

Chairman Rick Combs called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Director Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present were Rick Combs, Paul Campbell and Ric Ferenc. Dave Lane was absent. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Shekar Jayaraman – Field Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2009-75 – Ric Ferenc made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 23, 2009 Board Meeting. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2009-76 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the August Bills. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon discussion Director Miller explained the information she received about the bill for the O.A.E.O. Membership Dues. Judy contacted the Treasurer of the organization, Jody O’Brien, and asked for documentation or financial statements to show their expenditures. Jody stated that they did not have any written statements to give Judy. Through their conversation Jody did explain their expenses to Judy. The organization had been carrying approximately a \$60,000 cushion and they have paid out over \$49,000 because of a lawsuit. The cost of their lobbyist Grant Street Consultants (formerly Straight Street) is \$3,500 a month. Also, costs have increased for their insurance and banquet rooms at the conferences. Ric Ferenc inquired whether or not she gave any indication that if the costs of the legal fees were reduced could the cost of the membership fees be reduced. Judy did ask that question and Jody was not sure, but it could be a possibility. Paul feels it is important to maintain our connections with them even though it is expensive and continue to pay the bill. Ric Ferenc agreed. The Board could not understand why there were no records or expenses available. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

COMMUNICATIONS: Election Administration Report

CERTIFICATION OF NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES:

Hamilton and Warren County Board of Elections had already Certified their Candidates and Questions and Issues and have forwarded that information to us. Director Miller reviewed the list of Candidates that filed Petitions for the November 3, 2009 General Election Ballot. She explained to the Board a conversation she had with Pat Wolfe (Secretary of State’s Office). Pat Wolfe stated that due to several Court Decisions, if the nominating portion of the candidate’s petition is partially or not completely filled out, it is not considered a fatal error. Also if there is a problem/error within the Statement of Candidacy that is not filled out, but it is not misleading, this also is not considered a fatal error.

There were seven (7) petitions that required Board review. Lois Ann Badgley-appeared someone signed someone else's signature, Vinnie L. Cochran-did not complete nominating petition on 2 parts of his petitions, Richard P. Mathews-failed to include "Clermont" in the Statement of Candidacy on all petitions, Mike Perry-failed to include the number of signatures in the Circulator's Statement, Jack J. Schiller-did not accurately state the number of signatures in the Circulator's Statement and failed to fill out the nominating portion of another petition, Ron Shouse- failed to include Clermont in the Statement of Candidacy portion and Doug Young-failed to check full term in the nominating portion.

2009-77 – Paul Campbell made the motion to add the Petitions of Vinnie L. Cochran, Richard P. Mathews, Ron Shouse and Doug Young to the list of approved Petitions. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2009-78 – Paul Campbell made the motion to reject and not Certify the Petitions of Lois Ann Badgley, Mike Perry and Jack J. Schiller. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2009-79 – Paul Campbell made the motion to clarify the prior motion that the Petitions of Lois Ann Badgley, Mike Perry and Jack J. Schiller to not be Certified because of the fatal errors by the petitioners. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2009-80 – Ric Ferenc made the motion to accept and Certify to the November 3, 2009 General Election Ballot the approved Petitions as directed by the Director and Deputy Director and to also include the Overlap Candidates Certified to us from the Overlapping Counties of Hamilton, Warren and Brown. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

2009-81 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the list the names of Candidates as they desire to be listed on the Ballot as set forth by the Director and Deputy Director. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

CERTIFICATION OF QUESTIONS AND ISSUES:

Director Miller explained the Questions and Issues that filed for the November 3, 2009 General Election Ballot. The required forms, information and ballot language has been sent to the Secretary of State's Office for approval.

2009-82 – Ric Ferenc made the motion to Accept and Place the following Questions and Issues on the November 3, 2009 General Election Ballot:

Village of Batavia-Additional Income Tax (.25%) on Income-for Public Safety Services.

