

**REGULAR SPECIAL (Correction November 17<sup>th</sup>) MEETING**

November 3, 2020

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Ryder at 6:20 a.m. Present were Mr. Dennis Pavella, Mrs. Janet Carson, Mrs. Joan Windnagel, Director Pete Zeigler and Deputy Director Michelle Lane.

Director Zeigler informed the Board the bills will be paid at the next meeting.

Observers Joseph Svete and Mary Louise Mele joined the Board Meeting.

The Board then reviewed blank ballots, over votes and ballots where voter intent would need to be determined.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 1 blank ballot. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to not approve 34 overvotes. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to accept 1 vote for Donald Trump. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. Mr. Ryder, Mr. Pavella and Mrs. Windnagel voted: AYE. Mrs. Carson voted NO.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 14 ballots where the Presidential vote was determined by the Board. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 34 ballots where the voter also wrote choice In. (Double Bubble). Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to accept 14 smudged /dirty ballots where the Board had determined voter intent. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to accept 18 more ballots where the Board determined voter intent. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to accept 1 ballot the Board had determined voter intent for State Senate race. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to accept 1 ballot for State Rep. where voter intent was determined by the Board. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 2 true over votes. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 36 ballots where voter intent was determined by the Board. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve and remake 2 ballots where clear voter intent for President was determined by the Board. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 5 legitimate write - ins. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 15 damaged ballots and have them remade as they exist. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 1 ballot the Board had determined voter intent and to have the ballot remade as marked. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Director Zeigler asked the Board to move Appropriations and Provisional start dates ahead on the Agenda.

Mrs. Windnagel moved to have Board employees start processing Provisional Ballots on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pavella seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Director Zeigler explained that the first two transfers are for computers and salaries from the CTCL Grant. The next two are from HAVA Funds for Covid related expenses such as extra salaries and supplies.

Mr. Pavella moved to transfer \$9340.45 from 1001-050-00-452 Elections Revenue to 1001-050-00-601 Contracts (CTCL Grant). Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to transfer \$ 18,959.55 from 1001-050-00-452 Elections Revenue to 1001-050-02-501 Salaries (CTCL Grant). Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to transfer \$ 29,486.33 from HAVA (2067-050-00-601) to Salaries 1001-050-02-501 (HAVA). Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

The Board agreed that 12:00 noon on November 17<sup>th</sup> would be a good date to start the Official Canvass. If the Canvass is not completed on the 17<sup>th</sup>, they need to keep the meeting open until the next day. Mr. Pavella moved to start the Official Canvass at 12:00 p.m. on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Meeting recessed until 7:00 p.m. so Board Members could oversee Election Day practices throughout Geauga County Polling Locations. Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

The Board Members felt that there was a good attitude throughout the County. It was noted that more Poll Pads would have helped the lines, especially at Adam Hall and Munson Town Hall.

Scott Daisher presented the Board with 5 not valid write-ins. Mr. Pavella moved to not approve the 5 write-ins. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella move to accept 3 ballots where the Board had determined voter intent. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 3 over votes the Board had reviewed. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella moved to approve 9 over votes the Board had reviewed that had smudge marks and or fold marks. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Pavella moved to close the Polls. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Director Zeigler stated that the Board may have a significant number of Provisional Ballots.

Mrs. Carson suggested the Board wait to see if there will be any recounts before making a decision regarding the Office being closed the day after Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Windnagel moved to accept the Unofficial Results of the November 3, 2020 General Election. (attached) Mrs. Carson seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Mr. Pavella made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Mrs. Windnagel seconded the motion. All voted: AYE.

Next Meeting – November 17, 2020