

Minutes
Athens County Board of Elections
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2022, 3:30 pm

The Athens County Board of Elections met on January 25, 2022 at 3:30 pm at the board office. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair McGuckin, Roll Call – Sky Pettey, Gary Van Meter, Aundrea S. Carpenter-Colvin and Kate McGuckin all present. Also present at the meeting: Director Debra Quivey, Deputy Director Tony Brooks, Beth Ferrier, Debbie Perry and Helen King from League of Women Voters, Caleb Pierce Secretary of State Regional Liaison and Kirk Shaw Assistant Athens County Prosecutor.

Ms. McGuckin led the pledge.

Motion 2022:01:01

Mr. Pettey moved, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin that the minutes for November 17, 2021, November 19, 2021 and November 29, 2021 be approved by the board as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget updates were provided and presented by Deputy Director Brooks.

Motion 2022:01:02 (Attachment 1)

Mr. Van Meter moved, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin that bills from November 18, 2021 to January 25, 2022 be approved as presented. Voting: Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin – Yes, Mr. Van Meter – Yes, Mr. Pettey – Yes, Ms. McGuckin – Yes

Motion 2022:01:03

Mr. Van Meter moved, seconded by Mr. Pettey to retroactively amend Motion 2021:10:06 and Motion 2021:11:16 to allow the Director, Deputy Director and board members or their designee to approve infrequent and minimally valued expenditures for food/snacks/drinks for election workers, poll workers and training in which the community is involved. Specifically, the board approves this for the August 3, 2021 Special Primary and November 2, 2021 General Election. Pursuant to IRS Reg 1.132-6 and IRES Reg 1.119-1 all expenses met the De Minimis Exclusion and/or Meals for the Convenience of the Employer and are excludable as taxable fringe. Voting: Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin – Yes, Mr. Van Meter – Yes, Mr. Pettey – Yes, Ms. McGuckin – Yes

Motion 2022:01:04

Mr. Pettey moved, seconded by Mr. Van Meter to accept and certify the petition to surrender the corporate powers of the village of Coolville to the November 2022 ballot. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Brooks provided an update regarding the new e-pollbooks that were paid for by the county commissioners under capital improvements. Contract was signed for 66 e-pollbooks and printers and sent to Elections Systems & Software on January 4, 2022 in an amount of \$108,345.00. Expected delivery date is February 28, 2022. Next step will be to figure out what we can do with the old e-pollbooks and Deputy Director Brooks stated he will be doing research on that issue and bring to the next meeting.

Director Quivey provided a letter to the board from Chad Kister (Attachment 2) regarding his arrest and incarceration. Mr. Kister asked the board to explore any options in which the board could assist him regarding this issue. The board discussed this matter and determined that this issue is beyond the scope of what the board can do because this is legal issue and he had not filed to run for office. The Board asked that the director and deputy director work with Assistant Prosecutor on a letter in response to Mr. Kister.

Motion 2022:01:05

Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin moved, seconded by Mr. Pettey that the board office not participate in the county data board per Ohio Revised Code. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin provided an update regarding proposed changes to the Election Official Manual by the Secretary of State. OAEO trustees and legislature have come out and voiced opposition to the requirement that the Secretary of State Summer Conference be required.

Director Quivey provided the proposed meeting schedule for 2022. Board changed February 9th, 2022 meeting to February 8th, 2022 and changed June 15th, 2022 meeting to June 13th, 2022. All other meetings were agreeable to board members. Director Quivey stated she would make these changes and post the amended schedule for the public.

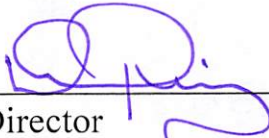
Deputy Director Brooks, Ms. McGuckin and Mr. Pettey information regarding the Ohio Association of Election Officials Winter Conference. Classes offered and information gained were discussed.

Director Quivey let the board know that the reservations for hotels have been made for the 4 board members, Director and Deputy Director for June 27th, 28th and 29th for Secretary of State Summer Conference.


Caleb Pearce, Regional Liaison for Secretary of State provided an update regarding redistricting efforts and what is being done for the Ohio House and Senate and US House of Representatives. There is a lot of uncertainty out there at the moment and there are a lot of unknown factors at this time.

Motion 2022:11:14

Mr. Van Meter moved, seconded by Mr. Pettey to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.



Director



Chair

Expenses Paid Between November 18, 2021 and January 25, 2021

Time Warner Cable/Spectrum	Monthly Bill	\$98.79
Elections Systems and Software	Site Support -Official Count	\$1,700.00
OAE0	Winter Conference Registration	\$900.00
Elections Systems and Software	Site Support -Election Day	\$4,675.00
Elections Systems and Software	E-Pollbook Setup	\$2,281.59
Graphic Village	Absentee Mail Out Ballots	\$2,326.82
Shred it	Shredding of Old Records - Albany	\$514.95
Minuteman Press	Receipt Books for Cash, Petitions or Resolutions	\$323.00
Ohio University	Sandwich Boards & Signs - Polling Locations	\$5,920.94
Glacier Mountian Bottled Water	Monthly Bill	\$36.00
Pitney Bowes	Quarterly Equipment Lease	\$391.86
Ohio University	Sandwich Board Signs - Office	\$134.85
Ohio University	Sandwich Boards - Office	\$443.10
Ohio University	Sandwich Board Signs - Office	\$77.50
Ohio University	Yard Signs for Polling Locations Moved	\$105.75
Hocking Valley Bank	Food & Gas for November 2021 General	\$816.50
Olga Thomas	Travel for Election Day - November 2021 General	\$150.70
OAE0	REO Classes	\$990.00
Time Warner Cable/Spectrum	Monthly Bill	\$98.79
Elections Systems and Software	Ballot on Demand Setup	\$1,941.60
Ohio University	Truck Rental for Equipment November General	\$3,768.00
Glacier Mountian Bottled Water	Monthly Bill	\$52.50
Tony L. Brooks II	Office Organizer - Election Night	\$56.15

Debra Quivey	Postage to Return State Petitions	\$176.32
APG Media	Voter Registration Ad for November General	\$257.50
Tammy Skinner	Travel to pick up Petitions	\$82.88
Time Warner Cable/Spectrum	Monthly Bill	\$98.79
Minuteman Press	5000 Window Envelopes	\$489.00
Tony L. Brooks II	Travel - Conference & Postage	\$155.28
Ohio University	Rental fee for Baker Center - 21 General	\$150.00
	Total	\$29,214.16

Attachment 2

Athens Board of Elections.

Chad Kister, inmate # 019116
16677 Riverside Dr.
Nelsonville OH 45764

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ATHENS COUNTY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dear Board of Elections Representative,
By falsely arresting me for alleged
inducing panic while I was campaigning
for County Commissioner, the Athens
County Sheriff's and prosecutors violated
election laws, as well as my 1st
Amendment Rights.

Please investigate and prosecute.
I did not commit inducing panic, or
make a bomb threat in any way. This
is clearly retaliation for his 4 lawsuits
he had filed (he has since added 2 more),
his criticism of the Sheriff's on the
radio and his Facebook page, and
what he would do to the Sheriff's
and their budget if elected.

This is retaliatory - and illegal
conduct on the part of Athens
Sheriff Rodney Smith, Prosecutor Keller,
Blackburn and Judge Lang.

Sincerely,
Chad Kister
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