



1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Prosecutor  
3 Civil Division  
4 373 South High Street  
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215  
6 By Mr. Nick A. Soulas,  
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8 On behalf of the Board.  
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4                   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I would like  
5 to call the Franklin County Board of  
6 Elections Commission to order.

7                   May we have the roll call.

8                   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley?

9                   MR. COLLEY: Here.

10                  MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

11                  MS. MARINELLO: Here.

12                  MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

13                  MS. PETREE: Here.

14                  MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman

15 Anthony?

16                  CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Here.

17                  MR. DAMSCHRODER: All members  
18 are present.

19                  Mr. Chairman, the first item on  
20 the agenda for this special meeting is  
21 that a challenge of Right To Vote for  
22 Registration list was filed pursuant  
23 to 3505.24. A copy of that challenge is  
24 in your packet.

1           We sent a notice to both the  
2 individual who filed the challenge,  
3 Christine F. Donaldson of 912 Bryden Road  
4 and also to the person who was challenged,  
5 Lawrence Anderson, purportedly of 912  
6 Bryden Road.

7           According to the challenge filed  
8 by Ms. Donaldson, Mr. Anderson does not  
9 live at that address and has not lived at  
10 that address for sometime. Mr. Anderson  
11 is in our files as an inactive voter. He  
12 has not voted for a number of years and,  
13 based on the conversations with Patrick  
14 Piccininni earlier this week and based on  
15 a review of the Board's records, we do  
16 have the statutory ability, if this board  
17 chooses, to cancel Mr. Anderson's voter  
18 registration on voter rolls, granting Ms.  
19 Donaldson's challenge if the Board so  
20 chooses.

21           That would be the Staff's  
22 recommendation. The reason for a special  
23 meeting, the law requires the Board within  
24 ten days of the filing of a challenge to

1 rule on it. The challenge was filed two  
2 days ago, and we will have to figure how  
3 to pull the Board together next week or  
4 very soon the following week.

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Does Mr. Bob  
6 Anderson have a right to come in and  
7 challenge this?

8 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. We sent  
9 a notice to him by forwarded mail to 912  
10 Bryden Road and it has not been returned.  
11 Obviously, Mr. Anderson is not here.

12 Based on a review of the  
13 Auditor's records it appears that Mr. And  
14 Mrs. Anderson lived at that address in the  
15 1970s. They have moved. Mrs. Anderson is  
16 listed at a different address here in  
17 Franklin County.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Has he voted?

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Not for a  
20 number of years.

21 MS. MARINELLO: How did the  
22 Donaldsons know?

23 Were they getting notices there?

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. The

1 Donaldsons have owned the house, according  
2 to her challenge, since the 1970s. When  
3 we mailed the National Voter Registration  
4 Act confirmation cards this summer  
5 Ms. Donaldson got a card with  
6 Mr. Anderson's name on it.

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will  
8 entertain a motion.

9 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
10 move that the Board grant the Challenge of  
11 Right to Vote and Correction of  
12 Registration List filed by Christine F.  
13 Donaldson of 912 Bryden Road against  
14 Lawrence Anderson purportedly of 912  
15 Bryden Road and order that Mr. Anderson's  
16 registration be immediately cancelled in  
17 Franklin County and his name be stricken  
18 from the Registration List.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
20 second?

21 MS. PETREE: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor,  
23 say aye.

24 (Unanimous aye)

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
2 carries.

3 MR. COLLEY: I have a question.  
4 Is there a notice sent, advising  
5 this gentleman that his registration is  
6 cancelled?

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: We will send  
8 that notice. All we have is the address  
9 that we sent the notice to, but we will  
10 create the record.

11 If it is the Board's pleasure  
12 there are some personnel items that can be  
13 briefed in executive session that are  
14 spelled out in the agenda, or we can move  
15 forward with the agenda.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I don't have  
17 any problem with anything on there.

18 Do you have any problem?

19 MR. COLLEY: I don't have a  
20 problem.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I think we  
22 will move on if that's okay with  
23 everybody.

24 MR. COLLEY: I have no

1 objection.

2 MS. PETREE: Do you need to talk  
3 about anything else?

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: There  
5 is nothing that we have to discuss.

6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right  
7 then. Let's go on and talk about  
8 personnel matters.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: There are  
10 three compensation-related issues. One is  
11 that as you know we are short a Democrat  
12 in the Operations Department and, as Denny  
13 and I have discussed, since we have moved  
14 operations, the programming portion of the  
15 operations activities relative to  
16 programming machines and the ballots, that  
17 has been moved to the warehouse facility.  
18 Now, to have a Democrat and Republican  
19 there all the time so we can have  
20 equivalency in operations, we have decided  
21 that we want to cross train Frank Gill,  
22 who is a Democrat out at the warehouse, in  
23 the operations area for the programming of  
24 the database and machines.



