

January 13, 2021

The Washington County Board of Elections held a special meeting January 13, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Present were Mr. Sipe, Mr. Ray, Ms. Ritter, Mandy Amos, Director, and Karen Pawloski, Deputy Director. Superintendents Will Hampton of Marietta City Schools, Kyle Newton of Warren Local Schools, Stacy Bolden of Fort Frye Local Schools, Doug Baldwin of Wolfe Creek Local Schools, Jeff Greenley of Belpre City Schools, and Beth Brown of Frontier Local Schools.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Sipe opened the meeting. The BOE had asked the Superintendents back to the meeting to further discuss using the school facilities as polling locations across the county. The consensus from the school leaders was they would be willing to work with the BOE with some planning. Obviously, they would need to go back to their Board of Education to get a formal approval. The Superintendents felt that they could keep school open and protect their students and the voters if the schools were used. Chairman Sipe indicated that it probably would not be for the May 2021 Primary, but possibly by the November 2021 General Election. There was some concern by one of the Superintendent of security, and Chairman Sipe said it is the only day that the Sheriff's Office actually works for the BOE. While a Deputy may not be there physically all day, but could patrol the area all day. We will follow up with the schools in the spring.

The Superintendents were asked if they were interested in any of the old voting booths the BOE used in the past.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by a motion by Ms. Ritter and seconded by Mr. Ray. Motion carried.

The BOE decided to table the Poynter's quote for the Zoom equipment until a full Board could be present.

Bills		
PW expenses	additional poll worker pay	\$354.50
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Runbeck	Election set-up for BOD printer 11/3/20	\$764.00
RBM	2020 Service days	\$16,225.00
Suddenlink	monthly charge	\$106.31
Quill	sneeze guards	\$424.36
Quill	desk calendars, paper towels, air freshener	\$113.44
SOS	CARES grant money returned to SOS	\$5,143.00

Mr. Ray gave the motion to approve the bills and Ms. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Directive 2020-25 US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Election Administration & Voting Survey; 2020 Annual Expense of the Board: *Director Amos said every even number of year we have to file this survey. This was submitted timely.*

Directive 2020-26 Appointments to the Board of Elections in Each County for Full Terms Commencing 3/1/2021 Boards 2021 Reorganization and Accompanying documents: *Chairman Dennis Sipe and Board Member Charlie Wentz terms are up and the Democrat and Republican Parties will need to nominate the members by 2/13/2021.*

Proposed Changes to Election Official Manual for Public Comment-

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/elections-officials/rules/proposed-permanent-directives/>

Belpre Township has indicated they are going to file for an Emergency Services levy. The staff took calls from Decatur Township who also plan to have an Emergency Services levy.

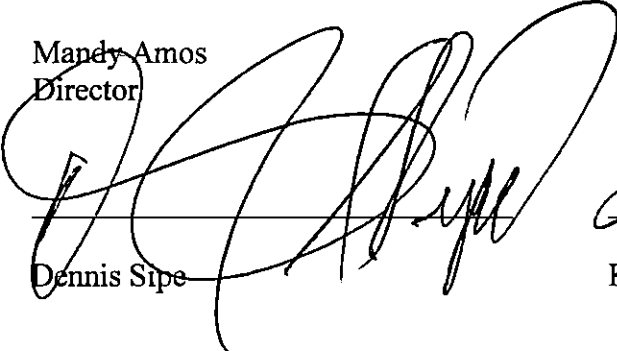
The office is getting four new scanners for each of the staff. These high speed scanners are needed to fulfill many of the duties of their jobs. The current scanners are over 12 years old.

Director Amos said the Commissioners have provided in the budget a 2% raise for all County Employees and the BOE must vote on the raises for the BOE employees. Ms. Ritter voted to approve the raises and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

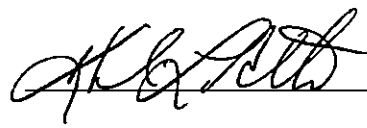
Chairman Sipe then asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ray gave the motion and Ms. Ritter seconded the motion – the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be on February 10, 2021 at 8:30 am. This meeting will serve as regular monthly meeting.

Mandy Amos
Director




Dennis Sipe



Khadine Ritter



Charlie Wentz



R. Glenn Ray