

May 15, 2020

The Washington County Board of Elections held a meeting the official canvas and monthly meeting on May 15, 2020 at 08:30 a.m. Present were Mr. Sipe, Mr. Halliday, Mr. Wentz, Mr. Ray, Mandy Amos, Director, and Karen Pawloski, Deputy Director. The meeting was live streamed on YouTube. Mike Doyle of RBM was in attendance as well.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Sipe opened the meeting. Minutes of several past meetings were went to all Board members. Mr. Halliday did ask that some minor grammatical changes to the minutes. Mr. Halliday made a motion to accept all of the minutes and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Sipe indicated the following bills needed to be paid. Discussion ensued about obtaining enough sanitizing items for the November election

2. Bills

Insight	Malawarebytes endpoint protection 1 year license	\$490.32
Quill	hand sanitizer and Lysol cleaner	\$59.95
Southeastern Security	check on camera monitor	\$95.00
Runbeck	ballot stock & printer consumables	\$6,690.64
Suddenlink	monthly internet charge	\$106.31
Karen Pawloski	mileage to pick up ballots from Meigs County	\$21.12
Karen Pawloski	mileage to pick up absentee envelopes	\$61.60

Mr. Halliday made a motion to pay the bills and Mr. Ray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

3. Correspondence

Directive 2020-09 Post-Election Cure Period & Provisional ballots in the 3-17-20 Primary Election
Directive 2020-08 In-person absentee voting on 4/28/20 and Official Canvasses 3/17/20
Directive 2020-07 House bill 197 and additional instructions

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

Mr. Halliday reminded the Board and staff that Federal Law states that any registered voter should be allowed to vote provisionally and clerks and staff cannot state to the voter their count may or may not count. That is not their decision and it is up to the Board of Elections.

The Board began the official canvas. Questionable ballots were given numbers for the Board to vote upon, thereby not identifying the voter.

The first three ballots did not have the post office coding or post mark. Another two ballots were received in Morgan County BOE and was on time. Mr. Halliday a motion to approve the ballot without any bar coding or post mark. Mr. Wentz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Halliday then gave the motion to approve the ballots received from the Morgan County BOE and Mr. Ray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Director Amos gave the Board ballots 4-22 that have the bar code and were received by April 27th, which is good. Mr. Halliday gave the motion to approve and count and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ballot 23-43 were received after the deadline of 4/27/20 and post marked after 4/28/20. Mr. Halliday made a motion to not allow these ballots to be counted due to the fact they came in late. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

They next looked at absentee ballots received after 4/28/2020 and post marked on or before 4/27/2020. These were ballots 1-95. These ballots all had a postmark. Mr. Halliday made motion to approve to count these ballots and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board then reviewed ballots that were returned on time but needed cured or corrected and returned by May 5. Mr. Halliday made a motion to count these ballots and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

They next reviewed ballots that were returned on time but didn't have something right on their ID envelope and we sent them papers to get the information corrected. Mr. Halliday made a motion they approve those ballots and MR. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next group were ballots were received in time but there was a problem with the ballot information and the staff sent out the correcting form and the form was not received in time. Mr. Halliday made a motion they do not count those ballots and seconded by Mr. Ray. The motion carried.

The ballots that didn't contain stubs inside the envelopes from the ballot were reviewed. The stub must be attached in order for the ballot to be counted. Mr. Halliday made a motion to not count these ballots and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next the board reviewed ballots that were postmarked April 28 or after. Mr. Halliday made a motion to not count these ballots and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried. Over 100 ballots were not counted from the Ohio Primary 2020.

The Board reviewed two ballots that had incorrect SSN and staff sent a letter to the voter and the information still came back with incorrect SSN. Our SSN and the BMV SSN is alike but not what the voter put down on the envelope. Mr. Halliday made a motion the Director and Deputy Director determine steps in how we can get the current SSN from these voters and to not count these votes. Mr. Wentz seconded the motion and motion carried.

