

March 3, 2021

The Washington County Board of Elections held their annual reorganizational meeting on March 3, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Present were Mr. Sipe, Mr. Ray, Mr. Wentz, Ms. Ritter, Mandy Amos, Director, and Karen Pawloski, Deputy Director. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Sipe opened the meeting. Members of the public attending were Alex Pavlov from the Ohio Secretary of State's office. He commended the staff at the Washington BOE for forwarding a potential voter fraud of a voter who had signed up his ex-wife to register to vote. Staff worked with the Washington County Sheriff's Department to view film of the voter approaching the staff with two signed voter registration forms, where he had allegedly signed his ex-wife's name on the form. Charges from the Washington County Sheriff are still pending.

**Bills**

Suddenlink	monthly internet charge and fees	\$222.62
Karen Pawloski	reimbursement for mailing check to SOS	\$7.95
Karen Pawloski	reimbursement for returning wheels to Uline	\$16.33

Chairman Sipe asked for a motion to accept and pay the bills. Mr. Wentz made the motion and Ms. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Sipe asked the Board to move to the item on the agenda so they could take care of the reorganization of the Washington County Board of Elections. Mr. Wentz made a motion to appoint Mr. Sipe as the interim Chairperson and Mr. Ray seconded the motion.

Mr. Sipe asked for a motion to approve Mandy Amos as the Director of the Washington County Board of Elections and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion – the motion carried. Ms. Ritter went on to nominate Karen Pawloski as the Deputy Director of the Washington County Board of Elections and Glenn, seconded the motion. Alex Pavlov from the Ohio SoS office interrupted and said he the nomination needs to come from someone within the party of the person nominated. Ms. Ritter and Mr. Ray rescinded their motion and Mr. Ray made the motion and Mr. Sipe seconded the motion – the motion carried.

Mr. Ray then made the motion to make Mr. Sipe the Chairman of the Washington County BOE and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion – the motion carried.

**Correspondence**

- Directive 2021-09 H.B. 500 Electronic Certification of Questions and Issues
- Directive 2021-10 The use of Secure Receptacles and Election Officials to Receive Absentee Ballots Outside of the Board of Elections
- Directive 2021-11 Ballots for the May 4, 2021 Primary/Special Election
- Advisory 2021-02 Recount Charges and Campaign Finance Contribution Limits

Director Amos indicated there were several Directives we received from the Secretary of State. One was public entities can now submit resolutions directly to us through a non-public email account that only Mandy and Karen Pawloski have access to. It was suggested that we go to the next Washington County Township Association meeting to provide tutorial to show them how that can be done. This is still optional and can still be done in person.

Director Amos provided the Board samples of the ballots needed to be ordered for the May 4, 2021 Primary. Chairman Sipe asked for a motion to order the ballots. Mr. Wentz made the motion to order the ballots and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Amos asked if the Board wanted to use United Rental again for the Primary Election. Chairman Sipe indicated he felt it was important to keep them even in a small election. Mr. Wentz made the motion to continue to use United Rental and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Deputy Director Pawloski presented the Board with a quote from Inclusion=Solutions on Voting booths that can be easily set up in the BOE meeting room. Chairman Sipe asked for additional quotes before we decide on which vendor.

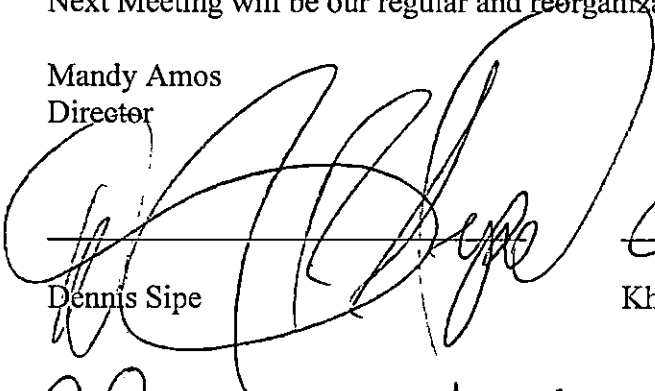
Poll Worker training was discussed with the Board. It has been suggested that Voting Location Managers (VLM) and Leaders be better trained on the trouble shooting with the voting machines. This will relieve our machine rovers on election with simple fixes they can do themselves. It was discussed to give better training on provisional ballots as well.

The Board also discussed having some part time help for early voting in the office. It was decided that one Democrat and one Republican will be asked to come in to help staff with the voting.

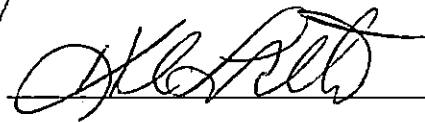
Chairman Sipe then asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wentz gave the motion and Mr. Ray seconded the motion – the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be our regular and reorganizational meeting and held March 12, 2021 at 12:00 Noon.

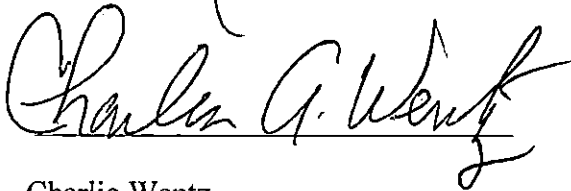
Mandy Amos  
Director



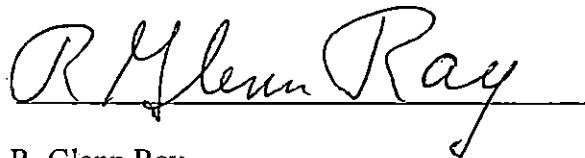
Dennis Sipe



Khadine Ritter



Charlie Wentz



R. Glenn Ray