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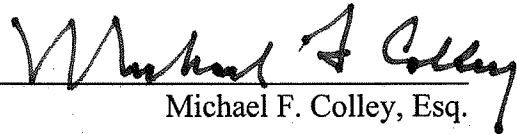
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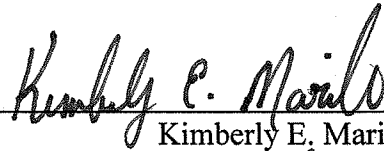
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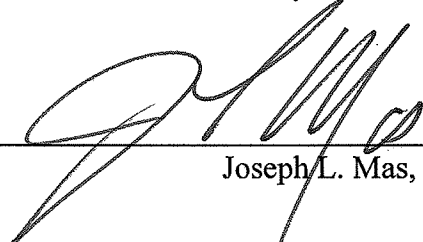
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ATTEST:



Michael Stinziano, Director

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4 Ms. Suzanne Brown, Executive Assistant to
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5 Ms. Karen Cotton, Manager of Elections
6 Operations

7 Mr. Ben Piscitelli, Public Information
Officer

8 Ms. Brenna Umbstaetter, Fiscal Officer

9 Mr. Patrick J. Piccininni, Esq., Franklin
10 County Prosecutor's Office

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P R O C E E D I N G S
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MR. STINZIANO: This is the December 7th regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections. Begin with a roll call or call to order.

Mr. Colley.

MR. COLLEY: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Mas.

MR. MAS: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello.

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

MR. STINZIANO: First item on the agenda is we have the minutes from November 2nd.

MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on November 2nd, 2009 be approved as submitted.

MR. COLLEY: Second.

MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. STINZIANO: The next items are the

1 three recounts that were conducted last week.

2 The first involved the Village of
3 Riverlea. Nothing changed from the official
4 certification. Mr. Ankrom received 100 votes, and
5 Mr. Gordon received 99 votes.

6 And so we are recommending that the
7 staff report, which has been provided to you all,
8 be approved as to form.

9 MR. MAS: In that case, Mr. Chairman, I
10 move that the Board pass the resolution certifying
11 the results of the recount of votes cast for the
12 final position for the office of Village of
13 Riverlea - Member of Council and certify John
14 Ankrom's standing as duly elected.

15 MR. COLLEY: Second.

16 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

17 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

18 MR. STINZIANO: The next is the Hamilton
19 Local School District. In this school district
20 Mr. Obert still received 1,243 votes and, Deana
21 Riffle-Wilcox received 1,235. So nothing changed
22 from the official certification.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
24 that the Board pass the resolution certifying the

1 results of the recount of votes cast for the final
2 position for the office of Hamilton Local School
3 District - Member of Board of Education and
4 certify Wally Obert's standing as duly elected.

5 MR. COLLEY: Second.

6 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. STINZIANO: And the last recount we
9 had was in the South-Western City School District.
10 As the staff report shows, Ms. Johnson maintained
11 her lead over Mr. Palmer and nothing changed from
12 the official certification.

13 MR. MAS: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
14 Board pass the resolution certifying the results
15 of the recount of votes cast for the final
16 position for the office of South-Western City
17 School District - Member of Board of Education and
18 certify Cathy Johnson's standing as duly elected.

19 MR. COLLEY: Second.

20 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. STINZIANO: I will be circulating
23 the official results for you all to sign.

24 Next we have Brenna with our procurement

1 policies monthly fiscal report.

2 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Well, as things are
3 very dynamic this time of year, I'll keep this
4 very brief.

5 You see before you November 30th
6 cumulative year-to-date figures. You'll notice
7 that we did achieve some efficiency in the PEO
8 payroll, and there is -- you'll see the transfer
9 and adjustment column reflects some movement of
10 appropriation for electronic voting machine
11 purchases.

12 The total services and materials, total
13 appropriations, in the highlighted column of
14 2,372,000, you'll see, is quite a bit higher than
15 our expenditure year to date. That's a
16 combination of factors; some efficiencies
17 internally, some expenses that we were projecting
18 at the time that the budget was put together that
19 did not come to fruition. So we've been managing
20 that the last few months of the year.

21 On the far right column, remaining
22 appropriations, you'll see a total of 634,973.
23 That is the amount of unencumbered funds, things
24 that were not yet specifically identified by

1 vendor as of the end of November.

2 Now, I have worked closely with our
3 budget analyst at OMB, and 302,000 of that total
4 is going to be moved up into the personal services
5 and the fringe benefits to cover the -- it's
6 primarily the month of December's expenses. So we
7 did have some shortage in our estimates for
8 seasonal expense and a couple of the fringe
9 calculations.

