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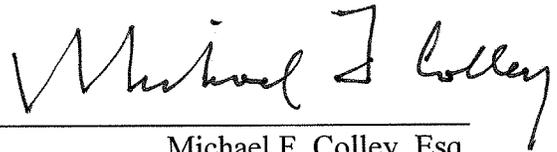
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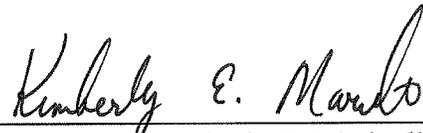
BY:



Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman



Michael F. Colley, Esq.



Kimberly E. Marinello



Zachary Manifold

ATTEST:



William A. Anthony, Jr., Director

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Proceedings before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse; Director William A. Anthony, Junior; Deputy Director Matt M. Damschroder; and Board Members Zachary E. Manifold and Kimberly E. Marinello; taken at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at 3:11 o'clock p.m.

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1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Board of Elections  
3 373 South High Street  
4 Thirteenth Floor  
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
6 By Mr. Anthony E. Palmer, Junior  
7 Franklin County Prosecuting  
8 Attorney's Office,

9 On behalf of the Department.

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11 ALSO PRESENT:

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13 Ben Piscitelli, PIO

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15 Suzanne Brown, Secretary

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17 Karen Cotton

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I guess we're going to call this meeting to order. Roll call.

Kim Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zack Manifold?

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Doug Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have a quorum.

Mr. Chair?

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The first item on the agenda is the approval of minutes from the May 3rd meeting.

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I move that the minutes of the meeting held on May 3rd, 2010, be approved as submitted.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in favor say aye?

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The

1 motion carries.

2           The next item is to certify the results  
3 of the contest that overlapped from other counties.  
4 As you'll recall, last week we certified the result  
5 of the -- Franklin County results from the May  
6 election. We had to -- there were several  
7 contests; obviously, Congress being the most  
8 notable, but also the City of Reynoldsburg -- City  
9 of Westerville and Reynoldsburg City Schools  
10 that gets votes from adjacent counties that we  
11 couldn't certify those actual contest results until  
12 we had those vote totals from other counties, so  
13 this is that formal act to certify those contests  
14 only.

15           BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: All right. I  
16 move that the -- Mr. Chairman, I move that the  
17 Board certify the election results from overlapping  
18 counties, specifically the nominations of  
19 candidates for Representatives to Congress for the  
20 12th and 15th Districts for the Constitution,  
21 Democratic, Green, Libertarian, and Republican  
22 Parties, Members of the State Central Committee for  
23 the Libertarian Party, and the tax levies in the  
24 City of Westerville and the Reynoldsburg City

1 School District.

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in  
4 favor say aye?

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The  
7 motion carries.

8 And as you'll recall from last week we  
9 did have two recounts -- there was actually three,  
10 in Worthington Ward 1. The candidate who lost the  
11 coin toss, DJ Falcoski, filed a letter with the  
12 office asking that the recount not go forward, so  
13 we only ended up having two recounts in Columbus  
14 Ward 50, Precinct C, for the local option; and also  
15 Issue 33, the Madison Township Police Levy.

16 After the recount, the margin of vote  
17 did not change in either of those contests, so we  
18 need a formal motion to certify the results of the  
19 count.

20 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: All right.

21 Mr. Chairman, I move that the results of the  
22 recount of the Columbus Ward 50, Precinct C, local  
23 option; and Issue 33, the Madison Township Police  
24 levy, be certified as submitted.

1 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in  
3 favor say aye?

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: The next  
6 item is a precinct boundary amendment in Columbus  
7 Ward 26. It's currently -- and there's a note --  
8 kind of a memo from Karen Cotton in your packet  
9 that explains it in a little bit of greater detail,  
10 but -- in summary, Columbus 26, Precinct B, was the  
11 site of the Woodland Meadows apartment complex over  
12 off of James Road. Several years ago,  
13 Environmental Court Judge Harland Hale request the  
14 city declare that entire complex a nuisance. The  
15 city demolished it. It is now a grassy field with  
16 no registered voters.

17 Well, there are two registered -- there  
18 are two individuals who are still active registered  
19 voters there, but they have not voted in a couple  
20 of years, and so they're still active. And so  
21 staff's recommendation is instead of hiring four  
22 poll workers for that ward -- or that precinct,  
23 that we combine it with an adjacent precinct and  
24 save a couple bucks.

1                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE:  So there's actually  
2  some residents that are still in there?

3                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER:  They're  
4  still registered.  They haven't changed their  
5  address with us, and they haven't been flagged with  
6  the National Change of Address Database, so they're  
7  not inactive yet.

8                   BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD:  Would they  
9  move?  Would they just move to pay -- or what are  
10 we doing?

11                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER:  It's  
12 actually the same voting location.

13                  BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD:  Uh-huh.

14                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER:  So we're  
15 merging it -- Karen, with B into A --

16                  MS. COTTON:  Into A, right.

17                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER:  -- and  
18 then we're renaming one of the other precincts to  
19 Precinct E, I think.

20                  MS. COTTON:  E becomes B.

21                  DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER:  Becomes  
22 B.  So the current Precinct is 26A, and 26B will be  
23 merged to become 26A.

24                  BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD:  All right.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And the  
2 Board is empowered to make those precinct boundary  
3 changes.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Any  
6 questions on that?

7 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: No, I don't  
8 have any.

