

Marion County Board of Elections

Board Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

I. Call to Order

Chair Lynn Zucker called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Elections at 12:17PM on May 18, 2020 the meeting was held in the Prospect Room in the Marion County Building.

II. Attendance

The following board members were present: Chair Lynn Zucker, Todd Anderson, Chris Smith and Carolyn Weston. The Director and Deputy Director were also present (guest sign in sheet copy attached).

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- April 28, 2020 – Special Broad Meeting
Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.
April 28 2020 – Regular Board Meeting - Tabled
Ms. Smith made a motion to table April 28, 2020 Regular Board Minutes. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.
May 15, 2020 -Special Board Meeting
Ms. Smith made a motion to accept meeting minutes. Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

IV. Finance Report

- Monthly budgetary report of expenses for April
The Deputy Director called the board's attention to the financial report sheet in their packet. The Deputy Director explained he had to move money from one account to another. The Deputy Director also mentioned the 10,000 from the Secretary of State Office. The money was received on April 10, 2020. The money was released to our office on May 1, 2020. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.
- County Budget
The Director explained the Commissioners asked how we could decrease our budget. The Deputy Director and The Director have talked about the conference in August. Instead of spending the night, would drive back and forth. Also, no longer have part time workers. After Board discussion the Chairperson Lynn Zucker stated that she does not see where we can reduce our budget especially during a Presidential Election year.
- 2020 Primary Election Chargeback Report
The Director explained the chargeback amount is 8,206.20. The Director explained in an even year can only charge for the cost of the ballots and advertising. The Director explained the Chargeback Report in

their packets. The totals for MCBDD, Ridgedale Local School District, Fort Morrow Fire District, Marion Township Fire District, and Corrections and Rehabilitations.

V. Payroll Report

The Director reviewed the payroll worksheet reports from the auditor's system for 5/1 and 5/17. Ms. Smith moved to approve the payroll reports. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

VI. Old Business

a) Schwamberger Lawsuit Update

The Judge in the Federal Court dismissed the case. Mr. Anderson said should be over unless they file with the state.

Chargebacks

Mr. Anderson and Ms. Smith were going to go talk to the Commissioners. Mr. Anderson talked to Mr. Stamolis. Ms. Smith told Mr. Anderson it is a bi-partisan office. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Smith are going to get together and talk.

Policy Review

The Director reviewed the 3 policies that have been corrected to accept. The Communication Policy, Lockdown Policy and Background Check Policy. Mrs. Weston made a motion to accept the polices. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

BOE Virtual Server Agreement - Tabled

The Director asked to have this removed from the agenda.

Campaign Finance Update

The Deputy Director stated he has been working on River Valley's file. The smaller files are finished. Mrs. Weston asked if the Director does Republican campaign finance reports and the Deputy Director does the Democratic filings. The Deputy Director stated he doesn't audit any Campaign Finance Reports to whom he donates. The Director clarified she also does not audit any campaigns in which she donates.

Security Directive Update

The Director explained there were 3 bids that the SOS didn't receive for the 50,000-grant money. Terry is working on getting those to the SOS. The submission deadline is May 22, 2020.

Dominion Voting Equipment

The Director stated that Nick Soulas from the Franklin County Prosecutors Office, The Secretary of State Office, and The Marion County Prosecutors Office gave permission to get rid of all the old Dominion Voting Equipment. On May 20, 2020 at 9:00AM a dumpster from Sims will be delivered at the Sheriffs Department.

Rescheduling of Candidate Class

The Director and Deputy Director are not ready to reschedule a class at this time.

VII. New Business

a) Election Certification

The Director explained that Ridgedale Local Schools would be an automatic recount. Only a 2-vote difference for the levy. Ms. Smith made a motion to certify the election. Mrs. Weston seconded the motion. The board voted 3:0 to accept the motion. Mrs. Zucker abstained.

The recount meeting will be May 27, 2020 at 1:00PM. The Director mentioned that Tara Dyer had 220 write-ins votes.

b) No filing for an August Special Election

The Director stated no filings for the August Special Election.

c) Poll Pads/Balotar/Third Party Vendor

The Director stated we don't have to replace our poll pads for at least 3 more years. The balotar will need replaced before the November Election. The Director stated they have received a quote from Runbeck for 3 ballots on demand systems for \$28,000. We have just purchased laptop for \$1700.00 and they don't want to take on that laptop. The balotar is a ballot on demand system that prints all ballots. The Director and Deputy contacted a couple of counties that used Third Party Vendors but they didn't get a good feeling about it.

d) Ballot Drop Box - Location

The Deputy Director stated we contacted American Security Cabinets for a quote. We can use the HAVA grant money to purchase the Drop Box. The Drop Box has to be under a camera 24/7. They are looking for somewhere to place it where you can just drive up. The Drop Box will have double locks. They are looking at the island in the back of the building right now.

e) Elections Commission Complaint

The Director and Deputy Director filed a Complaint with the Ohio Ethics Commission for Kevin Norris. The Director stated that Robert Landon had contributions in cash exceeding \$100.00. A report was filed showing a check in the amount of \$3,229.34. There is no proof the check was received. Certified letters were sent to Marden Watts and Amanda Landon. The post primary report has been filed and is correct.

f) Dates

Summer Conference will be August 12 and August 13.

The next board meeting will be June 17, 2020 at 4:00PM.

g) Additional Business

The Director received a call about the Commissioners sorting the mail. The mail is delivered to the commissioner's office every day. During, election time two people of opposite party will go and check the drop box and the mail. When we know if ballots are coming back. Mr. Anderson and Ms. Smith will talk to the Commissioners to see if there is anything we can do.

The Director received an unemployment claim from a seasonal part time person. They are checking with Adam Laugle at the Prosecutors office.

Mrs. Weston made a motion to contact Judge Edwards to consider other options for the jury pull. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Mrs. Weston will write the letter to Judge Edwards and will CC the other Judges. The board voted unanimously to accept the motion.

The audit needs to be scheduled. The audit needs to be the top ticket on the Democratic side. So that will be the President. On the Republican side will be State Senate and State Central Committee Representative. The audit will be held after recount on May 27, 2020.

VIII. Adjournment


Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:32PM on May 18, 2020.

Minutes submitted by: Jackie Fields

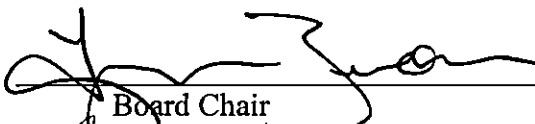
Minutes approved by:




Director




Deputy Director



Board Chair



Board Member



Board Member

Board Member



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the applicable law of the State of Ohio, the Marion County Board of Elections herein announces public notice of a Regular Board Meeting to be held on

Monday, May 18th @ 12 p.m.

In the Prospect Room located in the Marion County Building located at 222 W. Center Street, Marion Ohio.

The public is invited to attend all meetings.

2020 Primary Election Results Certified at this meeting.

Signed this 1st day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Price".

Cindy Price
Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Blair".

Brian Blair
Deputy Director

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Sign In Sheet

Name – Please Print

Signature

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Brandi Downs	Brandi Downs
Tim Combs	Tim Combs
Sarah Volpenhein	Sarah Volpenhein