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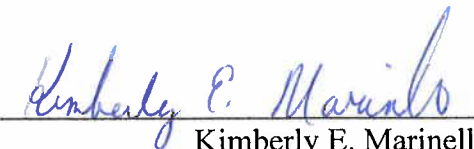
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APPROVED ON 2/7/11

BY:



Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman


Michael F. Colley, Esq.


Kimberly E. Marinello

not present
Zachary Manifold

ATTEST:


William A. Anthony, Jr., Director

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BEFORE THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re:
Regular Meeting

Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J.
Preisse, Board Members Michael F. Colley,
Zachary E. Manifold, and Kimberly E. Marinello,
Director William A. Anthony, Jr., and Deputy
Director Matt Damschroder, taken at the offices of
the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East
Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio on Thursday,
January 3, 2011, at 3:38 o'clock p.m.

1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney
3 373 South High Street
4 13th Floor
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215
6 By Mr. Patrick J. Piccinnini,
7 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney,

8 On behalf of the Board.

9 ALSO PRESENT:

10 Mr. Ben Piscitelli, Media Relations
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2 p R O C E E D I N G S

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4 MR. ANTHONY: I would like to call the
5 Franklin Board of Elections meeting to order.
6 Roll call.

7 Kimberly Marinello.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

9 MR. ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold.

10 MR. MANIFOLD: Here.

11 MR. ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

13 MR. ANTHONY: Michael Colley.

14 MR. COLLEY: Here.

15 MR. ANTHONY: Everyone here and
16 accounted for.

17 The first item on the agenda is to
18 approve the minutes of two board meetings, 12/15
19 and one from 12/6 of 2010.

20 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
21 that the minutes of the meetings of the Franklin
22 County Board of Elections held on December 6th,
23 2010 and December 15th, 2010 be approved as
24 submitted.

1 MR. ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MR. COLLEY: Second.

3 MR. ANTHONY: All those in favor say
4 aye.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. ANTHONY: All right. The minutes
7 are so approved.

8 The next item on the agenda has to do
9 with Kids Vote.

10 Matt, you want to --

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Sure. For several
12 years, going back prior to my joining the Board,
13 this agency has provided annual funding to Kids
14 Voting/Central Ohio, in the form of a grant to
15 support their work in civic engagement of Franklin
16 County's youth and children, working primarily in
17 the areas of civics education, curriculum
18 development, and presentations in classrooms, and
19 also mock elections.

20 Several years ago, almost three years
21 ago now, with the generosity of the county
22 commissioners, we have increased that grant from
23 20,000 to 25,000, so this would be the motion for
24 the 2011 annual grant to Kids Voting.

1 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
2 that the Board authorize the renewal of its annual
3 grant to Kids Voting/Ohio for 2011 in the amount
4 of \$25,000, payable by the fiscal officer
5 immediately, to support the organization's work
6 engaging Franklin County children and youth in
7 civic affairs, including the conducting of mock
8 elections.

9 MR. ANTHONY: Is there a second?

10 MR. COLLEY: Second.

11 MR. ANTHONY: All those in favor say
12 aye.

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. ANTHONY: Motion carries.

15 We would like to go into executive
16 session to discuss personnel matters.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's it. Is there a
18 motion?

19 MR. ANTHONY: Is there a motion?

20 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
21 that we move into executive session to discuss
22 employee matters, consideration of appointment,
23 employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion,
24 demotion, or compensation of public employees

1 and/or officials of this Board of Elections.

2 MR. ANTHONY: Is there a second?

3 MR. COLLEY: Second.

4 MR. ANTHONY: Roll call.

5 Kim Marinello.

6 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

7 MR. ANTHONY: Doug Preisse.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

9 MR. ANTHONY: Zack Manifold.

10 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

11 MR. ANTHONY: Michael Colley.

12 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

13 MR. ANTHONY: All right. We are now in
14 executive session.

15 (Board enters executive session.)

16 MR. ANTHONY: The Board voted to come
17 out of executive session. A vote was taken, it
18 was approved unanimously.

19 MR. PISCITELLI: And during executive
20 session --

21 MR. ANTHONY: And during the session, no
22 motions were made, no resolutions were presented,
23 and --

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And no votes taken.