Director Amos gave the Board seven ballots that were found not to be counted on Election Day and were still in their envelopes. Mr. Halliday made a motion that these 3 ballots would be counted and the 4 envelopes need to be certified and if approved, they need to be counted. Mr. Wentz seconded and the motion carried.

Provisional ballots were then reviewed. One ballot was returned with a wrong SSN, staff tried to contact the voter and they never returned the call. Mr. Halliday asked if an 11-S form was sent to the voter. Director Amos indicated you do not send those out on provisional ballots. Mr. Halliday made a motion to reject the ballot and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

The Board then reviewed a provisional ballot from a voter that voted in person on 4/28/20 but had applied timely for a ballot but was not received, but the voter did not put an address in the address field. Staff should have stopped the voter to put the correct address on the provisional envelope. Mr. Halliday made a motion to approve the ballot and Mr. -Wentz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The next ballots reviewed were from the voters who were registered to vote but were deleted that fall into the APRI area where members can approve to count. Now those voters are re-registered. Mr. Wentz made a motion to approve these ballots and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed ballots from voters who voted in person on 4/28/20 and didn't have the absentee ballot applications into our office by Noon on the Saturday prior to the election. Mr. Halliday made a motion to reject ballots 14-23 and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board then reviewed ballots that were mailed out and the ballot did not come back and then came in person to vote. Mr. Halliday made a motion to reject #26 ballot as a duplicate (because the original ballot was found after the voter voted in person). Mr. Ray seconded and the motion carried.

The Board then reviewed voters that were mailed absentee ballots but were never received by the March 17 date. The voters held onto the ballots after the Election was postponed but threw them away and we sent them new ballots. They second ballots were sent correctly. Mr. Halliday made a motion to approve these two ballots and Mr. Ray seconded. The motion carried.

The next ballots reviewed were by voters who voted in person and properly requested but were not received in time. Mr. Halliday made a motion to approve ballots 27-33. Mr. Ray seconded the motion – motion carried.

Ballots reviewed next were ones that had address changes, name changes, moved from other counties, and no id prior to March 17, 2020. Mr. Halliday made a motion to approve these ballots and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed provisional ballots 119-127 where not one voter was registered. Mr. Halliday made a motion to reject these ballots and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

They next reviewed ballots 128-172 where staff mailed a provisional ballot to the voters but they were not returned except five ballots which were returned but after the April 27th deadline. Mr. Halliday made a motion to reject 128-172 and motion #2, staff draft a letter to these voters and to get them update and get them registered. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Ray asked if there was a component that educates voters on how to vote absentee. He felt we as the Board need to do our best to enable people to vote. Deputy Director Pawloski said she was willing to work with Mr. Ray to come up with some public relations on educating the voting public. He asked that a staff member be on this committee.

The Board reviewed ballots that were mailed in and should have been cured and had no information on the ballot identifying the voter. Mr. Halliday made a motion to reject the ballots and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

Chairman Sipe reminded all that a system need to be in place that is clean and things don't ever fall in the cracks. Certifying the ID envelopes needs to be cleaner that what the staff is currently using. Chairman Sipe asked that things we no longer use need to be cleaned up.

Deputy Director Pawloski asked the Board to consider paying a stipend to the poll workers even though we did not use in-person voting. Many poll workers actually showed up ready to work on March 17, 2020 even though the Director of Health had postponed the election to June 2. Mr. Halliday made a motion to pay judges (poll

workers) \$70 and the leaders and location managers \$100. Training will be paid \$10 for each training opportunity they took, whether it was online or personal. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board then voted to approve the EAP, Election Administration Plan which was reviewed by the Prosecuting Attorney's office. MR. Halliday made the motion and Mr. Wentz approved the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Sipe asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Halliday made the motion and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be on May 22, 2020 at 8:30 am.

Mandy Amos
Director

Dennis Sipe

John Halliday

Charlie Wentz

R. Glenn Ray