

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
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Special Meeting. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Chairman Bradley K. Sinnott, Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director David R. Payne, and Board Members Gregory K. Haas and Kimberly E. Marinello, at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio, called at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2015.

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APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

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Monday Afternoon Session,
October 19, 2015.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon, Mr.
Chair.

CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Good afternoon.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'd like to call the
Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order.
Kimberly Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Gregory Haas.

MEMBER HAAS: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Bradley Sinnott.

CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Mr. Chair, we have a
full complement of folks here for the Board meeting.

The first item on the agenda is our
supplemental appropriations, and as to table -- as to
table -- as to -- you'll see the second page, it kind
of goes over what that Supplemental Agenda -- I mean,
what the amount is, and you'll see a letter that we
had sent to the Office of Management & Budget prior
to this meeting, but we had to get this letter out

1 highlighting what the expenses are for. This is our
2 second supplemental. I mean, we got an earlier one
3 not that long ago. How long ago?

4 MR. COLLINS: Couple months ago.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. And that --
6 and that one was -- that supplemental was for
7 seasonal employees and other employee expenses, and
8 then there was \$40,000 for an upgrade of our
9 telephone system, the one that caused all the angst
10 at the Commissioners' offices.

11 This one -- this one has to do with as
12 we were -- as we were ending out the year, we
13 realized that several things had happened. One is we
14 had -- we had a lot of expense due with the petitions
15 from the Fresh Start group that we didn't expect, and
16 there was an outflow of cash to pay for temporary
17 employees to come in and check over the petition, and
18 we were paying them probably 20 bucks an hour, and we
19 had about 20 of them, and then we had to bring them
20 back in, at least, I think, five or ten more back in
21 just recently to finish the -- the new initiative. I
22 forgot what it's called, the Fresh Start initiative.
23 The first one was for the marijuana initiative.

24 Then we had other expenses that, as you
25 go down this line, that we didn't know that we

1 would -- some of them we didn't know we'd had, and
2 some of them we knew we would have, but because of
3 the -- the way we were doing our POs and stuff, we
4 ended up taking some of it -- that's kind of the long
5 way. We ended up -- we got a new person and
6 nominated her, because she's a lot smarter than me on
7 this, Thu Nguyen, but we had several things that
8 happened to us that we did not budget for, for the
9 2015 budget.

10 One was the Securitas. That's our
11 security for this building, and we had to enter into
12 a contract for them for the rest of this year, and
13 that actually came up to about \$50,000, but here you
14 see it's \$32,000 because we was able to move 18,000.
15 I'll explain that a little later, too, over, so it's
16 32.

17 Pitney Bowes, we had to -- the Pitney
18 Bowes is our Relia-Vote. We had to upgrade that to
19 include the intelligent bar -- what's it called,
20 intelligent barcode?

21 MR. MANIFOLD: Mail barcode.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah. And that's
23 when we looked at a reduced rate on our postage, and
24 we basically need that to -- for a huge savings, plus
25 I think they upgraded the Windows 7 as well from XP.

1 So we had to do that, and that came up to \$70,000.

2 Then the next one, you're going to see
3 this expense next year as well. We got all of our
4 PEBs, the -- that Personal Electronic Ballot, I think
5 that's what it stands for, and that's the little
6 thing you put into the machines to make the
7 electronics work. Well, we just replaced all of
8 those batteries three years ago, and they told us
9 they would have a life expectancy of three to five
10 years. They came back and told us well, that's three
11 years, it's not five years, and so we sent the first
12 batch in. There was, like, 919 of them in, and that
13 cost \$38,000. We got 1,200 more of them we're going
14 to be sending in, and you're going see that next
15 year, that we have to put that on the next year's
16 budget, that we're going to have to make some changes
17 on our -- on our equipment next year; so that's an
18 expense we didn't expect would happen for us.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Director, can I
20 just correct one thing? So that \$38,000, we just
21 talked to E&S -- ES&S, because if that were the full
22 price for the 900, that would be, like, \$40 apiece
23 and we were told they were \$12 apiece; so actually
24 this 38,000 is going to be for the entire -- entire
25 load we have.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. Good.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All right?

