

August 11, 2021

The Washington County Board of Elections held their meeting on August 11, 2021. Present were Mr. Sipe, Mr. Ray, Mr. Wentz, Mandy Amos, Director, and Melissa Saltzweidel, Clerk. Members of the public attending were Clayton Allman, Lynn Stoll, Michele Newbanks, Abram Sellers, and Terren Huck. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Sipe opened the meeting.

Mr. Allman filed a petition for the Dunham Township Trustee but it did not meet the criteria needed and some dates on the petitions were later than the date they signed the petition. Mr. Wentz made a motion to not accept the petition. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Sellers spoke of behalf of Wings, etc. who had petitioned to have alcohol served at a new location in Belpre. Two of the signatures looked very similar and the circulator, Terren Huck, did not witness this person signing on both lines. After the staff recounted the signatures on the petition and they had enough valid signatures. Mr. Wentz made the motion to accept the petition and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Mrs. Ritter abstained from the vote since she and Mr. Sellers work together. Motion carried.

Minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting were approved after a few changes by a motion from Mr. Wentz and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bills

Karen Pawloski	mileage to RBM meeting in Columbus & parking	\$115.92
Mandy Amos	mileage to Regional meeting in Hocking County	\$63.36
Triad	training days	\$965.00
Knowink	annual maintenance fees	\$7,500.00

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

Ms. Lynn Stoll asked the Board if we were aware of how the grant money we received from HAVA and CARES ACT and where it actually came from. Director Amos said it was all Federal money and comes from taxes. Ms. Stoll then asked if the Board looks at every ballot and absentee ballots that comes into our office. Director Amos told her the Board did not in fact look at every ballot, just ones that needed to be checked. Mr. Sipe went on to say that if a ballot needs to be re-created, it is done in a bipartisan manner. Ms. Stoll asked if voters in Washington County could ask for paper ballots only and she was told yes. She then asked if we put up signs in the voting locations that said people could ask for paper ballots. Director Amos said we've never done that and folks can always ask.

The Board reviewed other petitions. Paul Mason for Warren Twp. Trustees needed 25 valid signatures and it appeared someone might have signed for someone else. If that page was thrown out, he would not have enough signatures. Mr. Wentz made a motion to not accept the petition and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A petition for Charlie Seaman for Barlow Twp. Trustee was reviewed. He did not write in the number of signatures and also dated the petition the last day they could be accepted. He had signatures dated before the deadline. Mr. Wentz made a motion to not accept the petition and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Twp. Trustee; Richard Best, Barlow Twp. Trustee; Steve Bober, Marietta Twp. Trustee; Alan Hill, Palmer Twp. Trustee; Randy Pugh, Palmer Twp. Trustee; and Todd Davis, Grandview Twp. Trustee. Mr. Wentz made a motion to accept these petitions and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the following petitions for school board that were properly dated and with enough correct signatures – Leonard Wiggins, Belpre City Schools; Mollie Haught, Belpre City Schools; Fred Meredith for Belpre City Schools; Johnna Zalmanek, Fort Frye Schools; Lloyd Booth, Fort Frye Schools; Daniel VanWey, Frontier Local Schools; Jennifer Ramsey, Frontier Local Schools; Myrene Reese, Frontier Local Schools; Jeffrey Milton, Frontier Local Schools; Rudolph John Lehman, Marietta City Schools; Seth Miller, Marietta City; Cody Parman, Marietta City Schools, Eric Reed, Marietta City Schools; Ethan Vessels, Marietta City Schools; and Sam Tuten, Marietta City Schools. Mr. Wentz made the motion to accept these petitions and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Write-in Candidates were presented to the Board. Reed Byers, Belpre First Ward and Lance Binegar for Independence Twp. Trustee. Mr. Wentz made the motion to accept and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

There were issues that had come back from the Secretary of State's office for approval. For the Township of Grandview – a levy for cemeteries; Waterford Township- a levy for construction and reconstruction of streets and roads. Mr. Wentz made a motion to approve the levy on the ballot and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion – motion carried.

The following issues have not come back from the SoS – the 9-11 county wide levy; Dunham Township adding Emergency Services (EMS); Wesley Township adding EMS; and Newport Township replacing the EMS. Mr. Wentz made the motion and Mr. Ray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The final ballot initiative the Board considered was two Liquor options – for a restaurant in Belpre and for a Marathon Food Center in Little Hocking. Mr. Wentz made a motion to accept the petitions and Mrs. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

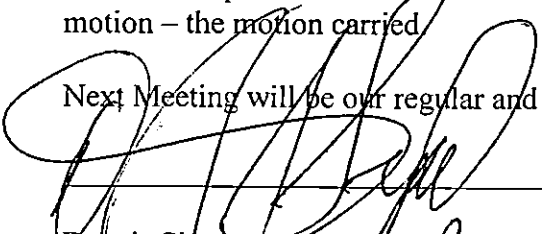
Mr. Wentz made a motion to dispose the plastic chairs staff said we no longer need. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

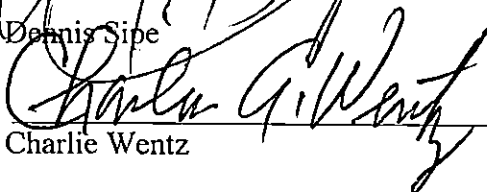
The Board Office will be closed on Monday, August 16 for the celebration of the Juneteenth Federal Holiday.

Discussion was made about paying seasonal employees and change of the hourly wage and poll worker pay. The discussion was tabled to get additional information from the Auditor's office.

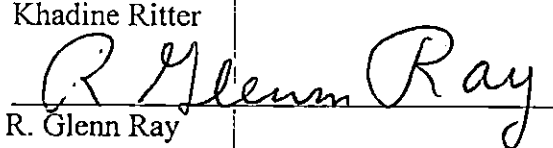
Chairman Sipe then asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wentz gave the motion and Mr. Ray seconded the motion – the motion carried.

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


Dennis Sipe


Charlie Wentz

Khadine Ritter


R. Glenn Ray