9 Mr. Chairman, I move that Columbus Ward  
10 26 precinct boundary amendments be approved as  
11 submitted.

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in  
14 favor say aye?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: A couple  
17 fiscal matters. It has been our goal for the last  
18 couple of years to clean up, both from a content  
19 and design standpoint, our poll worker training  
20 manual.

21 And we have finally gotten to the point  
22 where we have some funding in our budget to be able  
23 to take care of that this year, and so we've worked  
24 with a couple vendors and selected Verb Garden,

1 Incorporated, and Jeremy Slagle Graphic Design to  
2 do the writing and the graphic design treatment  
3 for -- respectively for the poll worker training  
4 manual. So a resolution is needed to enter into a  
5 contract with those two entities for those  
6 services.

7 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: All right.  
8 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board enter into  
9 separate contracts with Verb Garden, Inc., and  
10 Jeremy Slagle Graphic Design, LLC, for redesign of  
11 the poll worker training manual.

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in  
14 favor say aye?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And I'm  
17 sending copies of the contract that was approved by  
18 Dianne Lease from the Prosecutor's Office. There's  
19 two contracts -- two copies of each of the two  
20 contracts, so if you could sign each of the four --

21 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Any idea how  
22 much --

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER:  
24 -- documents.

1 I'm sorry?

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: How much are  
3 they?

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: For the  
5 graphic design, because of the size -- the number  
6 of pages of the document, it's about \$24,000,  
7 and -- which is in line for market rates for that  
8 kind of huge resource.

9 And for the content revision, I think  
10 her price is -- her quote is 16,000, but hers is  
11 a -- is a time and -- time and materials contract,  
12 so if it comes in and she doesn't have as many  
13 hours doing the -- the drafting, that that will be  
14 less.

15 And same with -- with the graphic  
16 design. If it ends up that we're able to pair down  
17 the content and it's not -- you know, we're able to  
18 get it down to 150 pages as opposed to 200 pages,  
19 there will be a savings on that -- on that work as  
20 well.

21 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: All right.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And then  
23 the last item is there's a memo in your packet from  
24 Bill and I. At the last meeting, you'll recall

1 that we made a supplemental appropriation request  
2 from the County Commissioners for \$167,000 to pay  
3 for the upgrades to the voter registration system  
4 that the Secretary of State is requiring us to do.

5 In review of our current budget status  
6 with our fiscal officer, it appears that there is  
7 some savings that was reaped in the primary  
8 election, both in terms of some things coming in  
9 under budget for things that we were expecting like  
10 ballot printing. The cost came in significantly  
11 lower for that than we had expected. And there was  
12 also savings from the expected increase that the  
13 Commissioner has provided us supplemental funding  
14 for as a result of the absentee application  
15 mailing.

16 So the long and the short of it is that  
17 there is, we believe, \$338,000 of -- of surplus in  
18 our existing appropriation that will easily cover  
19 the \$167,000 needed for the voter registration  
20 system reprogramming.

21 It will also cover our estimate for the  
22 mismatched mailing that the Secretary is going to  
23 ask us to do later in the summer, which is to mail  
24 a notification to everyone for whom we have a

1 drivers license, date of birth, or Social Security  
2 number that's different than what BMV has. She's  
3 going to ask us to mail all those people and -- and  
4 try to get that cleaned up.

5           And then there's also -- Brenna  
6 discovered an appropriation offset error in our  
7 budget. What that is is when we proposed to the  
8 Commissioners as a part of our annual budget  
9 process, that if they appropriate, in this case,  
10 funds for an additional and full-time person, that  
11 that would then have an offsetting savings in the  
12 materials and services portion of the budget, that  
13 we wouldn't have to go out and hire a consultant to  
14 do that work.

15           It -- what happened in the process of  
16 the -- of the budget reconciliation process -- or  
17 the document preparation, is that offset was offset  
18 twice in two different portions of the budget, and  
19 so we'll be able to absorb that, as well, in our  
20 surplus.

21           So the motion that we need is to -- if  
22 there's no questions, is to rescind our request for  
23 supplemental appropriations from two -- from the  
24 18th, and that will allow us to rely solely on our

1 surplus, at this point, for the statewide voter  
2 registration system upgrade.

3 Any questions on all of that?

4 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: All right.

5 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board rescind its  
6 request for supplemental appropriations previously  
7 approved on May 18th, 2010.

8 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in  
10 favor say aye?

11 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: And the  
13 motion carries.

14 That's all of the publicly-noticed  
15 business that we have for today. Any questions or  
16 items for the good of the cause?

17 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: No.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER:

19 Otherwise, our next meeting will be on June 7th at  
20 3 p.m., we probably won't have a meeting on July  
21 5th, and then we'll come back in August.

22 Otherwise, is there a motion to  
23 adjourn?

24 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: So moved.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: Is there  
2 second?

3 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I'll second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: All in  
5 favor say aye?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR DAMSCHRODER: We're  
8 adjourned.

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10 Thereupon, the proceedings were  
11 concluded at 3:22 o'clock p.m.

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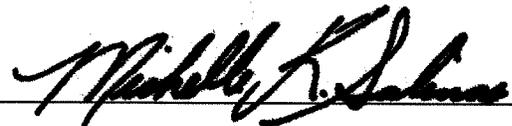
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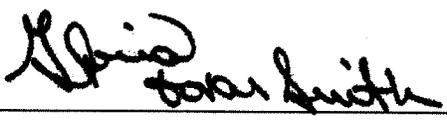
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