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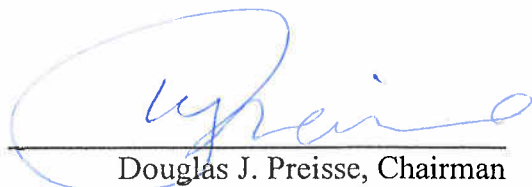
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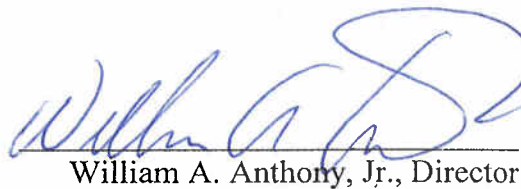

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Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse,
Board Members Michael F. Colley, Zachary E. Manifold,
and Kimberly E. Marinello, with Director William A.
Anthony, Jr. and Deputy Director Nathan Burd, taken
at Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad
Street, Columbus, Ohio on Monday, October 3, 2011, at
3:21 o'clock p.m.

1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
3 373 South High Street, 13th Floor
4 Columbus, Ohio 43215
5 By Mr. Nick Soulas, Esq.,

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7 On behalf of The Board.

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 Todd Wedekind, Manager, Absentee Voting

12 Ms. Suzanne Brown, Executive Assistant,
13 Franklin County Board of Elections

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2 P R O C E E D I N G S

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4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'd like to call the
5 Franklin County Board of Election's meeting to order.
6 I will do the roll call.

7 Kimberly Marinello?

8 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

10 MR. MANIFOLD: Here.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Michael Colley?

14 MR. COLLEY: Here.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We're all here and
16 accounted for, sir.

17 The first item on the agenda is the approval
18 of the minutes of the August 22nd and September 6th
19 board meetings.

20 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that
21 the Board approve the minutes of the August 22nd, 2011
22 and September 6th, 2011 Board meetings.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Do we have a second?

24 MR. COLLEY: Second.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
2 aye.

3 THE BOARD: Aye.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. The next item
5 on the agenda would be a challenge of the right to
6 vote.

7 Nate, do you want to talk about that a
8 little bit?

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Yeah. Is Debra Ryan
10 present? No? Okay.

11 Debra Ryan filed a challenge against the
12 registration of Andrew Denzell Tucker, claiming that
13 he does not live at 614 Knights Avenue in Gahanna.

14 You have your letters to both individuals,
15 as well as some of the background information.
16 Apparently this address is Mrs. Ryan's address, and
17 Mr. Denzell doesn't live there.

18 We're not recommending the Board to take any
19 action at this point, because Mr. Denzell did not
20 finish his registration. He didn't provide quite a
21 few of the bits of information that we need to
22 register a voter. He also didn't sign his
23 registration form.

24 So we can't remove him from the list of

1 registered voters at this time, because he's not a
2 registered voter. We've marked in our system the
3 filing of this challenge.

4 If he were to complete his registration, we
5 would then probably invite Mrs. Ryan in, Mr. Denzell
6 back, to hear the challenge at this time -- at that
7 time. But right now, since he's not actually a
8 registered voter, we don't need to remove him from the
9 rolls or amend our registration list.

10 We have not received additional information
11 from him since the challenge has been filed, and he's
12 not registered at the moment. So if he were to
13 complete registration at that address, at that time we
14 would invite them both back in to explain the
15 situation.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. So there's nothing
17 to do there?

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: No. Unless there are
19 questions, we can move on to the next item.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How is it that she came
21 to challenge his registration if it wasn't valid?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Well, he had tried to
23 register, but his registration form was incomplete,
24 and so she got the letter at her house that was

1 addressed to him saying --

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: -- "You've tried to
4 register, but here's why it hasn't gone through."

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see. I see what you're
6 saying. That explains it.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
8 agenda would be, then, the vote machine allocation.
9 Each election cycle we present our voting machine
10 allocation plan, and you have in the packet how we
11 plan to allocate all of the voting machines throughout
12 the county.

13 MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
14 Board of Elections approve the allocation of 3,309
15 voting machines to be in use for the November 8, 2011
16 general election.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
20 aye.

21 THE BOARD: Aye.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: As you can see, part of
23 it is one machine for every 175 voters, or at least
24 three machines for each location.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: That's the form that
2 we follow?

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. And we have been
4 doing that forever -- not forever; for a while.

5 The next item on the agenda, we
6 contracted -- we got the services of a couple of firms
7 to help us do a public awareness campaign to let the
8 voters know about the new provisions of requesting an
9 absentee application, and we would like to show that
10 to you.

11 Sonny, we are ready.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: We've got two TV ads
13 and two radio spots, I believe, is what we'll see in
14 here.

15 (Watching video.)

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Those started running
17 this morning. Do you have the radio spots too?

18 MR. PHAIPHANYA: Yeah. This is radio.

19 (Audio/Video being played.)

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And we're going to start
21 running that one when it gets closer to election day
22 to remind folks of the ID requirements.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: It will start the
24 Wednesday before election day.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Right. And then we had a
2 couple of video spots.

3 (Audio/Video being played.)

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And we solicited a
5 democrat and republican firm, as we do every election
6 cycle. We used Triumph and --

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Strategy Group for
8 Media.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. And we had a
10 budget of -- we were going to spend \$329,850 for this
11 ad campaign.

12 You can go to --

13 MR. PHAIPHANYA: Radio?

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: -- radio. Yeah.

15 (Audio/Video being played.)

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Now, again, we're doing
17 two campaigns; an early vote and an ID requirement. I
18 think the total cost, we're going to spend \$190,000 on
19 cable and broadcast TV between the 3rd and the 16th,
20 October 3rd to October 16th.

