

**New Richmond Village Fire and EMS Tax Levy,
Union Township Safety Services Tax Levy and
Williamsburg Local School District Tax Levy**

Chairman Tim Rudd called the meeting to order at 6:25 a.m. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Dave Lane and Rick Combs. Paul Campbell was absent due to illness. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

Director Miller reported that there had been 5 poll worker cancellations this morning (2-D & 3-R). Bonnie and Ruth Ann have replaced those workers. There are 54 precincts involved in this election. Deputy Director Keeley advised the Board that all voting equipment had been delivered prior to today. There were no observers or other attendees.

The Board Stands in Recess at 6:28 a.m.

The Board Reconvened at 9:26 p.m.

Tim reported that the Accuracy Board (Russ Arey-(D), Greg Carson-(R), Ric Ferenc-(R), Sandy Zimmer-(D)) met and all reports balanced.

2009-09 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept the report of the Accuracy Board. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Rick Combs – yes, Dave Lane – yes, Tim Rudd – yes.

2009-10 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the Unofficial Results of the February 3, 2009 Special Election. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Staff to have split shifts tomorrow (2-4-09).

Director Miller will send the appropriate reports to the Secretary of State’s Office and stated the results were posted on the website.

NEXT MEETING DATES AND TIMES:

Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. – Begin Official Canvass

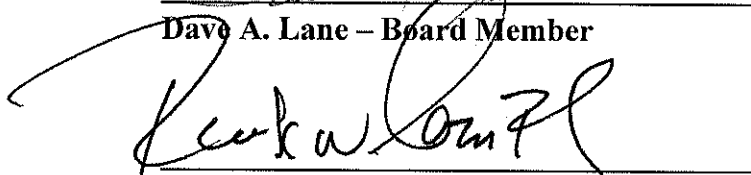
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. – Completion of Official Canvass

ADJOURNMENT:

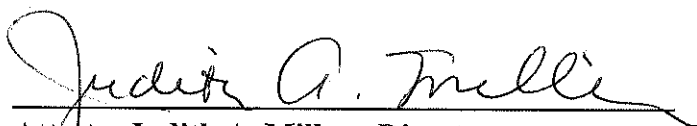
2009-11 – Rick Combs made the motion to adjourn. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon direction of the Chairman all Members present answered “aye”.


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Clermont County Board of Elections

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**NOTICE OF MEETING DATES
CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
76 S. RIVERSIDE DR.
BATAVIA, OH 45103
(513) 732-7275**

The Clermont County Board of Elections has set dates for the following meetings:
Tuesday February 3, 2009 at 6:30 a.m.-Special Election Day Meeting,
Tuesday February 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.-Open Official Canvas Meeting,
Tuesday February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.-Certification of Special Election and
Regular Monthly Board Meeting at which time the Board will Certify Questions
and Issues to the May 5, 2009 Special Election Ballot. The Meetings will be held
at the Board Office, 76 S. Riverside Dr., Batavia, Ohio 45103.

Tim Rudd-Board Chairman
Judy Miller-Director

**Start of Official Canvass for the
February 3, 2009 Special Election
February 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m.**

Chairman Tim Rudd called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Board Members present were Tim Rudd, Dave Lane and Paul Campbell. Rick Combs was on vacation and not present. Also present were Judy Miller – Director, Mike Keeley – Deputy Director and Becky Rudd – Clerk taking record.

OTHER ATTENDEES: Nick Sommer - ISD

TEST DECK:

Tim Rudd and Dave Lane observed Nick Sommer (ISD) run the Test Deck through the 650 scanner. Dave tallied the results as Tim read them. The Board found the results to match and that the computer was counting accurately.

2009-12 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the results of the Test Deck. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Paul Campbell – “yes”, Dave Lane – “yes”, Tim Rudd – “yes”.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

Director Miller reported to the Board that the Unofficial Absentee Count on Election Day was 449 ballots. She also reported on the Absentees that had not been counted.

Eleven (11) ballots were refused by Nursing Home Voters, one (1) ballot did not have a secrecy envelope which meant it did not contain any identification, one (1) ballot did not have a date of birth, one (1) did not have a signature, one (1) did not have any information or signature, nine (9) Federal Postcards were non-deliverable/no forwarding address. The staff did make an attempt to contact these voters (before the election) to amend these problems. Seven (7) Absentee Ballots were received after Election Day (2-3-09) but within the 10 day period. Four (4) ballots did not have a postmark and one (1) was postmarked the day after the Election (2-4-09). There were two (2) ballots that did have a valid postmark and were received within the ten day period.

