

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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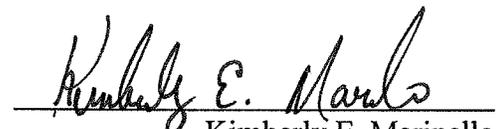
BY:



Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman



Michael F. Colley, Esq.



Kimberly E. Marinello



Zachary Manifold

ATTEST:



William A. Anthony, Jr., Director

1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney
3 373 South High Street
4 Columbus, Ohio 43215
5 By Anthony E. Palmer, Jr.
6 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney,
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8 On behalf of the State.

8 ALSO PRESENT:

9 Charles Traylor - Regional Liaison
10 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 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon,
5 everybody. We would like to call the
6 Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to
7 order. I will do roll call. Kim Marinello?

8 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zach Manifold?

10 MR. MANIFOLD: Here.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Doug Preisse?

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Michael Colley?

14 MR. COLLEY: Here.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We have everyone
16 here and accounted for. The first order of
17 business is to approve the minutes of the
18 meeting held September 13, 2010.

19 MR. MANIFOLD: I move that the
20 minutes of the meetings of the Board of
21 Elections held on September 13, 2010 be
22 approved as submitted.

23 MR. COLLEY: Second.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in

1 favor, say aye.

2 (All say aye.)

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.
4 I'll pass that down to everybody. The second
5 item on the agenda is we had a challenge; is
6 that right? Yeah.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah. We have two
8 challenges. The first is by David Bonner
9 against Steven Haughn. Steven's registration
10 appears to be an Acorn registration from 2004
11 and has never voted and has had multiple
12 registration cards with slightly varying
13 signatures from 2004. So staff
14 recommendation is to cancel this
15 registration.

16 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
17 that the Board grant the Challenge of Right
18 to Vote and Correction of Registration List
19 filed by David J. Bonner of 173 Phelps Road
20 against Steven Haughn, purportedly of 173
21 Phelps Road, in order that Steven Haughn's
22 registration be immediately cancelled in
23 Franklin County.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a

1 second?

2 MR. COLLEY: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
4 favor, say aye.

5 (All say aye.)

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And the next one
7 is by Betsy Eve Feuer against Samuel J.
8 Decanio, a similar situation, no voting
9 activity on this record. The staff's
10 recommendation is for cancellation.

11 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
12 that the Board grant the Challenge of Right
13 to Vote and Correction of Registration List
14 filed by Betsy Eve Feuer of 1128-1/2 North
15 High Street, Apartment B, against Samuel J.
16 Decanio, purportedly of 1128-1/2 North High
17 Street, Apartment B, in order that Samuel J.
18 Decanio's registration be immediately
19 cancelled in Franklin County.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
21 second?

22 MR. COLLEY: Second.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All in favor, say
24 aye.

1 (All say aye.)

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on
3 the agenda is the 2010-61 SOS Directive
4 dealing with optical scan ballots.

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: This is the
6 directive from the Secretary of State similar
7 to a directive she issued in 2008. Now it's
8 in response to the consent order entered into
9 between the State and the League of Women
10 Voters and their litigation that requires
11 Boards of Elections in counties that use
12 touch screen voting devices for the primary
13 election a voting system to provide a paper
14 ballot option to voters in presidential
15 primaries and federal general elections.

16 As a part of it we have to establish
17 a policy on when poll workers announce to the
18 public that opportunity. The policy that's
19 proposed is the same one that the Board
20 adopted for the 2008 General Election, which
21 is that any voter can ask the poll workers
22 for a paper ballot and that every half hour
23 on the half hour if there are more than 20
24 people standing in line waiting to check in

1 -- check in being defined as show ID and sign
2 the poll book -- the presiding judge would
3 then announce to whoever is standing there
4 that they have the right to have a paper
5 ballot if they so chose.

6 The policy also reminds poll workers
7 that choosing a paper ballot does not move
8 the voter to the front of the line, it just
9 allows them to get a paper ballot instead of
10 using the electronic machine once they've
11 checked in at the signature poll book table.

12 Also, as a part of the Secretary of
13 State's directive, she requires that we post
14 four notices providing this information. And
15 the Secretary of State's office provided us
16 with those posters, although there weren't
17 enough for all of our polling locations so we
18 went ahead and made the copies for the
19 additional ones and have put four copies of
20 the notice in every poll worker sign kit for
21 each location.

22 So nothing dramatic from -- in fact,
23 no departure from what we did in '08 to
24 implement this directive.

1 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the
2 Board approve the proposed Policy Governing
3 Presiding Judge/Voting Location Manager
4 Announcement for Availability of Optical Scan
5 Ballots pursuant to SOS Directive 2010-61.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
7 second?

8 MR. COLLEY: Second.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
10 favor?

11 (All say aye.)

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on
13 the agenda has to do with our poll worker
14 Training Grant Agreement with the Secretary
15 of State's office. I have those agreements
16 in my hand, so once it's voted on we'll sign
17 them and get them -- we can get our money
18 back. (Laughs.) No. We can get some money
19 from the Secretary of State's office.

20 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the
21 Board enter into the proposed Online Poll
22 Worker Training Grant Agreement with the
23 office of the Ohio Secretary of State in the
24 amount of \$20,000.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
2 second?

3 MR. COLLEY: Second.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
5 favor?

6 (All say aye.)