1           And we would recommend at this  
2 time we increase his compensation to  
3 reflect those additional responsibilities.  
4 And, depending on how that works out  
5 training wise and performance wise, we may  
6 recommend an additional increase sometime  
7 next year.

8           Also Ben Piscitelli, our Public  
9 Information Officer, when he was hired  
10 earlier in the year, as part of the  
11 compensation package we discussed at that  
12 time we presented a performance-based  
13 merit structure where, based on his  
14 performance, we would increase his salary  
15 by \$5,000 retroactive to his date of hire  
16 if his performance merited that. I am  
17 more than pleased with his performance  
18 thus far.

19           As Denny constantly reminds we,  
20 Ben is the consummate professional. The  
21 public would probably much rather see his  
22 face than mine on TV. We are trying to do  
23 that more and more.

24           Also, Kevin Braimer has been a

1 regular part-time employee with us for  
2 several years, actually since sometime  
3 after the 2004 election, primarily keying  
4 in voter registration and absentee ballot  
5 applications.

6           He is a great asset to our  
7 office. He is not a full-time employee  
8 with benefits, but I would recommend that  
9 we increase his hourly rate to \$13.75,  
10 which is slightly less than the hourly  
11 rate of our lowest paid full-time employee  
12 in the department. We won't have a  
13 part-time person making more than a  
14 full-time person.

15           The final item, the  
16 Commissioners have adopted an employee  
17 health insurance contribution policy for  
18 next year. As you recall for '07 they  
19 began requiring employees to contribute a  
20 very small amount to their health  
21 insurance coverage. They would like to  
22 increase that rate for 2008 to \$35 total  
23 per month coverage for employees and  
24 employees with dependent children, and \$85

1 total coverage for employees with covered  
2 spouses irrespective of whether there are  
3 dependent children involved.

4 It's still a great deal. As the  
5 Commissioners indicated, other  
6 employees pay 15 percent of their health  
7 insurance coverage.

8 My understanding from that  
9 document is that the average amount per  
10 employee per month is \$1,000 that the  
11 county puts out for all the different  
12 health insurance benefits, including  
13 prescription coverage.

14 We would recommend that the  
15 Board as an independent autonomous agency  
16 request the Commissioners to adopt this  
17 policy for its employees for next year as  
18 well.

19 If you would like, you can read  
20 them in individually or read them as one  
21 resolution, whatever is your pleasure.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I think we  
23 will do them one at a time.

24 First motion is Frank Gill.

1 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
2 move that the Board increase the annual  
3 compensation of Frank Gill by \$5,000 to  
4 \$41,641.47 effective immediately.

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
6 second?

7 MS. PETREE: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor,  
9 say aye.

10 (Unanimous aye)

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
12 passes.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Next one?

14 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I  
15 move that the Board increase the annual  
16 compensation of Ben Piscitelli by \$5,000  
17 to \$60,000 retroactive to his 2007 date of  
18 hire.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
20 second?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor,  
23 say aye.

24 (Unanimous aye)

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
2 carries.

3 MR. COLLEY: What was his date  
4 of hire?

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Sometime in  
6 February of this year.

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Kevin  
8 Braimer?

9 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
10 move that the Board increase the hourly  
11 rate of Kevin Braimer to \$13.75 per hour  
12 retroactive to October 1, 2007.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
14 second?

15 MS. PETREE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor,  
17 say aye.

18 (Unanimous aye)

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Finally,  
20 health insurance?

21 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I  
22 move to adopt the following health  
23 insurance employee contribution policy for  
24 Fiscal Year 2008 at the request of the

1 Franklin County Commissioners: \$35 total  
2 per month for coverage of employees and  
3 employees with dependent children, and \$85  
4 total per month for coverage of employees  
5 with covered spouses with no additional  
6 employee contribution for dependent  
7 children.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a  
9 second?

10 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor,  
12 say aye.

13 (Unanimous aye)

14 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion  
15 carries.

16 That is all the business we have  
17 for the Board today on this special  
18 meeting.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you,  
20 sir.

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22 Thereupon, the proceeding was  
23 concluded at 11:25 o'clock a.m.

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I, Patricia W. White, Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that I reported the foregoing proceedings and that the foregoing transcript of such proceedings is a full, true and correct transcript of my stenotypy notes as so taken.

I do further certify that I was called there in the capacity of a Court Reporter, and am not otherwise interested in this proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, on this 23rd day of October, 2007.

Patricia W. White

PATRICIA W. WHITE, Notary Public - State of Ohio.

My commission expires May 30, 2012.