10 And in this coming year's budget, we
11 have adjusted those fringe estimates so that we'll
12 be closer. It's just kind of a continuous process
13 to make sure that as things change internally,
14 that we're keeping up with all of the auditor's
15 requirements on providing for the taxes and
16 working with OMB to make sure that we don't come
17 up short year-end.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So there was no
19 heartburn associated with moving that around to
20 cover -- the principal flexibility is because we
21 didn't spend as much in services and materials as
22 we had thought we were going to do?

23 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Right.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Which turns out to be

1 a good thing.

2 MS. UMBSTAETTER: I think we had about
3 200,000 that we had earmarked in case we were
4 required to do election day paper ballots, so
5 there's a great deal of that total that's in the
6 election operations division that includes all of
7 our voting location supplies and increasing
8 supplies.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So no red flags or
10 festering issues?

11 MS. UMBSTAETTER: No, we're feeling very
12 comfortable with it, compared to other years at
13 this time.

14 MR. STINZIANO: Yes, we are.

15 MS. UMBSTAETTER: And as long as we're
16 talking about existing appropriations and
17 reallocating between what they refer to as roll
18 ups -- they're basically the subtotals by
19 category -- we've not met with any resistance to
20 that.

21 MR. STINZIANO: Do you have anything
22 else, Brenna?

23 MS. UMBSTAETTER: No, just to keep you
24 up-to-date on where things are right now, Michael.

1 and Matt and I have been working very closely with
2 our managers to see if there are items on their
3 wish lists for their departments that we can put
4 into place before year-end, and since we do have
5 funds available, and working with a number of
6 different vendors to make sure that the paperwork
7 gets here in time to do that.

8 MR. STINZIANO: And the next item on the
9 agenda then is the purchase order over \$10,000 for
10 precinct supply transportation bags. These are
11 the bags that go out on election day to every
12 precinct in the pool presiding judge.

13 And we are unclear if it's above the
14 threshold, or did we get clarification?

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: He just told me on the
16 way up it's 10,000.

17 MR. STINZIANO: Okay. Then we're
18 looking to replace as many as we can that makes
19 sense. Not, maybe, all of them at this point, but
20 a majority. Since we keep adding more and more
21 stuff to the bags, they're getting well worn out.

22 I don't know how long we've had the
23 current version, Matt.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Back to the

1 early '90s.

2 MR. STINZIANO: And so it's time for an
3 update --

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: They cloth bags?

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Vinyl.

6 MR. STINZIANO: -- so it's Matt and my
7 recommendation that we open the purchase order.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that the Board authorize the opening of the
10 purchase order in the amount of \$10,000 for the
11 purchase precinct supplies transportation cases
12 from Tutto, Inc.

13 MR. COLLEY: Second.

14 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. STINZIANO: Staff has no other items
17 for the agenda, unless the Board has something.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Should we give
19 Piscitelli a raise or not? Next time? There's
20 one vote.

21 Let's adjourn.

22 MR. COLLEY: Is this January 4th at 3:00
23 p.m., does that conflict with any known --

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Nothing that I know at

1 the moment. We'll check the BCS schedule to make
2 sure.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That's what I thought
4 you were going to say.

5 MR. MAS: I do have a comment concerning
6 the next meeting date. It's almost certain that
7 this is actually not going to happen, but I'm
8 scheduled to be in trial in federal court on
9 January 4th. Actually, that had to do with the
10 call that I was expecting.

11 I have a -- I'm pretty sure that's going
12 to be continued to the following month; but just
13 in case, I wanted to alert you guys. And I'd let
14 you know if that doesn't happen.

15 MR. STINZIANO: Okay. We're very
16 flexible if we have to find another time, another
17 day. I think that's just the first Monday of that
18 month, and that's why it just fit. So we gave
19 adequate notice, but we can move whatever we need
20 to move.

21 MR. MAS: Isn't that the date of the
22 national championship game, or is it the 3rd?

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think Suzanne's
24 nodding she thinks, but we'll double-check and let

1 you know. It's not -- it would not be
2 unprecedented for the Board to suspend operations
3 for a football game.

4 MR. MAS: There you go.

5 MR. STINZIANO: Wouldn't be
6 unprecedented for people in Ohio to do that, not
7 just the Board.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

9 MR. MAS: Motion to adjourn.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So moved.

11 MR. COLLEY: Second.

12 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

13 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

14 MR. STINZIANO: We are adjourned.

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16 Thereupon, the proceedings were
17 concluded at 3:19 o'clock p.m.

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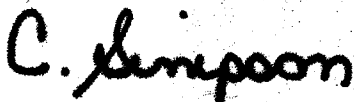
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