

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:45 A.M., with the following members present: Chairman Richard Salvage, Melinda Miller, Dave Rhodes, Freddie Latella. Also attending were Director Luke Burton, Deputy Director Brian Mead, Newark Advocate reporter Kent Mallett, and a representative from the League of Women Voters.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct regular monthly business, certify petitions for the May 3, 2022 primary election, and other business brought before the Board.

Chairman Richard Salvage led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Budget:

Deputy Director Brian Mead gave an update on the budget.

Secretary of State Communications:

The Board reviewed the following communications from the Ohio Secretary of State.

- League of Women Voters V. Ohio Redistricting Commission.
- Directive 2022-02 Statewide Petitions.
- Adams V. DeWine Congressional Redistricting.
- 100 Day FWAB notice update for May 3, 2022 primary election.
- Election Official Manual – Proposed permanent directives.
- Secretary of State Cybersecurity Liaison meeting.
- Ohio House and Senate redistricting updates.
- House Bill 93 changes to primary election.
- Updates to Election Official Manual.

Office Update:

County buildings and Board of Elections were closed February 4th due to inclement weather.

County buildings and Board of Elections will be closed February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

Close of voter registration occurs April 4th. Board of Elections office will be staffed until 9:00 P.M. Poll worker training begins as well.

Part-time staff will begin March 14th.

New Business:

Petitions approved without exceptions:

Director Luke Burton began petition certification by outlining the process in which the Board uses to check petitions for validity and sufficiency. Election Official Manual Chapter 13 Petitions outlines the process following Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3513.

1 petition for the office of 68th District State Representative Democratic was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

2 petitions for the office of 68th District State Representative Republican were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of 69th District State Representative Republican was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of 31st District State Senate Democratic was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

2 petitions for the office of 31st District State Senate Republican were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

3 petitions for the office of 31st District State Central Committee Democratic were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

4 petitions for the office of 31st District State Central Committee Republican were presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of County Commissioner Democratic was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of County Commissioner Republican was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of County Auditor Republican was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division Republican. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 additional petition for the office of 31st District State Senate Republican was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for A4 Ragtime band Newark 1 LLC, precinct Newark 2-B, was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for Ohio Springs Inc d/b/a Sheetz #730, precinct Newark 5-C, was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 local liquor option petition for Granville Milling Co., precinct Harrison Township A, was presented. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Problem petitions requiring review:

1 petition for the office of County Commissioner Democratic, Gail Herold, was presented. Full term commencing dates on parts 2, 3, and 4 is incomplete. Office sought is blank on part 2. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition without part 2. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of County Commissioner Republican, William C. Hayes, was presented. Part 6 Declaration of Candidacy section is filled out for an office and election which does not match other parts of this filing. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition without part 6. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 petition for the office of 31st District State Central Committee Republican, Doug Joseph, was presented. Part 2 was signed by the candidate who was also the petition circulator leaving an insufficient number of valid signatures. Melinda Miller made a motion to reject the petition. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business Continued:

Deputy Director Brian Mead presented the Board with an affirmation to outsource absentee ballot printing and mailing services to Graphic Village. Melinda Miller made a motion to utilize Graphic Village for absentee ballot printing and mailing services for the May 3, 2022 primary election. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Director Luke Burton presented the Board with an initial paper ballot and voting equipment resource allocation table for the May 3, 2022 primary election. Freddie Latella made a motion to accept the paper ballot and voting equipment resource allocations as presented. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

OAEO Report:

Secretary of State Summer Conference will take place June 28th and 29th at Hilton Columbus East.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for March 7, 2022 at 11:45 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 P.M.



Richard Salvage, Chair


Melinda Miller, Board Member


Dave Rhodes, Board Member


Freddie Latella, Board Member


Brian K. Mead, Director


Director