21 Do you want to play the next one then? Is
22 that it?

23 MR. PHAIPHANYA: I still have one more.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. Go ahead and play

1 that one.

2 (Audio/Video being played.)

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So that's a total of
4 four -- thank you -- two -- let me go back.

5 Early vote, we're going to do one TV ad for
6 early vote and one radio spot. We're going to go on
7 broadcast TV and cable, and the radio spot is going to
8 go on a minority radio station and a couple of
9 conservative radio stations, and then we're going to
10 do \$5,000 for early vote for that. Then we're going
11 to spend \$15,000 with the Dispatch and local and
12 minority newspapers.

13 And then starting on November 2nd through
14 November the 8th, we're going to run the one that
15 talks about the ID requirements. We're going to spend
16 \$85,000 in broadcast TV and cable. We're going to
17 spend \$5,000 in minority and conservative radios,
18 \$15,000 for the Dispatch and local minority
19 newspapers.

20 So, again, our total cost, then, for the TV
21 ads will be \$275,000; total cost for the radio will be
22 \$10,000; and the total cost for newspaper will be
23 \$30,000.

24 So, like I said, they started running today.

1 I heard the TV run on Channel 4 this morning about
2 6:30, so they are running. So we got them in good
3 rotation, and we hope to get people to request early
4 absentee application.

5 Any questions for us on that?

6 MR. MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
7 Board of Elections approve the proposed public
8 awareness campaign for television, print, and radio
9 advertising and authorize the fiscal officer to open
10 purchase orders to pay the related expenses.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

12 MR. COLLEY: I second the vote.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
14 aye.

15 THE BOARD: Aye.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
17 agenda, we need to buy some paper, about 200,000
18 pieces of paper, in order for us to -- and we got a
19 good deal on it. It's about \$13,000 and it's ballot
20 stock.

21 You want to talk a little bit about it,
22 Todd?

23 MR. WEDEKIND: Well, it's blank shells. We
24 use the print shop now, so we have to have the blank

1 shells so the print shop will be able to print the
2 ballots for us.

3 And we do our own micro perf on them, so we
4 get savings by doing our own perforation of the ballot
5 stub. And we do the ballot automatic printing from the
6 print shop, so it saves us a lot of money just by
7 buying the shells.

8 We're getting a very good price, one of the
9 best prices in the country, at six and a half cents
10 apiece.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And this saves a lot of
12 money, as we print our ballots in-house and do a
13 ballot on demand, so we're saving a lot of money for
14 the taxpayers.

15 Any questions?

16 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move the
17 Board of Elections approve the purchase of 200,000
18 pieces of ballot stock and authorize the fiscal office
19 to open a purchase order in the amount of \$13,000.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

21 MR. COLLEY: Second.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
23 aye.

24 THE BOARD: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
2 agenda, the Secretary of State, basically, asked us to
3 do an MOU -- that's what we called them in unions all
4 the time, so it's just how you say it -- memorandum of
5 understanding with our current vendor for our
6 Integrity system, so that -- I guess they're doing
7 another bridge with the Secretary of State's voter
8 registration system, and we have to have the two work
9 together.

10 So we have to go into a memorandum of
11 understanding with our vendor in order for them to be
12 able to work with the Secretary of State's office to
13 do the necessary network work or programming work that
14 they have to do in order for our system to continue to
15 talk and work together.

16 And that's a layman's view on it, but it's
17 something that we need to do.

18 MR. MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
19 Board of Elections authorize the director and deputy
20 director to draft and execute a memorandum of
21 understanding with the Secretary of State for the use
22 of the Integrity computer system through 2012.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

24 MR. COLLEY: Second.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
2 aye.

3 THE BOARD: Aye.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We would like to go into
5 executive session to talk about personal service
6 contract dealing with the redistricting assistance, so
7 we would need a motion.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move we go
9 into executive session to discuss the personal
10 contract and redistricting contract.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

12 MR. MANIFOLD: Second.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. I need a roll
14 call.

15 Kim Marinello?

16 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zach Manifold?

18 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Doug Preisse?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Michael Colley?

22 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now in executive
24 session.

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2 Board enters executive session.

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4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a motion to come
5 out of executive session?

6 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move we come
7 out of executive session. No votes were taken; no
8 decisions were made.

9 MR. MANIFOLD: I'll second.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Kim Marinello?

11 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

13 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Michael Colley?

17 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. We are now
19 out of executive session.

20 The next item on the agenda would be the
21 personal service contract for redistricting assistance
22 with Matt Shade. Is there a motion?

23 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that
24 the Board of Elections enter into a personal services

1 contract for redistricting assistance with Matt Shade
2 not to exceed \$10,000, pending review and approval of
3 the contract by the county prosecutor's office.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

5 MR. COLLEY: Second the motion.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
7 aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And the next item on the
10 agenda would be set the hours of early vote.

11 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move the
12 Board of Elections observe the following as is
13 scheduled for early in-person voting at 280 East Broad
14 Street: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
15 from October 4th, 2011 to November 7th, 2011, and
16 Tuesday, October 11th, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 MR. COLLEY: Second.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

20 THE BOARD: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right.

22 MR. MANIFOLD: I think we're still looking
23 at possible weekend hours. We're still working it
24 out. Hopefully we can come to some sort of agreement

1 in the coming weeks to have some sort of extended
2 hours on weekends.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. Anything else
4 before the Board?

5 (No audible response.)

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a motion to
7 adjourn?

8 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, motion to
9 adjourn.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

11 MR. MANIFOLD: Second.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

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14 Thereupon, the proceedings were
15 concluded at 4:06 o'clock p.m.

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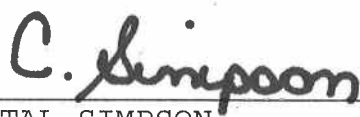
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