City of Milford-Renewal Tax Levy (5.3 mills) for 3 years for Fire Protection.

Union Township-Additional Tax Levy (2.95 mills) for a continuing period of time for Fire, EMS and Police (Safety Services).

Batavia Local School District-Bond Issue for \$13,960,000 (3.7 mills) for 28 years **and** Additional Tax Levy (0.5 mills) for 23 years for Maintaining Classroom Facilities.

Bethel Local School District-Additional Tax Levy (4.34 mills) for 5 years for Emergency Requirements of the School District.

Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

LOCAL LIQUOR OPTIONS

There was one Local Option Petition that did not contain enough valid signatures. Miami Township Q-Black Cat Pizzeria, dba Mio's needed 146 valid signatures; they submitted 152 but only had 135 valid signatures. The other Local Option Petitions were found to contain enough valid signatures.

2009-83 – Paul Campbell made the motion to Certify to the November 3, 2009 General Election Ballot the following Local Option Petitions:

Bethel Village-A-Bethel CVS-Weekday and Sunday Sales,

Goshen Twp H-Par-A-Dice-Sunday Sales,

Milford City H-Wal Mart Supercenter 5499-Sunday Sales,

Pierce Twp H-Wal Mart Supercenter 3342-Sunday Sales,

Union Twp H- Big Mike's Gas N Go-Sunday Sales,

Union Twp V- Sam's Club 6528- Sunday Sales,

Union Twp V- Wal Mart Supercenter 1443-Sunday Sales,

Union Twp Z-Swami Petroleum Corp. dba Tealtown Exxon- Sunday Sales,

Wayne Twp A- Buc's Quick Stop-Sunday Sales,

except for Miami Twp Q- Black Cat Pizzeria dab Mio's. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

APPOINTMENT OF POLL WORKERS

Director Miller presented the list of Democratic and Republican Poll Workers to be approved by the Board.

2009-84 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the list of Democratic and Republican Poll Workers for the year, September 15, 2009 thru September 14, 2010. Ric Ferenc Seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Miller explained to the Board that our County is scheduled to host the Fall District Meeting (includes 12 County BOE's) in September 2009. Judy advised the Board that there have been numerous area meetings and conferences this year and feels there is not a necessity to have a District Meeting this fall. She sent an email to the Counties in our district and asked them if they agreed with her and everyone that replied agreed. Our County will hold the area District Meeting in early March 2010.

Judy talked with Curt Mayhew (Campaign Finance with the Secretary of State's Office) about holding a Campaign Finance Seminar in our County. We would be responsible for finding a location, notifying surrounding Counties and candidates and treasurers to attend and any costs involved with hosting it. Judy suggested combining this with a seminar on filling out petitions in the spring in 2011. Curt mentioned that

there has not been a high turnout to the evening seminars. Rick Combs would like our County to have this available and suggested using a civic center as the location.

Judy reported on a letter received from the Secretary of State's Office commending Clermont County. We are one of the top five (5) counties of having the highest number of duplicate voter registrations records

resolved in ratio to the number of voter registration records in the system last month. We started with 7,000, processed 1,428 and still have 5,572 to process. On Paul Campbell's recommendation the Board would like to convey to their appreciation to the staff for their efforts on this task.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES:

Judy addressed the Board on the necessity of part-time staff and would like permission to advertise for the positions on September 8, 2009. Judy estimates 12,000 to 15,000 absentees and would like to start four (4) full-time part-time employees (40 hours a week) approximately October 5. She would like to add an additional four (4) part-time employees as we get closer to Election Day, as needed.

