

Minutes
Athens County Board of Elections
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2024, 4:00 pm

The Athens County Board of Elections met on December 11, 2024 at 4:00 pm at the board office. The meeting was called to order by Board Member McGuckin, Roll Call –Gary Van Meter, Aundrea Carpenter-Colvin, Sky Pettey and Kate McGuckin all present. Also present at the meeting: Director Debra Quivey, Deputy Director Tony Brooks, Debbie Perry, Helen King from the League of Women Voters and David Forster from WOUB.

Ms. McGuckin led the pledge.

Motion 2024:12:01

Ms. McGuckin moved, seconded by Mr. Van Meter to amend the agenda to move Nelsonville Election Issue to be first on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Brooks presented to the Board that Nelsonville Initiative passed in the November 2024 General Election. Our office has referred any calls or questions regarding this issue to the city of Nelsonville’s Solicitor because we cannot give legal advice. There are still pending appeals and litigation going on by what we are aware of at this time. Director and Deputy Director have requested a meeting between our office, the prosecutor’s office and the city of Nelsonville Solicitor to try and get everyone on the same page for this complicated issue that we have ahead of all of us. We are suggesting the City of Nelsonville contact the Ohio Attorney General regarding the how to proceed with this issue according the Ohio Revised Code.

Motion 2024:12:02

Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin moved, seconded by Ms. McGuckin that the minutes for October 16, 2024, November 5, 2024, November 13, 2024, November 15, 2024, November 19, 2024 and November 22, 2024 be approved by the Board as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Director Brooks provided an update for the 2024 and 2025 budgets.

Motion 2024:12:03 (Attachment 1)

Mr. Van Meter moved, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin that bills from October 18, 2024 to December 31, 2024 be approved as presented by Deputy Director Brooks. Voting: Mrs. Carpenter-Colvin – Yes, Mr. Van Meter – Yes, Mr. Pettey – Yes and Ms. McGuckin – Yes

Director Quivey asked the Board about the 2025 meeting calendar. The board agreed to keep the meeting the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm as much as possible. Director Quivey stated that she will have a meeting calendar at the January meeting.

Deputy Director Brooks discussed the issues that we are having with our office location being used as an early voting location and options that we have for improving this location verse moving to another potential location. Deputy Director Brooks also provided statistics that show the trend of early voting population is changing from in the City of Athens voters to out in the county voters and student population is rapidly reducing. Board requested additional information and data statistics regarding the options that our office has. Deputy Director Brooks stated that he would get as much information and data as possible for the next meeting.

Board Member Carpenter-Colvin gave an update on the legal and legislation updates that the OAEO is working on regarding elections in the state.

Secretary of State Liaison Caleb Pierce joined by phone and informed the Board that his last day with the Secretary of States office is January 3rd, 2025.

Motion 2024:12:04

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



Director



Chair

Expenses Paid Between October 18, 2024 and December 31, 2024

Charter Communications	Monthly Cable	\$108.50
Triad Governmental Systems	Drop Box Recording	\$1,200.00
USPS	Reissue from 2022	\$796.36
Huntington Banks	Monthly Subscription for Entry System	\$69.93
Huntington Banks	Gas & Food for Election	\$133.08
Glacier Mountain Bottled Water	Monthly Water	\$62.00
Everon/ADT Commercial	Monthly Access Control	\$167.58
Huntington Banks	Gas & Food for Election	\$1,220.30
Ohio University	Location Rental	\$175.00
Waterloo Community Senior Center	Location Rental	\$100.00
Charter Communications	Monthly Cable	\$108.50
The Dairy Barn	Location Rental	\$300.00
Huntington Banks	Gas & Food for Election	\$113.62
Debra Quivey	Parking Cards for Temp Workers	\$685.56
Triad GSI	DATA Act Grant	\$5,675.00
Triad Governmental Systems	Backup Signature Lists	\$430.79
Triad GSI	DATA Act Grant	\$1,895.00
Various	Pollworker Pay	\$40,018.41
Various	County Worker Poll Worker Pay	\$26,145.22
	Total	\$79,404.85

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