

Chairman Tim Rudd called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Rick Combs led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Dave Lane, Rick Combs and Paul Campbell. Also present was Judy Miller – Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record. Deputy Director Mike Keeley was absent.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Cameron Sagester – SOS Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2015-01 – Dave Lane made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 3 & December 18, 2014 Post Election Audit and December 18, 2014 Regular Board Meetings (1 set). Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2015-02 – Rick Combs made the motion to approve and pay the bills as of January 22, 2015. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon discussion Paul submitted his expense from the conference. Upon roll call, Rick Combs – “yes”, Dave Lane – “yes”, Paul Campbell – “yes”, Tim Rudd – “abstain”.

OPENING OF BIDS FOR BALLOT PRINTING:

Director Miller explained that the Requested Bids for printing the ballots for the Elections in 2015 was properly advertised in the Clermont Sun and sent to those requesting it. She only received one bid and it was from ES&S.

Their bid for the 14 inch ballots - \$0.24 for 1 page or \$240 per thousand (front & back), \$0.25 for 1 page (front & back with color) and \$0.44 for 2 pages and \$45 for 2 pages with color. These are the same prices as their bid last year. Their bond of \$210,000 with A1A Bond, appeared to be in good order.

2015-03 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the bid from ES&S for printing the ballots (\$0.24 for a single page ballot and \$0.44 for a two page ballot-black ink only) for the the 2015 Elections. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Election Commission Referrals:

Judy reported that the Campaign Committees of: Treon for Coroner (Brian Treon) and Union Township Professional Firefighters filed their Semi Annual Reports due on 7/31/2014 late.

2015-04 – Paul Campbell made the motion to refer the campaign committees of Treon for Coroner and Union Township Professional Firefighters to the Ohio Elections Commission for the violation of late filing of the Semi Annual Campaign Finance Reports. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Judy reviewed the 2015 OAEO Conference. She stated that it was a good conference. Some of the topics covered were the Sunshine Law, Social Media and Working with your County Prosecutor.

Judy and Mike met with many vendors and they feel that we are ahead of other counties in researching voting equipment. Paul asked what was Judy's take on the "social media" in this office. She stated that it was a good thing but we only need to provide it on a limited basis for this office. She, Paul and Dave thought it would take a lot of time for one of the employees to keep up on it. Judy stated that our website is our main media site.

Paul stated that in reference to the session of "Working with Your County Prosecutor" that Mary Lynne Birck does a wonderful job for us.

Judy also added that we no longer work from election to election, but we are working from one election year to another and we are already working toward the Presidential Election in 2016.

She and Mike met with our new SOS Field Rep (Cameron Sagester) and gave him some suggestions. Cameron advised that Matt Damschroder goes over the Directives with the Field Reps so they have a basic understanding of what is going on. He added that if we have questions about interpretations he would contact the SOS to get clarification for us.

Judy added that the video that Dave Lane produced for the OAEO was excellent.

Judy advised that she heard that the conference is going to be moved to another hotel next year.

Judy went over of Directive 2015-01 – Allegations of Voter Suppression or Voter Fraud. She updated the Board regarding the person that voted in our county and Hamilton County. The Prosecutor's Office sent it to the Sheriff's Department for investigation. They will get back with us.

After reviewing the trouble sheets, a poll worker in Wayne Township B reported that a mother filled out the Form 228 - Declaration of Elector Unable to Mark Ballot to assist her son. She filled out both parts of the form. The poll workers stated that the mother took the son's ballot and voted it without the son being near her. The mother also wrote her son's name in the signature book. They do not have a Power of Attorney on file in the office. Tim suggested sending it to the Prosecutor's Office for an opinion. The Board will send it to Mary Lynne and advise the Board accordingly.

Judy updated the Board on the Election Equipment. She stated that ES&S sent a contract for the purchase of the DS200 voting machines (replacing the M100's) and the 850 ballot scanner (replacing two 650 ballot scanners). Judy sent the contract to the Prosecutor's Office for advisement. Ernie Ramos, Assistant Prosecutor, said they will review the contract and then make a determination if ES&S is a single source for the Election Tabulation Equipment and whether we need to go out to bid.

Regarding the Electronic Poll Books the Prosecutors Office advised that we will have to go out to bid and Judy is writing up bid specs for the Pollbooks for the Board review.

Judy emailed the Board the sales agreement from ES&S for the voting equipment.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Director was absent.

RESOLUTIONS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

February 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting
March 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT:


2015-05 – At 10:44 a.m. Rick Combs made the motion to adjourn. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon direction from the Chairman, all Members answered “aye”.



Timothy R. Rudd – Board Chairman



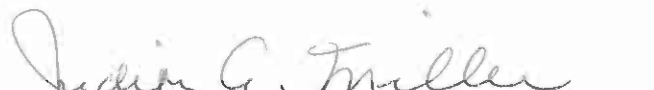
Dave A. Lane – Board Member



Rick W. Combs – Board Member



Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2015**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
INVOICES APPROVED BY BOARD MEMBERS:		
PAUL CAMPBELL	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WINTER CONFERENCE	\$ 139.15
BONNIE CARLIER	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WINTER CONFERENCE	\$ 24.97
CLERMONT SUN	ADVERTISING FOR BIDS	\$ 60.38
DE LAGE LANDEN	COPIER LEASE	\$ 324.57
E. S. & S.	ELECTION SUPPORT - DAN SHEBESTA	\$ 1,450.00
ICE MOUNTAIN	BOTTLED WATER	\$ 32.78
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STEPHANIE HAIGHT	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WINTER CONFERENCE	\$ 14.80
MIKE KEELEY	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WINTER CONFERENCE	\$ 144.70
OFFICE FURNITURE SOURCE	10 OFFICE CHAIRS	\$ 4,024.32
EDNA OWENS	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WINTER CONFERENCE	\$ 15.44
PITNEY BOWES	POSTAGE MACHINE RENTAL	\$ 350.00
BECKY RUDD	REIMBURSEMENT FOR WINTER CONFERENCE	\$ 9.84
TIME WARNER	CABLE BILL - 12-22-14 TO 01-21-15	\$ 34.58
J. ROBERT TRUE	PHONE BILL FOR DECEMBER	\$ 336.86
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 12-8-14 TO 12-21-14	\$ 13,878.42
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 12-8-14 TO 12-21-14	\$ 1,953.40
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 12-22-14 TO 01-04-15	\$ 13,878.40
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 11-24-14 TO 12-7-14	\$ 1,953.40
	TOTAL	\$38,663.06