2009-85 – Paul Campbell made the motion to authorize the four (4) full-time part-time and four (4) part-time part-time employees as needed at \$10.00 an hour. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon discussion Rick Combs reminded the Director and Deputy Director to keep the D's & R's equal, require a record check and email the Board Members with the names of who they have hired. Judy and Mike would consider someone who has already worked for us. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Judy brought to the Boards attention that the Secretary of State's Office is looking for a more professional/higher level of Poll Worker Training. Some counties have hired a person to train year round. We had four (4) people help us last year with training and Marty Kleinfelter was outstanding. Judy would like to hire her to assist in poll worker training by September 15th several hours a day.

2009-86 – Ric Ferenc made the motion to, at the desecration of the Director and Deputy Director, to find a poll worker assistant as necessary and keep it in budget, be it Marty Kleinfelter or not. Paul Campbell seconded the motion. Upon discussion Paul inquired if other Counties who are using full-time "trainers" have looked into using the same person and sharing the cost.

Upon roll call, Ric Ferenc – "yes", Paul Campbell – "yes" and Rick Combs – "no".

Judy discussed the possibility of co-sharing county employees, which she addressed at a County Budget Meeting. County departments would share employees when one department happens to be very busy and another department may have down time. We used county employees as part-time help after hours during the 2008 General Election.

Judy addressed the 2010 County Budget. She stated we could take another 5% cut back in our Budget next year. They are pushing for employees to take a 2-week furlough. The county budget year runs from July-July. Also the employee's share of their health insurance is going up. Rick Combs suggested if our employees are furloughed during a time we need part-time help, to hire them back at \$10.00 an hour.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

CHANGE OF POLLING LOCATION:

Deputy Director Keeley reported to the Board the status of Polling Location changes. There are three (3) locations ready to be approved by the Board which is:

- Chilo Community Building, 302 Washington St, Chilo (FN-B-370 voters) to the Chilo Vistors Center-Lock #34, Washington St., Chilo,
- Stonelick Twp. Firehouse, 5750 Stonelick Williams Corner (SK-C-D-G-1219 voters) to the Free Gospel Church/Wildwood Church, 5727 Stonelick Williams Corner and the
- Cincinnati Nature Center, 4949 Tealtown Road (UN-A-F1F-S1S-2452 voters) to the Tealtown Ball Park, 4762 Tealtown Road.

He is still looking to move from the:

- Trinity United Methodist Church (MI-I & MI-W – 867 voters) to the Milford Jr. High School, 5735 Wolfpen Pleasant Hill and
- precincts MI-X, MI-I1I, MI-K1K & MI-P1P – (total of 2344 voters, 4 of 7 precinct located there) from Boyd E. Smith School to the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland Miamiville Road.

We were looking into using the Epiphany Church but they decided not to allow us to use their facility. We had used the Oasis Center in the past but had left there because of the cost, but now they would like to have us back and are willing to work with us on the cost. We were having problems at the 1st Baptist Church of Amelia and planned on relocating, but the church is under new management and for now we don't feel the need to move. The Board will act on these changes at a future meeting.

2009-87 – Paul Campbell made the motion to move the Polling Location of Franklin-B to the Chilo Vistors Center (Lock #34), Washington St., Chilo, Stonelink-C, D and G to the Free Gospel Church, 5727 Stonelick Williams Corner and Union-A, F1F and S1S to the Tealtown Ball Park, 4762 Tealtown Road. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Mike reported to the Board, as they requested, about going out to bid on the deployment of the Election Day equipment. He discovered it was more involved than he anticipated. He would like to take three (3) quotes for the November Election. He contacted several other counties to get samples of the bids they use and would like the Board to allow him to put this together for the November 2010 Election. Paul suggested he continue to investigate alternative options.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

Shekar reported that he was unable to attend the Campaign Finance Seminar but would get answers to any questions we have. Judy added that on August 11, she and Shekar did a presentation for MRDD. It was a well received program.

He also reported Mike Rankin is the new Assistant Secretary of State and he is willing to meet with any of the Board's of Election. The Board welcomed him to come at anytime.

Judy added she received a phone call from a resident of Bethel Village about protesting the residency on the Candidate Petition of Russ Whitley.

