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CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

MS. PETREE: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony?

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Here.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: All members are present. The first item on the agenda is certification of issues for the March 4, 2008 primary election that were filed last week. There are a couple of issues that were filed, local options, that failed to qualify.

Two questions in Columbus were for Precinct A that did not have -- that had insufficient number of signatures, and then also Whitehall, 4B, question there that was

1 not -- the petition was not properly  
2 executed.

3 So we would request that the Board  
4 certify the list of questions and local  
5 options found to be valid that have been  
6 submitted to you for your review, and we'll  
7 attach that to the record as an exhibit.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any questions for  
9 Matt?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I'll entertain a  
12 motion.

13 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
14 that the Board certify to the March 4, 2008  
15 primary election those issues appearing on  
16 the list provided by the Director.

17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
18 second?

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Why don't we amend  
20 that motion to say, "those valid issues  
21 appearing on the list provided by the  
22 Director" at the recommendation of counsel.

23 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We'll so amend  
24 the motion to state that. Is there a second?

1 MS. PETREE: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in  
3 favor say aye.

4 (All say aye.)

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion  
6 carries. The next item is an issue the Ohio  
7 Association of Elections Officials in  
8 cooperation with the Ohio Secretary of State  
9 lobbied the General Assembly earlier this  
10 year to amend Ohio law to permit county  
11 Boards of Elections to purchase off the State  
12 Term Schedule.

13 Previously, we had not been  
14 permitted to do that. And so this resolution  
15 would allow us to move forward with that, and  
16 there'll be a resolution actually that you  
17 will sign that we'll send to DAS, but this  
18 language may suffice for today. It should be  
19 allowed to help us save some money on a  
20 couple of things moving forward.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I would think so,  
22 yeah. Any questions?

23 (No response.)

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: May we entertain

1 a motion?

2 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I move  
3 that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing  
4 the purchase of goods and services from the  
5 State Term Schedule managed by the Ohio  
6 Department of Administrative Services.

7 I move that the Board request that  
8 the Franklin --

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Actually, Carolyn,  
10 we'll just pause with just that first  
11 paragraph.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second  
13 to the first one?

14 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in  
16 favor say aye.

17 (All say aye.)

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion  
19 carries. The next item, as a part of that  
20 same effort with the State budget bill,  
21 allows Boards of Elections to ask their  
22 County Commissioners to accumulate the  
23 revenue to the county that's received as part  
24 of the chargeback program where we charge

1 local jurisdictions for the cost of elections  
2 in odd years.

3 Normally, that goes back into the  
4 county general fund, but this would allow us  
5 to create a special revenue fund as a part of  
6 the county budget that those monies could be  
7 accumulated into and used for  
8 election-related purposes in the future.

9 The item that Denny and I are eyeing  
10 in the immediate term is in 2009, as part of  
11 the contract with the voting machine  
12 companies that Secretary of State Blackwell  
13 signed a couple years ago, the counties are  
14 all on the hook for license and maintenance  
15 annual fees, which for this county is about  
16 \$550,000 in 2009.

17 So if we can begin accumulating some  
18 of those funds now, that will not hit the  
19 general fund as hard in 2009. So this is a  
20 first step in a several step process. Denny  
21 and I have a meeting scheduled with the  
22 Commissioner's folks the end of January, but  
23 the first step is for the Board to pass this  
24 resolution.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any questions?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: You said an awful  
4 lot there, Matt.

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I know. Are there  
6 any questions?

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I think I  
8 understand it. So we will entertain a motion  
9 now.

10 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
11 that the Board request that the Franklin  
12 County Commissioners establish an election  
13 review fund pursuant to Section 3501.17(I) of  
14 the Ohio Revised Code for the purpose of  
15 accumulating revenue withheld by or paid to  
16 the County under Section 3501.17 for the  
17 payment of any expense related to the duties  
18 of the Board of Elections specified in  
19 Section 3501.11 of the Ohio Revised Code from  
20 which election-related expenditures may be  
21 made.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
23 second?

24 MS. PETREE: Second.

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

3                                   (All say aye.)

4                   MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion  
5 carries. I don't think we need to go into  
6 Executive Session based on a previous  
7 conversation I had with the Chairman, but  
8 there is one issue I would like to bring  
9 before the Board relative to personnel.

10                                 And that is Addison Clark, Sam  
11 Distefano, and Charles Howell are all senior  
12 part-time employees at the warehouse, do an  
13 excellent job for us. Earlier this year we  
14 did some raises for some other folks,  
15 part-timers, but I failed to include these  
16 guys in that. It was an oversight on my part  
17 that I would like to ask the Board to --

18                   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I bet you caught  
19 heck for that, didn't you?

20                   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Harold was kind  
21 enough to remind me that I had failed to do  
22 that, so I would like to bring this before  
23 the Board at this time.

24                   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I have no problem

1 with it. Do my colleagues have any problem  
2 with that? If so, we can go into Executive  
3 Session.

4 MS. PETREE: I'd like to go into  
5 Executive Session.

6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. We need to  
7 go into Executive Session. I make a motion  
8 that the Board move into Executive Session to  
9 discuss personnel matters. Is there a  
10 second?

11 MR. COLLEY: Second.

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We'll call roll.  
13 Mr. Colley?

14 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

16 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

18 MS. PETREE: Yes.

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony?

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We are in  
22 Executive Session.

23 (Board Meeting breaks at 3:18 p.m. and  
24 reconvenes at 3:30 p.m.)

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I make a motion  
2 that we come out of Executive Session. No  
3 motions were made, no decisions were  
4 rendered, and no votes were taken. Is there  
5 a second?

6 MS. PETREE: Second.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call. Mr.  
8 Colley?

9 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

11 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

12 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

13 MS. PETREE: Yes.

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony?

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We are back in  
17 public session. There's still a resolution  
18 that we'd like to adopt relative to personnel  
19 compensation.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I'll entertain a  
21 motion.

22 MS. MARINELLO: Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
23 I move that the Board increase the hourly  
24 rate of pay for Addison Clark, Sam Distefano,

1 and Charles Howell to 17.50 per hour  
2 retroactive to September 1, 2007.

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

5 MR. PICCININNI: Second, you need a  
6 second.

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I need a second.  
8 I know that. Is there a second?

9 MS. PETREE: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you. Thank  
11 you very much, sir. All those in favor say  
12 aye.

13 (All say aye.)

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion  
15 carries. The next item on the agenda is  
16 relative to voting machine assignments for  
17 the March 4, 2008 primary election. As  
18 you'll recall, Ohio law now requires the  
19 Board to vote in public session on the voting  
20 machine allocation for precincts for each  
21 election.

22 Staff recommends that 4,289 voting  
23 machines be placed for the primary election  
24 and the precinct breakdown is in the report

