

**Automatic Recount Board Meeting
of the November 4, 2014 General Election
Franklin Township Additional Tax Levy
for Cemeteries**

Chairman Tim Rudd called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Rick Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Rick Combs and Paul Campbell. Dave Lane arrived at 9:40 a.m. Also present were Judy Miller – Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record, Deputy Director Mike Keeley was absent.

OTHER ATTENDEES: None

Instructions to Observers: There were no Observers at the recount meeting.

TEST DECK:

At 9:08 a.m. the Board went off the Record to run the Test Deck. Rick and Paul observed Dan Shebesta (ES&S) run the Test Deck thru the 650 scanner. Tim and Paul compared the results and found the totals to match and that the computer was counting accurately.

At 9:35 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

2014-128 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept the results of the Test Deck. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

Selection of Precincts to be Hand Counted for Verification:

Director Miller advised that the appropriate entities were notified of the recount. There are four precincts involved in the recount.

Franklin Township total votes/ballots cast = $877 \times 0.5 = 43.85$ ballots to be hand counted.

The Board randomly selected Felicity Village precinct (103 votes cast) to be hand counted.

2014-129 – Paul Campbell made the motion to delegate the processing of the Recount to the staff. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

At 9:39 a.m. the Board went off the Record for the Recount.

At 10:06 the Board went back on the Record.

The results of the hand count were:

58 – For the Tax Levy

44 – Against the Tax Levy

1 – Under Vote

103 – Total Votes

These results are the same as the Certified Results for Felicity Village.

The staff will now run all of the ballots thru the 650 scanner.

At 10:07 a.m. the Board went off the Record to scan all of the ballots/precincts thru the scanner.
At 10:40 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

The Board was presented with two ballots, one from Franklin Township D and one from Franklin Township B for review.

The Board determined that the ballot in Franklin Township D should be duplicated, due to a stray mark in the oval "Against the Tax Levy" and duplicate the oval "For the Tax Levy."

2014-130 – Rick Combs made the motion to duplicate the ballot in question from Franklin Township D to "For the Tax Levy." Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

The second ballot brought before the Board in Franklin Township B was as a possible "over vote" where the voter colored in the oval "For the Tax Levy" and put a Check Mark in the oval "Against the Tax Levy." The voter was consistent with using both ovals and check marks on the ballot.

2014-131 – Dave Lane made the motion to consider the ballot in question (FN-B) as an over-vote in the Franklin Township Cemetery Levy. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

At 10:42 a.m. the Board went back off the Record.
At 11:07 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

The Chairman then read the results of the recount after all of the ballots were run thru the scanners with the final results being:

- 438 Votes – For the Tax Levy
- 438 Votes – Against the Tax Levy

2014-132 – Paul Campbell made the motion that the Results for the Franklin Township Cemetery Levy be declared a "tie vote" and that the issue does not pass and send the report to the Secretary of State. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

After reviewing Ohio Revised Code 3506.21(B)(1) and (B)(1)(c) with regard to Optical Scan Ballot Marking Requirements the Board feels it was justified in making the motion to declare an "over vote" because the ORC clearly states that "in addition to marks that can be scanned and electrically read, any of the following marks, if a majority of those marks are made in a consistent manner throughout an optical scan ballot, shall be counted as a valid vote," Section (B)(1)(c) describes the marks as being an X Marks, Check Marks, or other recognizable marks."

At 11:09 a.m. the Board went off the Record to run the Test Deck.
At 11:24 a.m. the Board went back on the Record.

2014-133 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the results of the Test Deck. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2014-134 – Rick Combs made the motion to Certify the Results of the Franklin Township Cemetery Levy, (438 Votes "For the Tax Levy" and 438 Votes "Against the Levy.") Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

ADJOURNMENT:

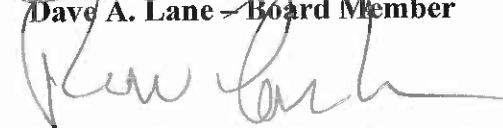
2014-135 – At 11:55 a.m. Dave Lane made the motion to adjourn. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon direction from the Chairman, all Members answered “aye”.



Timothy R. Rudd – Board Chairman



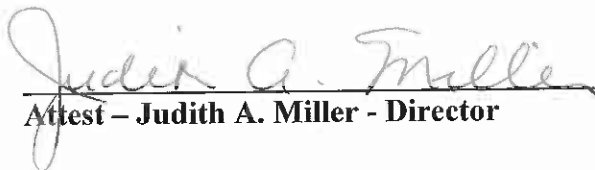
Dave A. Lane – Board Member



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

Run Date:12/03/14 11:03 AM

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VOTES PERCENT

PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 166)	4	2.41
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	133,802	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	894	
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL67

Franklin Twp - Addl, 1 Mill, 5 yrs, Cem
(WITH 4 OF 4 PRECINCTS COUNTED)

FOR THE TAX LEVY	438	50.00
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	438	50.00
Over Votes	1	
Under Votes	17	

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 2:27 PM
To: rmaloney@communitypress.com; Clermont Sun (clermontsunlegals@fuse.net)
Subject: bd mtg dates
Attachments: 2014-Dec 3 - Dec 18 recount-audit-reg mtg.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attached notice regarding upcoming Clermont County Board of Election Board Meeting dates. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Notice of Meetings
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The Clermont County Board of Elections has scheduled Board Meetings for the following dates:

December 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., Automatic Recount for the Franklin Township Cemetery Levy and immediately following the Certification of Automatic Recount the Board will Open the **Post Election Audit** and any other regular business.
December 18, 2014 at 2:00 p.m., Certification of the Post Election Audit and Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

The meetings are held at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, OH 45103.

Judy Miller-Director