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BY:



Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman



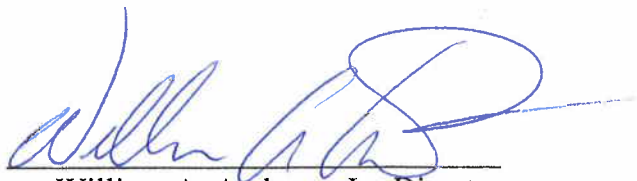
Michael F. Colley, Esq.



Kimberly E. Marinello

Zachary Manifold

ATTEST:



William A. Anthony, Jr., Director

1 APPEARANCES:

2 Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
3 373 South High Street
4 Thirteenth Floor
5 Columbus, Ohio 43215
6 By Mr. Patrick J. Piccininni,
7 Assistant Prosecutor,

8 On behalf of the Department.

9 ALSO PRESENT:

10 Suzanne Brown,
11 Administrative Assistant
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, good
afternoon, everyone. I would like to call the
Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to
order. I'll do the roll call.

Kim Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zach Manifold?

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Doug Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Michael Colley?

BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We're all here and
accounted for.

First item on the agenda is the
approval of the minutes of March 24th and April
4th.

MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
that the Board approve the minutes of the
March 24th, 2011, and April 4th, 2011, board
meetings.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The motion carries.

6 The next order of business: We have at
7 each of your desks an agreement with Babbage
8 Simmel. They're going to produce our Election
9 Administration Plan.

10 If you recall, the League of Women
11 Voters, several years ago, filed a lawsuit against
12 the Secretary of State, and, as a result, I think
13 it was the larger counties had to prepare an
14 Election Administration Plan, which is basically a
15 step-by-step policies and procedures -- or a
16 standard operating procedure. That's what I'm
17 trying to say. Basically, how we do elections from
18 start to finish.

19 We prepared one last year that was
20 pretty much a hodgepodge of our operation. It
21 ended up being like 500-and-some pages and not
22 really easy to read. And we decided that since
23 this isn't going away and we'll be required to do
24 it again in '12, that we ought to put together a

1 really thoughtful Election Administration Plan.

2 And it's going to take a lot of effort, and we
3 decided to hire the services of Babbage Simmel.

4 We basically did this when Matt was
5 still here. We started that process last year, in
6 2010, and now we'd like to get them in here and get
7 started so it can be ready for that plan when it's
8 due in 2012.

9 So any questions on that?

10 (No audible response.)

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Or did you want to
12 add something?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: I think you
14 covered it.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the principal
17 person we'll be working with is the gentleman,
18 David --

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: David Wirick.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: (Inaudible) and
21 Wirick?

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: He will probably
24 be in our office almost every day of the week.

1 We'll have to get a workspace for him, and he'll be
2 spending some time with Keith and staff members,
3 helping to evaluate what he needs to know in order
4 to put the plan together.

5 We met with David in the middle of
6 March or so --

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: -- and we had
9 spoken with him prior to that as well, and we feel
10 confident that he would be a very good person to
11 have on this.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What's the
13 difference between this state-term schedule hourly
14 rate and -- I don't -- I don't know how to read
15 that chart, state-term scheduled pricing? On Page
16 3.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, they're on
18 state-term contract. What page you looking at?

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, the third
20 piece of paper, Haley Process Consulting Services.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, okay. Now, what
22 were you asking?

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't know how to
24 read that chart. It's 98,000.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, they --

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Why are there two
3 different rates?

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Their rate is
5 less than the state term?

6 MR. PICCININNI: One is the rate -- the
7 state-term contract rate that they have, and one is
8 the rate it looks like you guys negotiated.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Yeah, that's --
10 they'll be charging us the BOE rate. Their
11 state-term contract would allow them to charge what
12 you see there, but we would be charged at the \$125
13 an hour.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh, I see.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: And that's what
16 the total cost is based off of.

17 We had had a couple of quotes done.
18 This quote was the one that they believed was going
19 to be appropriate because they examined the
20 directives from the Secretary of State showing
21 everything that needed to be involved and this is
22 where they -- this is the price they felt that it
23 would be.

24 And we'll have to turn this in, I

1 believe, January of next year. I think it's 60
2 days prior to the Presidential Primary.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Primary.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: The Secretary of
5 State's Office will require us to produce this
6 document, and we're confident that they can get it
7 done in that amount of time.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Well, you
9 described this to me previously, so I don't have
10 any more questions. I don't know if anybody else
11 does.

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
13 move that the Board of Elections enter into
14 agreement with Babbage Simmel for the production of
15 the Election Administration Plan and authorize the
16 fiscal officer to open a purchase order in the
17 amount of \$98,750.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

19 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in
21 recognition, say "aye".

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next order of
24 business is --

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Move to adjourn.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Move to adjourn.

3 (Laughter.)

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You know, Patrick
5 Piccininni has been our legal representative for,
6 what, the last four years?

7 MR. PICCININNI: Eight.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Eight? Oh, it's
9 been that --

10 MR. PICCININNI: It's been '04 -- since
11 that election of '04.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It has been that
13 long? Back when I was chair of this Election's
14 Board.