“ABSENTEE BALLOTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED”

2009-13 – Paul Campbell made the motion to reject the 29 Absentee Ballots that the staff determined to be invalid. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

“ABSENTEE BALLOTS THAT SHOULD BE COUNTED”

2009-14 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the 2 Absentee Ballots that the staff determined to be valid. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS:

Director Miller reported on the Provisional Ballots. There were thirty-seven (37) Provisional Ballots cast. Ten (10) Provisional Ballots were determined to be invalid. Of those ten (10), six (6) were not registered, two (2) voted in the wrong precinct and two (2) did not provide identification or have it listed.

“INVALID PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE COUNTED”

2009-15 – Paul Campbell made the motion to reject the 10 Provisional Ballots that the staff determined to be invalid. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

Twenty-Seven (27) Provisional Ballots were determined to be valid.

“VALID PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAT SHOULD BE COUNTED”

2009-16 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the 27 Provisional Ballots that the staff determined to be valid. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

2009-17 – Paul Campbell made the motion to instruct the staff to proceed with the Official Canvass. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members present voted “yes”.

Dave Lane inquired about the situation regarding the mailing notice of the temporary polling location change of the Cincinnati Nature Center. Judy reported to the Board that she would be contacting Maple Rudy from the Post Office again today. Judy had spoken with her previously about this matter, but now is being told that she can not handle this problem and referred Judy to an investigator. After not being able to contact an investigator Judy called the Inspector General and left a voice mail, which is the only procedure they have in place. It has been a week without a response. Judy then spoke with the Batavia Post Office again and told them she would be looking into a Federal Investigation if she did not receive some kind of acknowledgment. She finally received a call from Maple Rudy again, but Judy was unable to take the call at that time and will be calling her back today. Dave Lane said he feels that they are obligated to give us an answer to this situation. He and Paul agreed that if we must, we will contact our Congresswomen or Senator to receive the necessary action needed.

The Board Stands in Recess and the Staff continued with the Official Canvass. The Board will Reconvene February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. for the Official Certification and the Regular Board Meeting.

The Board went off the Record at 10:00 a.m.

CERTIFICATION

Board Reconvenes February 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

The Board went back on the Record February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Shekar Jayaraman – Field Liaison, Nick Sommer – ISD

TEST DECK AND CERTIFICATION:

Tim Rudd and Dave Lane observed Nick Sommer (ISD) run the Test Deck through the 650 scanner. Dave tallied the results as Tim read them. The Board found the hand count tally to match that of the computer count.

2009-18 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the Results of the Test Deck and Certify the February 3, 2009 Special Election. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

The Board entered into the Regular Monthly Meeting of February 24, 2009.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2009

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2009-19 – Rick Combs made the motion to accept the Minutes from the January 22, 2009 Meeting. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

2009-20 – Dave Lane made the motion to accept the Bills. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

COMMUNICATIONS: Federal and State Election Legislation Updates from the Secretary of State’s Office.

APPROVAL OF THE ISSUES FOR THE MAY 5, 2009 SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT:

Director Miller reported to the Board on the 7 Issues filed by Resolution to the May 5, 2009 Ballot. Five Resolutions were filed in this office: Village of Amelia – To Surrendered the Corporate Powers of Amelia, Bethel-Tate Local School District – Additional Tax Levy, Clermont Northeastern Local School District – Bond Issue, West Clermont Local School District – Substitute Tax Levy and Williamsburg Local School District – Renewal and Increase Tax Levy. Two Issues are overlaps from other Counties: Forest Hills Local School District – Additional Tax Levy from Hamilton County and Little Miami Local School District – Additional Tax Levy from Warren County.

Judy made a clarification about Certifying Issues to the Ballot. Petitions (candidates-local options) are Certified to the Ballot, the Issues are Approved to be placed on the Ballot.

