

April 8, 2020

The Washington County Board of Elections held a special meeting on April 8, 2020. Present were Mr. Sipe, Mr. Halliday, and Mr. Wentz, Mandy Amos, Director, and Karen Pawloski, Deputy Director. MR. Ray joined by speaker phone. The meeting was also available on YouTube Live.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Sipe opened the meeting.

No minutes were available for review.

**Bills:**

<b>Marietta Paint</b>	<b>Purell foam hand sanitizer &amp; Lysol</b>	<b>\$1,687.02</b>
<b>Insight</b>	<b>Veritas back up license</b>	<b>\$1,034.79</b>
<b>John Decker</b>	<b>mileage for delivery &amp; pick up</b>	<b>\$7.48</b>
<b>John Decker</b>	<b>pay for delivery and pick up</b>	<b>\$117.00</b>
<b>John Blouir</b>	<b>pay for delivery and pick up</b>	<b>\$171.00</b>
<b>Karen Pawloski</b>	<b>window darking film and kit</b>	<b>\$68.02</b>
<b>Karen Pawloski</b>	<b>5-replacement ipad cords for pollbooks</b>	<b>\$190.26</b>
<b>Cardmember Services</b>	<b>gas for delivery trucks</b>	<b>\$100.05</b>
<b>Quill</b>	<b>copy paper, microfiber clothes</b>	<b>\$624.26</b>
<b>RBM</b>	<b>Election Day ballots</b>	<b>\$3,271.22</b>
<b>United Rentals</b>	<b>2 box trucks for election day delivery</b>	<b>\$1,233.64</b>
<b>Jack Hansis</b>	<b>mileage for nursing homes</b>	<b>\$26.48</b>
<b>Marietta Times</b>	<b>voter reg ad</b>	<b>\$323.55</b>
<b>St. Bernard's Catholic</b>	<b>Hall usage agreement for 2020 elections</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

Mr. Halliday gave a motion to approve the paying of the bills and was seconded by Mr. Wentz. The motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- Directive 2020-07 House bill 197 & Additional Instructions**
- Directive 2020-06 Order from Director of Health for the Presidential Primary Election**
- Advisory 2020-06 Litigation regarding house bill 197**
- Advisory 2020-05 Further Guidance Essential Work or Activity**

The Ohio Legislature changed the voting in Ohio's Primary to all mail in voting. Actual Election Day is April 28, 2020. The only in-person voting is going to be the office and afforded to the handicapped and persons who cannot receive mail at where the voter resides. Discussion commenced on what conditions is considered handicapped and homeless.

Director Amos indicated that 2000 absentee ballots have been sent out from the office. Postcards went out to every voter in Ohio from the SoS it gives directions on obtaining absentee ballots. Ms. Pawloski said we now have two extra personnel working to assist with the phones and sending out applications. She went on to say that delivery workers will come for a few days to assist with opening the ballots. Mr. Sipe indicated folks doing that work should be very careful in turning the ballots upside down as to not see how folks voted.

Ms. Pawloski said we will be printing the ballots here in the office. Ms. Amos said the Board bought a backup printer when they purchased all of the equipment. To date, the printer has not been received. Ms. Amos had a call into RBM to see what happened.

The newest directive states the ballots do not have to be separated now. All ballots will continue to be kept under double lock and key. The new directive also allows us to update information via the phone and still send out the ballot and application they must update.

Ms. Pawloski said the video camera and the mail slot has been installed. The video is backed up on a DVR and saved on a hard drive up to two months' worth. So far it has worked out very well. Mr. Sipe stated we now have blinds in the IT room that does not allow folks to see in the room through the window.

**Chargebacks:**

Mr. Halliday made a motion to approve the chargebacks from the November 2019 election and sent to the Washington County Auditor and was seconded by Mr. Wentz. The motion carried. Mr. Ray allowed Mr. Halliday to sign his signature per approval.

The Board decided the official canvas meeting will be May 15, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

**MOU for DJFS:**

Washington County Prosecutor Nicole Tipton said she may have a special prosecutor assigned to review the MOU due to her representing all parties – The Commissioners, The BOE, and Washington County DJFS. Mr. Sipe said the Mission Statement is not correct on the MOU. Also the Save Harmless clause is not legal as well. Mr. Sipe said a letter should be written to Mr. Friemann with the errors in the MOU. Mr. Sipe indicated that parking assigned to the BOE is not used by staff. We would like for these spaces to be used by voters and customers to the Children Services. Ms. Pawloski asked if we could get this election over and then address the MOU again.


Mr. Halliday said he received an email from a county voter who said if the BOE needed masks and gloves to be used for the election, they could provide them. Mr. Sipe said to reach out to the individual and thank them for their generosity.

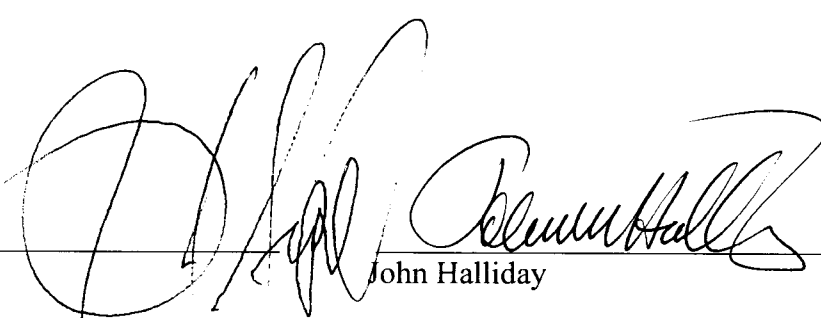
Chairman Sipe asked for motions to adjourn. Mr. Wentz gave the motion and Mr. Halliday seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

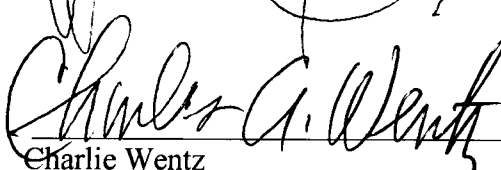
The next meeting will be April 28, 2020 at 6:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Amos  
Director

  
Dennis Sipe

  
John Halliday

  
Charlie Wentz

  
R. Glenn Ray,