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'll sign these
8 and pass them on down. The next item on the
9 agenda, we have to -- it has to do with our
10 healthcare with the county. There is a
11 cutoff date of, I think, October -- whatever
12 it is -- 4th or something.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think it's the
14 -- yeah, next week, Monday or Tuesday.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It's next week,
16 yeah. Where we have to decide which, not
17 plan, but a preferred plan or what type of
18 plan we do want our employees to have here.
19 As you know, we get our health insurance
20 through the county and so I guess we're going
21 to go with that preferred plan, the county's
22 preferred plan. So that's what this is
23 about. That's about as much as I know about
24 it.

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It's a slight --
2 this employee withholding is a little bit
3 more than what's currently in place for this
4 fiscal year. The Commissioners call it
5 preferred because although agencies like the
6 Board of Elections have their independent
7 contracting authority for things like health
8 insurance, they want us to use theirs.

9 And there's obviously reasons to go
10 with the Commissioners, but even though we
11 have the authority to not have an employee
12 withholding for health insurance, it doesn't
13 do a whole lot of good for intergovernmental
14 agency morale and collegiality to have a
15 separate withholding schedule than the
16 Commissioners. Is that a fair assessment?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think
18 that's a fair assessment.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And plus, it
20 makes it a lot easier too. And we all get
21 health insurance.

22 MS. MARINELLO: And that's needed.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And the details
24 are in the letter.

1 MR. MANIFOLD: I move the Board
2 adopt the monthly employee healthcare
3 insurance contribution rates for Fiscal Year
4 2011 that are preferred by the Franklin
5 County Commissioners as follows: \$60 for any
6 member of the Board or regular employee with
7 coverage for the member or employee and/or
8 the member's or employee's child/children or
9 -- the second one is \$160 for any member of
10 the Board or regular employee with coverage
11 that includes a spouse or domestic partner.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
13 second?

14 MR. COLLEY: Second.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
16 approval say yes.

17 (All say aye.)

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We don't have to
19 do that one.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bill thinks
21 that's a good idea?

22 MS. MARINELLO: Oh.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on
24 the --

1 MR. MANIFOLD: You need to say the
2 motion carried, right?

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, motion
4 carries. Thanks, Zach. Motion carries. The
5 next item on the agenda has to do -- we've
6 entertained a company to take -- to provide
7 us with some computer services and
8 software-type services.

9 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the
10 Board authorize a contract in the amount of
11 \$65,175 with Interhack using state term
12 scheduling prices.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
14 second?

15 MR. COLLEY: Second.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
17 favor, say aye.

18 (All say aye.)

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.
20 The second part -- we submitted in the
21 Election Administration Plan a while back and
22 it came back because I neglected to -- I
23 guess it wasn't detailed enough and so we're
24 resubmitting the plan and it's due today.

1 And what I have is a disk for everybody with
2 the plan and all the supporting documentation
3 which was not part of the plan prior.

4 But it's the same plan but we didn't
5 give them -- or I thought they had the
6 supporting documentation at the Secretary's
7 office, but I guess they didn't or they
8 didn't provide it to the League of Women
9 Voters. So we've redone it and attached all
10 the supporting documentation.

11 MS. MARINELLO: This went through
12 the League of Women Voters?

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No. We sent it
14 to Secretary of State and they --

15 MS. MARINELLO: Then they do that?

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: -- then they'll
17 do that.

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It should be worth
19 -- I think it's worth noting that it's
20 virtually -- what was turned in by Bill and
21 approved by the Board earlier this summer is
22 the exact same document that was submitted to
23 the Secretary of State's office last year by
24 then Director Michael Stinziano.

1 And what we're submitting today is
2 virtually the same as what we submitted in
3 July with the exception of the doc -- we're
4 resubmitting all the documentation that they
5 already had from last year and have added a
6 couple more documents that have been created
7 in the intervening months since the Board
8 first adopted the plan this year.

9 MR. MANIFOLD: I move that the Board
10 resubmit to the Secretary of State its
11 Election Administration Plan along with all
12 related documentation.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
14 second?

15 MR. COLLEY: Second.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
17 favor, say aye.

18 (All say aye.)

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.
20 I'll pass the plan down and I will also give
21 each of you a CD of it. I'll give you a CD
22 too. I'm going to give you the actual
23 document too after we copy it.

24 The next item on the agenda, we also

1 have to approve each cycle our Election
2 Security and Risk Mitigation Plan. There's a
3 copy before you guys. That plan has to be
4 done by October the 1st, I believe, so we
5 need this plan also approved and adopted by
6 the Board.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Again, it's worth
8 noting that this is the exact same document
9 that was drafted by then Director Michael
10 Stinziano in 2008. The only thing that's
11 changed is the date to reflect your approval
12 today for this election.

13 MR. MANIFOLD: I move that the Board
14 adopt the Election Security and Risk
15 Mitigation Plan as submitted.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a
17 second?

18 MR. COLLEY: Second.

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

21 (All say aye.)

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.
23 That's all we had for today.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: That concludes the

1 noticed agenda.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. Is there a
3 motion to adjourn?

4 MS. MARINELLO: So moved.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
6 favor, say aye.

7 (All say aye.)

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand
9 adjourned.

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Thereupon, the proceedings were
12 concluded at 4:24 o'clock p.m.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, on this 7th day of October 2010.

Jennifer L. Koontz

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