2009-21 – Rick Combs made the motion to Approve the 7 Issues filed by Resolution for the May 5, 2009 Special Election Ballot. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

Director Miller reported on the overlapping precincts into Brown County. Brown County Board of Elections is not having a May Special Election and they asked us to have precincts available for their voters as we did for the February 3, 2009 Election. Those Districts involved are: 1). Williamsburg Local School District-one precinct with 72 voters, 2). Clermont Northeastern Local School District-one precinct with 43 voters and 3). Bethel-Tate Local School District-one precinct with 0 voters (at this time there are no voters in this precinct but there is the possibility that someone could move into the precinct). We will do a full charge back to each of these entities for the additional costs.

2009-22 – Paul Campbell made the motion to accept the Voters from Brown County and vote the 72 Voters in the Williamsburg Local School District in Williamsburg Township C Precinct (Williamsburg Township Firehouse) and vote the 43 Voters in the Clermont Northeastern Local School District in Jackson Township C Precinct (Jackson Township Community Building). Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted “yes”.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Director Miller reported on the Overlapping Issues from Other Counties. Little Miami Local School District is an overlap from Warren County. There are 28 voters in Goshen Township N Precinct. We are trying to use the Community Center (within the High School, at the same entrance as the gym) for this Election instead of using/tying up the High School Gym for 28 voters. The Forest Hills Local School

District is an overlap from Hamilton County which involves Union Township N & P1P, both are splits within the West Clermont Local School District, which will already be staffed by poll workers.

Director Miller updated the Board on the "bulk mail issue". Judy did speak with Maple Rudy, who stated she did an investigation into this matter. No one admitted to seeing this mailing until it was delivered. She stated she had samples (undeliverable mailings of the notice) of the envelopes that did not contain the pink coding on the back of the envelope which meant the mailing did not go downtown to the Distribution Center (DPS). Their solution to this problem is for us to call the Batavia and Anderson Post Masters. The Anderson Post Master is going to pick up the bulk mail from the Batavia Post Office and take it to the Anderson Post Office. The mail is then sorted for immediate delivery. We are to call both Post Offices and Maple Rudy, who will follow up on this. We already sort the mail by zip code as the Post Office requested. Rick would like the voters that were involved in this mailing to know what happened with the mailing as well as the media. Judy and Mike would like to send a letter to these voters explaining what happened with the Post Office delivery problem and to also let them know that they will be back at the Nature Center for the May Special Election. Dave suggested mailing the letter to the voters, advising the media of the situation, and send the invoice for the cost of this mailer to the Post Master. Rick would like to see a copy of the letter before it goes out and have it state that the Board Members are aware and we apologize for the unfortunate situation and be clear that this office/staff did not have anything to do with the late delivery. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the aforementioned action.

Judy reported that the Polling Place Facilitators received their letter regarding the Election Calendar for 2009, to advise them of upcoming elections.

There are three (3) conferences/meetings in March. The Ohio Elections Conference is in Columbus on March 12th & 13th. Judy would like to attend with Edna Owens and Donna Brittain, This would require an overnight stay. Donna can not stay over night but would like to go on the 12th. The ADA Workshop is in Chillicothe on March 19th. Judy, Mike and Kim Beard would like to attend (day trip). The District Meeting is being hosted by the Brown County Board of Elections on March 27th (day trip). They do not have any details other than the date at this time.

2009-23 – Dave Lane made the motion to authorize out of town travel for the Elections Conference on March 12 & 13 for Judy, Donna and Edna to Columbus (overnight stay as needed), the ADA Workshop for Judy, Mike and Kim in Chillicothe and the District Meeting in Brown County on March 27th. Rick Combs seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all Members voted "yes".

Judy reported to the Board that Joshua Kimsey is the new Secretary of State Elections Legal Counsel assigned to Clermont County. He replaces Brian Green.

She advised the Board that we are preparing for the May Special. Ballot Language for two entities had already been approved and we are waiting for the approval on three others. Nick will be completing the February Election and then he will be setting up the May Election in the system.

Paul Campbell reported on the Winter OAEO Conference. He stated the attendance was low the first day but the next day there was a larger crowd. He added many topics had been discussed before, and he would like to have alternative methods for holding elections addressed. Dave Lane concurred.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Deputy Director Keeley advised the Board that he has also been preparing for the May Special. We will contract with John Weiss again for deployment of the voting equipment. Mike has been checking into a vendor, to provide a "wand" to help facilitate the chain of custody procedures. This would be very helpful, and would simplify and reduce the man hours for this process. He reported that we stayed with Pitney Bowes as our vendor for the postage machine. They had a significant savings over the other vendor and other benefits. The new machine has not been delivered yet.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