Ric Ferenc will be on vacation September 11-20.
Mike Keeley will be on vacation September 19-26.

Judy added that Curt Hartman has been requesting records; in particular he requested to see candidate petitions the day after the filing deadline. The staff was still processing the petitions and she asked him to come back next week. Judy believes he is looking to file a lawsuit against us.

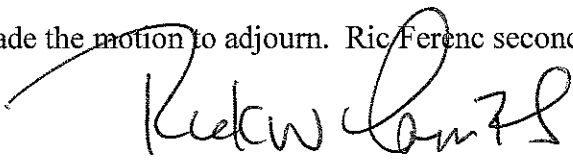
Rick Combs asked that a policy be put into place due to certain activities during the Protest Hearing. Jeff Hardin (an attendee at the meeting) came towards the Board room but did not attend the meeting or go to the lobby; instead he stayed in the work area of the office. Judy advised that our Security Plan states visitors that travel behind the counter shall sign in and out, visitors shall be escorted at all times, any security violation shall be reported to the Director and Deputy Director immediately. Ric Ferenc stated that it needs to be understood that when they sign in to attend a Board Meeting they are either in the lobby (public area) or in the Board Room. Judy suggested they sign a form.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

September 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting.
October 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., Regular Monthly Board Meeting and Public
Test of November General Election.

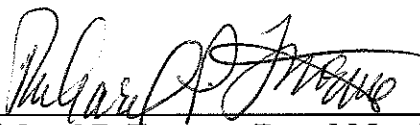
ADJOURNMENT:

2009-88 – At 4:05 p.m. Paul Campbell made the motion to adjourn. Ric Ferenc seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.



Rick W. Combs – Board Chairman

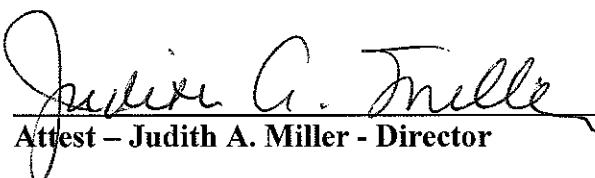
Dave A. Lane – Board Member



Richard P. Ferenc – Board Member



Paul L. Campbell – Board Member



Attest – Judith A. Miller - Director

**APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2009**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	ACCT.	AMOUNT
INVOICES PRE-APPROVED BY DIRECTOR OR DEPUTY:			
ALPINE VALLEY	BOTTLE WATER	5999	\$ 19.55
DAYTON LEGAL	PRINTING OF N.C.O.A. CARDS	5723	\$ 923.14
DE LAGE LANDEN	COPIER LEASE FOR AUGUST	5453	\$ 147.00
DONNELON MCCARTHY	COPIER MAINTENANCE FOR AUGUST	6123	\$ 38.10
J. ROBERT TRUE	4-HEX NUTS & 4-WASHERS	5999	\$ 0.92
J. ROBERT TRUE	PHONE BILL FOR JULY 2009	6361	\$ 592.17
SAM'S CLUB	2 UTILITY CARTS	5723	\$ 282.43
STAPLES	MISC. OFFICE SUPPLIES	5729	\$ 32.89
INVOICES TO BE APPROVED BY BOARD MEMBERS:			
O.A.E.O.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	5527	\$ 1,867.93
PITNEY BOWES	MONTHLY POSTAGE MACHINE PAYMENT	5453	\$ 242.74
UPS	UPS-SHIP CASINO PETITIONS TO S.O.S.	5571	\$ 9.24
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 07-12-09 TO 07-25-09	5112	\$ 13,551.20
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 07-12-09 TO 07-25-09	5116	\$ 1,905.97
STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 07-26-09 TO 08-08-09	5112	\$ 13,551.20
BOARD SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 07-26-09 TO 08-08-09	5116	\$ 1,905.97
	TOTAL:		\$ 35,070.45