

Minutes
Athens County Board of Elections
Emergency Meeting
March 9, 2024, 10:30 am

The Athens County Board of Elections met on March 9, 2024 at 10:30 am at the board office. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pettey, Roll Call – Gary Van Meter, Sky Pettey and Kate McGuckin all present. Aundrea S. Carpenter-Colvin was absent. Also present at the meeting: Director Debra Quivey, Deputy Director Tony Brooks, Josh Collins and Kim Nappier from Alexander Local School District and WAIS/WSEO. Jay Barnes, President of Alexander Local Board of Education was listening by phone.

Mr. Pettey led the pledge.

Information was provided by Deputy Director Brooks and Director Quivey as to what occurred to lead to the Alexander Local School Board Income Tax Levy ballot language to be on the ballot incorrectly. It was also discussed about how to remedy the situation at this time based on advice from legal counsel and the Ohio Secretary of States office. It was also explained the steps that will be taken in the future to keep this situation from happening again. Deputy Director Brooks took full responsibility for the error. Director Quivey noted that the Ohio Secretary of States office finalizes all ballot language before it goes on the ballot. The Ohio Secretary of state office returned the ballot language to our office approved go the ballot. They also missed the error on the ballot language.

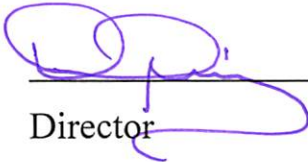
Josh Collins and Kim Nappier gave a statement to the board that they wanted the issue kept on the ballot at this time and that they agreed with the remedy of posting notices at the office for early voting and all polling locations for Election Day. They also asked if the Board would do a Press Release regarding what had happened and stating that this issue was through no fault of the Alexander Local School District. Deputy Director Brooks agreed to do the notices, posts and press releases.

Motion 2024:03:03 (Attachment 1)

Ms. McGuckin moved, seconded by Mr. Van Meter to approved the proposal of Director Quivey and Deputy Director Brooks that had been approved by legal counsel and the Ohio Secretary of States office to post notices at the office for early voting, post notices at the 4 polling locations that the Alexander Income Tax Levy appears on the ballot for election day, post on all board social media and complete press releases before Election Day. Voting: Ms. McGuckin – Yes, Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin – Absent, Mr. Van Meter – Yes and Mr. Pettey – Yes..

Motion 2024:03:04

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



Director



Chair

Attachment 1 - Motion 2024:03:03

Sky Pettey
Chair

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

3/9/2024

**BALLOT LANGUAGE UPDATE FOR
MARCH 19, 2024 PRIMARY**

ATHENS, OH – On March 7, 2024 our office was contacted by the Ohio Department of Taxation regarding the Alexander Local School District Levy that is on the current March 19, 2024 Primary Election. During the conversation with this office, it was recommended that the language of this issue be updated to the following:

Shall an annual income tax of 1 per cent on the earned income of individuals residing in the school district be imposed by Alexander Local School District to renew an income tax expiring at the end of 2024 for 5 years, beginning January 1, 2025, for the purpose of current operating expenses of the school district?

Our office will be posting notices of this update at our office and all polling locations where the Alexander Local School District Levy appears on the ballot.

This update to ballot language was through no fault of the Alexander School District.

We apologize for any inconvenience at this time.

If you have any questions, contact our office at (740)592-3201.

Sincerely,

Debra Quivey
Director

Tony L. Brooks II
Deputy Director

NOTICE:

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Ohio Department of Taxation has recommended that the language of the Alexander Local School District Levy be updated to the following:

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