March 26, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., March Regular Board Meeting
April 23, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., April Regular Board Meeting and Public Test
For May 5 Special Election
May 5, 2009 at 6:30 a.m., Special Election Day Meeting
May 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., Opening of Official Canvass
May 26, 2009 time to be determined; Official Canvass must be completed by
this Date (tentative date)

ADJOURNMENT:

2009-24 – At 10:40 a.m. Rick Combs made the motion to adjourn. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Upon direction of 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
FEBRUARY 24, 2009**

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT
ABLE AWARDS	SIGN FOR POLLING PLACE CHANGE	\$ 45.00
ALLEEN COMPANY	TENT RENTAL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION 2-3-09	\$ 816.00
ALPINE VALLEY	BOTTLED WATER	\$ 71.60
CLERMONT SUN	ADVERTISING - PROCLAMATION 2-3-09 SPECIAL	\$ 232.25
CLERMONT SUN	ADVERTISING - 2-3-09 SPECIAL - UNION TWP., NEW RICH. VILLAGE & WMSBG. SCHOOL DIST.	\$ 480.20
DAYTON LEGAL BLANK	BLANK SIGN. SHEETS & RETURN ENVELOPES	\$ 868.60
DE LAGE LANDEN	COPIER MAINTENANCE FOR FEBRUARY 2009	\$ 147.00
ENQUIRER MEDIA	ADVERTISING FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2009 SPECIAL	\$ 225.15
E. S. & S.	OKI BLACK TONER CARTRIDGE	\$ 110.00
E. S. & S.	ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINT. AGREEMENT	\$ 1,050.00
J. ROBERT TRUE	PHONE BILL FOR JANUARY 2009	\$ 579.77
KAY NEWBY	EMBROIDERY ON APRONS	\$ 64.00
NICK SOMMER	REIMBURSEMENT FOR DBL SIDED TAPE	\$ 5.85
OFFICE DEPOT	MISC. OFFICE SUPPLIES (SHREDDER)	\$ 599.23
OFFICE MAX	POLLING PLACE CHG. LETTERS-OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 533.10
PAUL CAMPBELL	WINTER CONF. REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 178.14
PITNEY BOWES	RENTAL ON POSTAGE MACHINE 11-3-08 TO 12-31-08	\$ 162.84
POLL WORKER PAY	POLL WORKER PAY - 11-4-08 GENERAL	\$ 37.50
POLL WORKER PAY	POLL WORKER PAY FOR TRAINING CLASSES	\$ 150.00
RUTH ANN WERNER	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 21.45
STAPLES	MISC. OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 452.05
WORTH DATA	2 DB9 COM PORT CABLES	\$ 50.00
ZEIMER INSTALLATION	DEPLOYMENT OF VOTING EQUIPMENT 2-3-09 SPEC.	\$ 3,489.00
REGULAR STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 1-11-09 TO 1-24-09	\$ 13,561.14
BOARD MEMBERS SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 1-11-09 TO 1-24-09	\$ 1,881.04
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	PAY PERIOD 1-11-09 TO 1-24-09	\$ 230.00
OVERTIME	PAY PERIOD 1-11-09 TO 1-24-09	\$ 56.15
REGULAR STAFF SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 1-25-09 TO 2-07-09	\$ 13,860.99
BOARD MEMBERS SALARIES	PAY PERIOD 1-25-09 TO 2-07-09	\$ 1,881.04
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	PAY PERIOD 1-25-09 TO 2-07-09	\$ 390.00
OVERTIME	PAY PERIOD 1-25-09 TO 2-07-09	\$ 1,543.80
	TOTAL:	\$ 43,772.89

	TOTAL VOTES	%	ELECTION DAY	ABSENTEE	PROVISIONAL
PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 54)	54	100.00			
REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL	38,931				
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	4,994		4,516	451	27
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL		12.83			
1 New Richmond Fire/EMS Levy NEW RICHMOND VILLAGE					
FOR THE TAX LEVY	70	40.46	66	4	0
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	103	59.54	97	6	0
2 Union Twp Safety Services Levy UNION TOWNSHIP					
FOR THE TAX LEVY	980	25.28	842	129	9
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	2,897	74.72	2,642	246	9
3 Williamsburg LSD Levy					
FOR THE TAX LEVY	442	46.87	414	22	6
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	501	53.13	455	43	3

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