 on the ballot. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: Aye.

Mr. Pavella made a motion to accept the randomly picked precincts to meet the required number for the post-election audit. The precincts are; Hamden Twp. A, Chester Twp. G, Huntsburg Twp. A and Middlefield Twp. B. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: Aye.

The Director called the Board's attention to the newspaper article in the Geauga County Maple Leaf and asked if there were any comments.

Mr. Pavella made a motion to adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: Aye.

Next meeting: December 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.