

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 11:37 A.M., with the following members present: Melinda Miller, Dave Rhodes; Richard Salvage. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Luke Burton, Taft Law Partner Steven Cuckler, and members of the public.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct regular monthly business and other business brought before the Board.

Minutes and Budget:

Director Brian Mead presented the Board with minutes from the April 12, 2021, May 4, 2021 and May 24, 2021 meetings. Melinda Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Dave Rhodes provided the second. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Freddie Latella entered the meeting.

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.

- Weekly Reminder – HAVA Funds
- Directive 2021-16 NCOA Information
- Weekly Reminder – August Special Election Instructions
- Meeting Notice – Board of Voting Machine Examiners 6-15-21
- Feedback on Secretary of State summer conference

Office Update:

- Non-Partisan petition packets are prepared and being given out to potential candidates upon request. Filing deadline is August 4, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.
- Director Brian Mead attended a meeting regarding a potential countywide electric aggregation ballot question.

Unfinished Business:

The Board continued a conversation about voting locations. The question of potentially moving the voting location currently held in the American Legion Hall was raised. Chairman Freddie Latella requested the office located at 951 Buckeye Avenue be reviewed as a potential voting location. Director Brian Mead and Special Operations Coordinator Clayton Shell performed an ADA inspection of the site. The findings were not favorable in terms of handicap accessibility.

Dave Rhodes asked for information related to why a voting location had been moved from the YMCA to the American Legion Hall in 2019.

Chairman Freddie Latella stated he was a strong proponent of each Newark City Ward having their own voting location.

After a discussion it was determined that Chairman Freddie Latella and Dave Rhodes would contact Newark Catholic High School in regards to becoming a voting location.

New Business:

Deputy Director Luke Burton presented the Board with Petition ID: 210600 Petition for a Township Zoning Referendum. "The Hagy Property Planned Mixed-Use Development District (PMUD) Zoning Text Amendment. Resolution No. 21-04-28-02. Application No. AM-20-06 (per Twp. Trustees). Application No. AM-20-03 (per Twp. Zoning Commission)"

At least the minimum number of signatures were found to be valid and sufficient for the petition with other parts of the petition also found to be valid and sufficient. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the validity and sufficiency of signatures and information related to the "face" of the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board allowed Taft Law Partner Steven Cuckler to give a brief statement related to the petition.

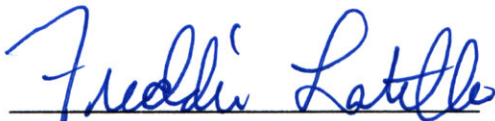
OAEO Report:

- Registered Election Official classes were held remotely on June 10, 2021
- Central Ohio Regional Meeting hosted by the Fairfield County Board of Elections June 25, 2021
- Election Reform Bill HB 294, Senate budget amendment regarding non-government grants

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 11:30 A.M. July 9, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 P.M.




Freddie Latella, Chair



Melinda Miller, Board Member



Dave Rhodes, Board Member



Richard E. Salvage, Board Member



Brian K. Mead, Director