

Chairman Rick Combs called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. John Becker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Rick Combs, Paul Campbell, Larry Heller and Ray Lembke. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director, and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

OTHER ATTENDEES: John Becker

CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES TO MARCH 15, 2016 PRIMARY BALLOT:

Director Judy Miller reviewed the petitions that the Board would be making determinations on. She explained that only the Democrat Central Committee candidates would be on the Primary Ballot, the Republicans run every four years. She reviewed the two petitions that required Board review. Michael Collins (Republican) filed for County Commissioner (1-2-2017) failed to complete the Date of the Primary Election on the Declaration of Candidacy. He had enough valid signatures.

2015-145 – Larry Heller made the motion to accept the petition of Michael Collins for County Commissioner based on the fact that the date of the Primary Election is a known date and is not misleading to the voters. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon discussion Paul added that as past practices we have accepted petitions and this is not a fatal error. Ray and Larry agreed. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Steve Myers (Democrat) filed for State Representative 65th District. He needed 50 valid signatures and only had 33 valid signatures; he also was not registered at the correct address when he filed his petitions. Mr. Myers filed a change of address after he filed his petitions.

2015-146 – Paul Campbell made the motion to reject the petition of Steve Myers for State Representative 65th District that was found to be deficient. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

2015-147 – Larry Heller made the motion to accept and certify all other candidates to the March 15, 2016 Primary Ballot as checked by the staff of the Board of Elections and to include certified candidates from the Ohio Secretary of State for President, U.S. Senate and Ohio Supreme Court, Hamilton County for the 2nd Congressional District and Butler County for the 12th District Court of Appeals. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon discussion Judy advised that we have not received the certified list from Butler County Board of Elections but it is on their website. Likewise, we will send our list to the other counties after we certify. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy advised that one candidate, Mark Douglas Green, requested a name change and desires his name to appear on the ballot as Doug Green.

2015-148 – Paul Campbell made the motion accept the name change of Mark Douglas Green to appear as Doug Green on the ballot. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

CERTIFICATION OF QUESTIONS AND ISSUES:

Judy advised the Board that one Local Option Petition filed for this election. It did not have enough valid signatures; they needed 110 valid signatures and only had 95. The petition itself was filled out properly.

2015-149 – Ray Lembke made the motion to reject the Local Option Petition for DJ’s General Store, Inc. (Monroe Township D) due to the lack of sufficient signatures; they needed 110 and only had 95 valid signatures. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy submitted the resolutions and ballot language to the Secretary of State for all that filed except for the Village of Neville which she forwarded to our legal counsel for review and advisement. The Resolutions that filed for the March 2015 Primary are:

Village of Bethel – Replacement Tax Levy – (2 mills) – for a continuing period of time – for Streets, Roads and Bridges,

Village of Neville – “Shall the Village known as Neville Surrender its Corporate Powers?”,

Batavia Township (Unincorporated Area) – Additional Tax Levy – (1 mill) – for a continuing period of time – for Police Protection,

Monroe Township – Replacement Tax Levy – (2 mills) – for a continuing period of time – for providing Ambulance and/or Emergency Medical Services,

Clermont County – Replacement Tax Levy – (1.4 mills) – for a continuing period of time – for the Operation of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Programs and Services and Facilities,

Clermont County – Renewal Tax Levy – (1.3 mills) – for a period of 5 years – for Providing or Maintaining Senior Citizens Services or Facilities.

2015-150 – Paul Campbell made the motion to Accept all other Issues filed for the March 15, 2016 Primary Election Ballot. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2015-151 – Ray Lembke made the motion to accept and pay the bills as of December 28, 2015. Larry Heller seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Larry inquired about the Democrat County Central Committee list and was it the complete list? Judy stated that it was. The candidates for the Clermont County Democratic Central Committee file Form 2-M and no signatures are required.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Judy reported that 13 different State Candidate petitions were sent to us by the Secretary of State to be checked for the validity of signatures. On December 23 we also received petitions with over 6,200 signatures to be checked for the Ohio Drug Price Relief Act, which the SOS wanted checked and returned by December 30. Several of the girls came in on their off days during the holiday to complete this task. It will be completed by the deadline.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley addressed the Board on the storage building on Haskell Lane we are using for the voting equipment. The owners want to partition off a portion of the building which would give us 4500 square feet. We currently have 6500 square feet but they were not charging us for the extra space. Mike took Dan Shebesta to look at the space (services our equipment for ES&S) and he said that would be comfortable. They want \$3,000 a month for this new space and the cost includes the utilities. Our present lease ends in March. We cannot find any space that is as practical anywhere close. Judy reminded the Board that this building is temperature controlled for \$8 a square foot. We are now paying \$5 a square foot and utilities for 3,000 square foot. They let us use the rest of the building at no cost. Rick stated that there is space at the county jail and he will look into that. Mike will contact the Red Barn and meet with Amy Brewer to discuss this matter.

The Board scheduled a Special Meeting on January 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to continue this discussion.

Mike gave the Board a copy of the conference agenda.

Mike advised the Board of a memorial service for former employee Ruthann Werner, January 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Newtonsville Methodist Church.


Judy asked Mike what the County was doing on New Year’s Eve and he stated they didn’t know yet. The Board had decided to follow with what the rest of the County was doing.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

January 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., Special Meeting to discuss the storage facility.
January 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., January Regular Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

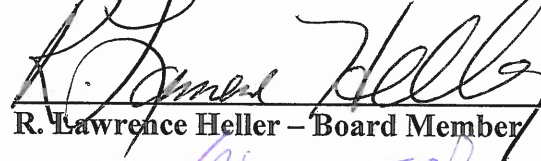
2015-152 – At 11:07 a.m. Larry Heller made the motion to adjourn. Ray Lembke seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.



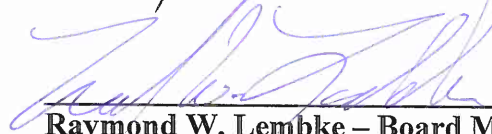
Rick W. Combs – Board Chairman



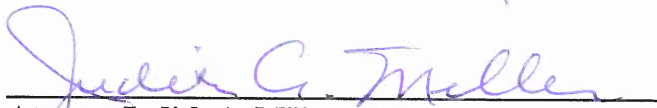
Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



R. Lawrence Heller – Board Member



Raymond W. Lembke – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller – Director
Minutes signed on January 28, 2016

Rudd, Rebecca

From: Rudd, Rebecca
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2015 4:13 PM
To: rmaloney@communitypress.com; 'clermont sun legals'
Subject: notice of bd mtg dates
Attachments: 2015-dec 17-reg mtg & 28-cert for primary.docx

Good Afternoon,

Please be advised and post as a PSA (no cost) the attached notice regarding upcoming Board Meetings for the Clermont County Board of Elections. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you,

Becky Rudd
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Notice of Meetings

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The Clermont County Board of Elections has rescheduled the December Regular Board Meeting for the following date:

December 17, 2015 at 10:30 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting,
and scheduled a Special Meeting on:

December 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., to Certify Candidate Petitions and Issues to the Primary Election Ballot and any other regular business.

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

Judy Miller-Director