

May 17, 2021

The Washington County Board of Elections held their meeting on May 17, 2021. This meeting served as the official canvas for May 4, 2021 Primary. Present were Mr. Sipe, Mr. Ray, Mrs. Ritter, Mr. Wentz, Mandy Amos, Director, and Karen Pawloski, Deputy Director. Members of the public attending were Jack Hansis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Sipe opened the meeting.

Chairman Sipe asked for members of the public for comment. Jack Hansis, a temporary part-time employee voiced concerns and questions concerning payroll. He indicated he has spoken to Washington County Auditor Matthew Livengood and Director Mandy Amos. He said when he was first hired, he was an hourly wage of \$8.50 and Ohio's minimum wage is now \$8.80/hour. Chairman Sipe said while that is true, the Board has also provided a stipend of \$400 to each of the delivery workers in the recent past elections and with the stipend, it would make their total compensation more than the minimum wage. Chairman Sipe did say that the BOE staff will further investigate the matter.

Minutes of the April 15, 2021 and May 4, 2021 were approved by a motion from Mr. Wentz, and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried. The motion carried.

Bills

Mandy Amos	reimburse for gas for delivery truck & van	\$54.16
Apex	padlock for delivery truck	\$22.99
Aardvark Communications	camera install	\$499.68
United Rental	delivery truck rental for 5-4-21	\$616.40
SOS	HAVA money returned to SOS	\$26,104.93

Mrs. Ritter made a motion to accept the bills as presented as pay them. Mr. Wentz seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Correspondence

Directive 2021-13 Unofficial and Official Canvasses of the May 4, 2021 Primary/Special Election; Open meetings; and Precinct Election Official training

Deputy Director Pawloski said they are going to initiate having bi-partisan runners who will bring in the jump drives or (TM's) from each of the OVO's (scanner at the voting locations) to the Board office as soon as the Polls close on Election Day. This will greatly speed up the process of getting an unofficial count. Chairman Sipe also suggested we get into the habit of calling the machines by name instead of abbreviations which may clear up any confusion from the Precinct Election Officials.

The Official Canvas began with Director Amos presenting the Board with Absentees. Six absentees came in postmarked 5/3/21. Mr. Wentz made a motion to accept the 6 absentees and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Amos said there was one absentee that had no postmark or bar code. It was received in the office on May 10, 2021. Mr. Wentz made a motion to reject the ballot with no postmark and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Director Amos presented another absentee that was not signed by the voter. A form letter was sent by the staff, but was not returned by the voter. Mr. Wentz made a motion to reject the ballot and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Director Amos offered to the Board the Provisional Ballots. The first one was from a voter who was registered in Darke County and did not vote in that election. Mrs. Ritter made a motion to accept the ballot and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Another Provisional ballot was presented by Director Amos. The voter believed they lived in Marietta City School District and the Board records indicated they lived in Frontier School District. After conferring with the Washington County Auditor's office, the voter does in fact live in Marietta School District. Mrs. Ritter made a motion to accept the ballot and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Provisional Ballot #3 was offered to the Board. The voter was deleted by the Secretary of State in January 2021 for lack of voting in the last eight (8) years. There were three (3) form letters sent to the voter and they never responded. Mrs. Ritter made a motion to not accept the ballot and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion. The motion carried. This voter is now registered again to vote.

Provisional Ballots numbered 4-21 were presented to the Board and were verified to be eligible to be counted. Mrs. Ritter made a motion to accept these ballots and Mr. Wentz seconded the motion.

A ballot was found in the Auxiliary bin at the Knights of Columbus voting location and has not been scanned. Mr. Wentz made the motion to accept the ballot and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Another absentee ballot was given that should have been presented to the board on Election night. The voter had originally marked against a ballot initiative, but had also marked in favor of the measure and crossed out the original vote. Mr. Wentz made a motion to remake the ballot in favor of the initiative. Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The staff then scanned the ballots accepted by the Board to get the official count from the May 4, 2021 Primary Election.

Mr. Wentz made a motion to pay \$400 stipend to the Delivery workers and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. Mr. Wentz also made of motion to pay the poll workers and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Deputy Director asked the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Wentz made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Wentz made a motion to come back out of Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

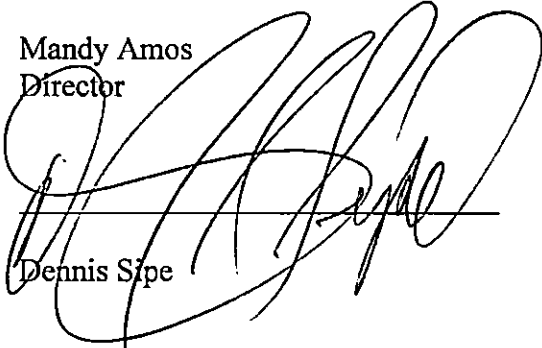
Director Amos said the staff finished the official canvas and there was a 13.5% turnout on Primary Election Day on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. The canvas did not change any of the races. A motion to accept the certified count was made by Mr. Wentz and seconded by Mrs. Ritter. The motion carried.

Mr. Todd Mullen from RBM Consulting, Election Division came in to speak with the Board concerning training needs for BOE staff on their programs now that we have had their products for two years. It was decided to have RBM come in for a training for the staff.

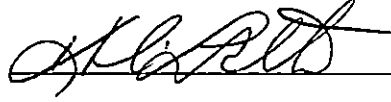
Chairman Sipe then asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wentz gave the motion and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion – the motion carried.

Next Meeting will be our regular and reorganizational meeting and held June 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Mandy Amos
Director

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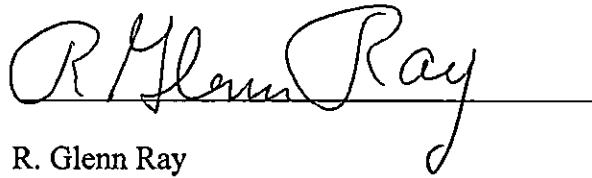
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Charlie Wentz

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R. Glenn Ray