15 MR. PICCININNI: ODOT. I'm going to
16 chief legal over at ODOT. Chief legal over at
17 ODOT. I'm sorry.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: He's leaving a round
19 at Brian's office to a bigger and better job, so we
20 certainly are going to miss you.

21 MR. PICCININNI: Thank you.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We've had a -- I
23 think we've had a great relationship over the last
24 eight years as a board member and as the director

1 of the Board of Elections, and I certainly wish you
2 all the good luck and everything you'll need to
3 work for ODOT.

4 MR. PICCININNI: I appreciate that.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah, it's --

6 MR. PICCININNI: It's been a whole lot
7 of fun over the last eight years.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. We've been
9 through a lot of stuff, Patrick.

10 MR. PICCININNI: A lot of stuff.

11 (Laughter.)

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, siree.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'm glad you're
14 going over as their lawyer and not their
15 accountant, because I'm trying to figure out how
16 you would come up with eight years here.

17 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I'm sure it
18 is --

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many?

20 MR. PICCININNI: I've been with the --
21 I've been with the --

22 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: -- because --

23 MR. PICCININNI: I've been with the
24 Prosecutor's Office for eight years -- I'm sorry,

1 since '03 until this year, and I've been with the
2 Board since election night of '07, but I started
3 with an election vote --

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I see.

5 MR. PICCININNI: -- in '04, so that's
6 seven and a half years then.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

8 MR. PICCININNI: You're right, I've --
9 you're right.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, that's okay,
11 Counselor. This is maybe --

12 MR. PICCININNI: I forget a third of
13 anything, so --

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The -- well, I'll
15 just echo what Mr. Anthony says. I think you enjoy
16 this kind of work and it shows, and you've been a
17 reliable counselor and a friend, and a good
18 professional that served the voters and citizens of
19 Franklin County well in this capacity.

20 And I know you'll take those talents to
21 serve all the citizens in Ohio with you when you go
22 to ODOT to new sunny challenges. And we will miss
23 you, but we'll see you in many other capacities, as
24 we always do, and I look forward to that.

1 MR. PICCININNI: I'm looking forward to
2 those challenges and seeing you guys on other
3 endeavors as well, so thank you very, very much.
4 It's been a true honor and a pleasure to serve the
5 citizens of Franklin County in this capacity, and I
6 thank the Board and I thank the Prosecutor for
7 giving me that opportunity. Faster than by fire on
8 election night of '04, and the ride just never
9 stopped from there. So every time somebody decided
10 to sue somebody, we got dragged in, so --

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, that's a nice
12 point for you to make here, the gracious
13 professional as they say. For you to thank the
14 Prosecutor, as well, is appropriate, and I'll echo
15 that. We appreciate him recognizing your talents
16 and lending you to us.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: I wish we had
18 more time together in this capacity. I haven't
19 been here very long, but I appreciate the last four
20 months I've had working with you here, and I'm sure
21 we'll keep in touch.

22 MR. PICCININNI: Thank you. Yes, we
23 will.

24 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO:

1 Congratulations.

2 MR. PICCININNI: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It makes sense.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Do we have any kind
5 of recognition awards to give him?

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: I didn't make a
7 plaque. I'm sorry.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We're going to buy
9 him a beer.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: There you go.
11 Our meeting minutes that are memorialized forever,
12 so you can approve them at the next meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Which is your last
14 bit of advice.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Last bit of advice.

16 MR. PICCININNI: So we'll get to go
17 out. You'll still have me for the end of this week
18 and for this primary, so --

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Right. Okay.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, okay.

21 MR. PICCININNI: I don't want to leave
22 anybody --

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well --

24 MR. PICCININNI: -- in a transition,

1 especially with new staff here at the BOE to
2 support, so --

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Who's going to
4 be the replacement?

5 MR. PICCININNI: That's not decided
6 yet.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, okay. Yeah,
8 because --

9 MR. PICCININNI: I'm sure the
10 Prosecutor is mulling it over. He's cogitating on
11 it, to use the phrase.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's a big word,
13 man.

14 MR. PICCININNI: I tell lies.

15 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I like it.

16 MR. PICCININNI: It's not my -- I don't
17 use that word --

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, okay.

19 MR. PICCININNI: -- because I don't.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Very well.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'm looking forward
22 to -- well, it's too late to relive 2004 again.

23 MR. PICCININNI: Yeah, I don't ever
24 want to relive 2004 again.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. Me
2 either. I was just joking. All right. Well,
3 that's -- I think we -- that deserves a round of
4 applause.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. PICCININNI: Thank you.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And on the advice of
8 our esteemed legal counsel, we're going to -- I
9 need a motion to recess, subject to the call of the
10 Chair.

11 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: So moved.

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I'll second.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So moved, so
14 seconded. So we stand in recess until Mr. Preisse
15 calls us back.

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

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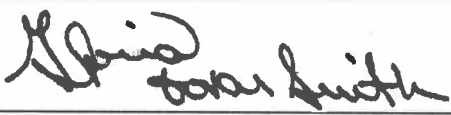
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