1 MR. ANTHONY: -- and no votes taken.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Is there a motion on
5 the question of deputy director?

6 MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move that
7 the Board accept the resignation of its Deputy
8 Director, Matthew M. Damschroder of Bexley,
9 effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2011,
10 and appoint as his successor Nathan Burd of
11 Reynoldsburg, effective at that time at the rate
12 of \$4,292 per pay period.

13 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We should do a roll
15 call vote, Mr. Chairman.

16 MR. ANTHONY: I will do the roll call
17 vote.

18 Kim Marinello.

19 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

20 MR. ANTHONY: Zack Manifold.

21 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

22 MR. ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm abstaining,
24 because he's a current employee of ours.

1 MR. ANTHONY: Okay. Michael Colley.

2 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

3 MR. ANTHONY: All right. The motion is
4 approved.

5 Before we move on, I would like to take
6 this time to say a few words about Matthew
7 Damschroder.

8 Matt, first of all, I didn't write none
9 of this down, so it's with a heavy heart and a
10 smile on my face I see you moving and progressing
11 on into new and bigger and better things, and
12 looking forward to working with you at the
13 Secretary of State's office.

14 We are going to miss you dearly here at
15 the Board of Elections. You are a colleague and a
16 friend, so good luck to you and Godspeed and wish
17 you the best in this new year.

18 MS. MARINELLO: Here, here.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yep, I'll add to
20 that.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'll add to that
23 similar sentiments. You held this place together
24 through thick and thin and led a team, but with

1 great example, in terms of personal industry and
2 integrity and foresight.

3 You've done a great job for the voters
4 and the citizens, for the party, for both parties.
5 You've been a fierce competitor, but an honorable
6 opponent, I think, for our -- for the folks, our
7 friends across the aisle, and so we salute you for
8 that and wish you the best in your growing and
9 expanding career, because that's what's happening.

10 You leave some big shoes to fill, and
11 appreciate your commitment to this institution and
12 the continued commitment to the elections system
13 and democracy here in the state. You're just
14 taking a big role. Now you have 88 counties to
15 look after, so congratulations.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Thank you.

17 It's been a great opportunity and a
18 great experience that I have loved and enjoyed. A
19 lot has happened. I've learned a lot, I've made a
20 lot of good decisions, I've made a lot of stupid
21 decisions that I learned from.

22 And I'm very grateful to Michael and
23 Carolyn and Denny and Bill when they first hired
24 me in June of '03. And the Board has stuck with

1 me and allowed me to grow and spread my wings as a
2 public administrator, and I've made a lot of
3 friends and learned a lot of good lessons.

4 And it is with a great deal of both
5 sadness, but also excitement that I leave for this
6 next phase in my life. So I thank you and look
7 forward to continuing to work with you.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. ANTHONY: The next item on the
10 agenda.

11 MR. MANIFOLD: All right. Mr. Chairman,
12 I move that the Board appoint Deb Roberts as a
13 clerk of the Board in the Voter Services
14 Department, effective at the rate of \$15 an hour.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Effective 1/24.

16 MR. MANIFOLD: Effective January 24th,
17 at the rate of \$15 an hour.

18 MR. COLLEY: Second.

19 MR. ANTHONY: Is there a second?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is there a second?

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Michael seconded it.

22 MR. ANTHONY: Oh, okay. I'm sorry.

23 All those in favor -- do we need a roll
24 call? No, I don't think.

1 All those in favor say aye.

2 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. ANTHONY: Opposed, same sign.

4 (No audible response.)

5 MR. ANTHONY: The ayes have it.

6 Any other business before this body?

7 (No audible response.)

8 MR. ANTHONY: Motion to adjourn is in
9 order.

10 MS. MARINELLO: Motion to adjourn,
11 Mr. Chairman.

12 MR. ANTHONY: Is there a second?

13 MR. MANIFOLD: I'll second.

14 MR. ANTHONY: All those in favor say
15 aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. ANTHONY: Opposed, same sign.

18 (No audible response.)

19 MR. ANTHONY: We stand adjourned. Thank
20 you.

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22 Thereupon, the proceedings were
23 concluded at 4:12 o'clock p.m.

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Jennifer L. Koontz
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