

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2019

A regular meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order with the Board reconvening at 1:00 P.M., with the following members present: Chair Grace Cherrington, Melinda Miller, Richard Salvage, and Larry Wise. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Luke Burton, and Newark Advocate Reporter Kent Mallett.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct regular monthly business and certify petitions.

New Business – Moved Agenda Item:

Richard Salvage made a motion to move the agenda items “Certification of 2020 Candidates”, “Equipment and Ballot Allocation”, “Human Resources”, and “Next Board Meeting” as the next items in the meeting. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes:

Minutes from the October 8, 2019 Regular Meeting, November 5, 2019 Election Day Meeting, November 18, 2019 Provisional Ballot Meeting, and November 22, 2019 Official Canvass Meeting were presented. Larry Wise made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business – Petition Certification:

Decisions to certify or not to certify petitions were made in consultation with Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Carolyn Carnes, reviewing relevant sections of the Election Official Manual and Ohio Revised Code.

Deputy Director Luke Burton presented the Board with the following groups of petitions.

1 Local Option petition. Larry Wise made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition 72nd State Representative. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller proved the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Democratic and 2 Republican petitions 71st State Representative. Larry Wise made a motion to accept the petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Democratic and 1 Republican petition County Commissioner January 2, 2021 term. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition County Commissioner January 3, 2021 term. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition County Coroner. Larry Wise made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

2 Republican petitions County Treasurer. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition County Prosecutor. Larry Wise made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

2 Republican petitions County Sheriff. Larry Wise made a motion to accept the petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition County Recorder. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition County Engineer. Larry Wise made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition Common Pleas Court Clerk. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition Common Pleas Court Judge General Division. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

1 Republican petition Common Pleas Court Judge Domestic Relations. Larry Wise made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

2 Republican petitions Common Pleas Court Judge Probate/Juvenile. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

20 Democratic petitions Democratic County Central Committee. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petitions. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

50 Republican petitions Republican County Central Committee. Larry Wise made a motion to accept the petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

3 Republican petitions Republican State Central Committee. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Problem Petitions:

Township of Hanover, Trustee, Ryan Gerber – 25 valid signatures are required, only 21 signatures were able to be certified. Larry Wise made a motion to reject the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Precinct Hebron, Democratic County Central Committee, Richard Johnson Jr:
Precinct Madison A, Republican County Central Committee, Roger W. Shaw:
Precinct Newton B, Republican County Central Committee, Francis L. Kennedy:
Number of signatures witnessed in the Circulator's Statement were left blank. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject the 3 petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Precinct Pataskala 2-A, Republican County Central Committee, W. Todd Nein:
Precinct Newark 4-D, Republican County Central Committee, Gary R. Walters:
Precinct Newark 4-B, Republican County Central Committee, J. Marc Camp:
Precinct Harrison C, Democratic County Central Committee, Darlene M. Hemmingsen:
Precinct Reynoldsburg 3-D, Democratic County Central Committee, Leanora A. Jenkins:

Date of the "Declaration of Candidacy" comes after the date of all signatures. Richard Salvage made a motion to reject the 5 petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Precinct Madison A, Republican County Central Committee, Larry Ray Thomas:
Precinct Newark 2-A, Democratic County Central Committee, Robert Persinger:
Precinct Newark 4-C, Democratic County Central Committee, Matthew Rechel:
Date of the "Declaration of Candidacy" was year 2020 instead of 2019. Month and date preceded signature dates. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the 3 petitions. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Precinct Harrison A, Republican County Central Committee, Barnard S. Kemter:
"Declaration of Candidacy" was signed at the Board of Elections counter while filing. Larry Wise made a motion to reject the petition. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Precinct Newark 7-C, Democratic County Central Committee, Michelle Newman:
Precinct St. Albans A, Republican County Central Committee, Randal B. Almendinger:
Precinct Licking A, Republican County Central Committee, Sarah Jane Marshall:
"Declaration of Candidacy" date of the election was blank or incorrect. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the 3 petitions. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Precinct Granville Twp B, Republican County Central Committee, J. Park Shai III:
Precinct Newark 3-A, Republican County Central Committee, Eva Wray:
Precinct Newark 5-C, Republican County Central Committee, Curtis W. Johnson:
"Petition for Candidate" political party and name of candidate lines blank. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the 3 petitions. Larry Wise provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Precinct Liberty B, Democratic County Central Committee, Michael E. Smith:
Candidate used Secretary of State Form 2-G instead of 2-L. Melinda Miller made a motion to accept the petition. Richard Salvage provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

New Business Continued:

Director Brian Mead presented the Board with the 90 day voting equipment allocation. Richard Salvage made a motion to accept the 90 day allocation table as presented. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board was presented with a letter of resignation from Clerk Angela Schlesiona. Angela has been hired as Deputy Director of the Tuscarawas County Board of Elections. Angela joined the meeting and thanked the Board for her time working in the office.

The Board discussed proposed dates for upcoming Board Meetings in January and February. Regular meetings will be held on January 21, 2020 4:30pm and February 11, 2020 4:30pm. Angela's Republican Clerk position will be advertised on the Board website beginning January 3, 2020 until filled.

The Board discussed future staff evaluations, staff sign in sheets, and ballot printers.

Director Brian Mead presented the November budget update.

Secretary of State Communications:

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

- Advisory 2019-10 Post Secondary Voting Requirements
- Security Directive – SIEM Memorandum of Understanding
- Election Night Reporting Contact Survey
- Directive 2019-25 Election Manual Update – Chapters 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 15

Office Update:

Director Brian Mead provided an office update for the following items.

- Automatic recounts of the Liberty Township Trustee and Hebron Village Council races were completed on December 2, 2019. No changes in results.
- Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose visited the office on December 4, 2019. Held a roundtable discussion and toured the office.
- Post-election audit was conducted on December 5, 2019. No changes in results.
- Brian and Luke attended the Ohio Election 2020 Security Briefing on December 6, 2019.
- Interim 2020 budget is finalized.
- New cabinets and PCs are coming soon.
- Part time employees from the November election have been asked to come back for the March election.
- Security Directive / IT meetings. Email, website, PC, and employee sign-in updates.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The January regular meeting has been scheduled for January 21, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

The February regular meeting has been scheduled for February 11, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 P.M.




Grace Cherrington, Chair



Melinda Miller, Board Member



Larry D. Wise, Board Member



Richard E. Salvage, Board Member



Brian K. Mead, Director