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's good.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So that will
5 cover everything.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, that's good to
7 know.

8 Then EE Ward, their contract is coming
9 up again for -- EE Ward moves all of our voting
10 equipment, and we -- we've done three extensions with
11 them, and now we're going to have to -- I'm not sure
12 if the third -- and that's due for renewal.

13 Then voting location equipment, that's
14 money that we probably had already in the system, but
15 we took it out to pay for other stuff, and now -- and
16 then we had to put it back in to pay for all the
17 voting locations, and I don't understand the rest of
18 this. I'll have to have Thu explain that for us.

19 Do you guys know Thu? I told her I
20 wouldn't put her on the hot spot too much, but you're
21 on the hot spot now.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think he wants
23 you to explain the 9,000, 9,000 transfer, and then
24 the 18,000 to Securitas, which --

25 MS. NGUYEN: So basically we have 18,000

1 sitting in capital for the mainframe and server that
2 weren't used, that's available, so we're just going
3 to take that and transfer it over to Materials and
4 Services. That's basically what that is.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I never asked you,
6 that 18 is the reduced cost to Securitas; correct?

7 MS. NGUYEN: Yes.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: From 50 to 32.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And we also have Gary
10 Collins here. He's with the Office of Management &
11 Budget, and we ran this by them. We've talked to
12 them. We've met with them, and the reason for this
13 Board meeting is we're trying to get this all on the
14 supplemental agenda for -- before the end of this
15 month.

16 MR. COLLINS: Correct. This will --
17 this will be on the September 27th Commissioners'
18 agenda for passage.

19 One clarification, David, the batteries,
20 that's for the full -- the full 38,000 will cover all
21 of them. Will you have -- be able to send those in
22 after the election, the other 1,200, to get them
23 replaced and done before the end of the year to get
24 that taken care of? And that way we don't have to
25 put more money in.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Correct.

2 MR. COLLINS: Okay.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's our goal. The
4 October 27th for those --

5 MR. COLLINS: Yes, on October 27th,
6 yeah, so -- actually, this Thursday is the pre -- is
7 the preview.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: What time is that?
9 Do you know what time?

10 MR. COLLINS: It should be 10:00, like
11 normal, or 9, 9 or 10 on that.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right.

13 CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: So some of the big
14 items, Bill, are because of things that could not
15 have been foreseen --

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's correct.

17 CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: -- and that's
18 important to emphasize to the Commissioners. There's
19 a couple of big items that relate to the countywide
20 primary, and at the time that we did the budget for
21 '15, there was no indication that there was going to
22 be a countywide primary.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That is
24 correct.

25 CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: I think that's an

1 important point to make, too.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes. And we got
3 supplementals for -- to pay for a lot of that earlier
4 than -- a couple -- about a month ago.

5 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. In the previous
6 supplemental, it was for the PEOs, the temporary or
7 seasonal employees, to cover that cost, because we
8 only budgeted for a general, not a primary; so we had
9 that cost. What we did with reviewing it, it looked
10 like you had enough materials and services for the
11 rest of the year, but once, when we -- after that
12 election was over, we went back and looked again, and
13 really we needed -- a few spots we need to clear up,
14 because of the unforeseen expenses for the PEBs and
15 the Pitney Bowes and Securitas. Most of those three
16 things were big additions.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Are any other
18 questions we can answer?

19 MEMBER HAAS: Hearing no other
20 questions, I move that the Board authorize the
21 request of a supplemental appropriation to the 2015
22 budget in the amount of \$253,550 and a transfer of
23 appropriations from Capital Outlays to Materials and
24 Services in the amount of 18,000.

25 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

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MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

MEMBER MARINELLO: Aye.

MEMBER HAAS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Aye.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The motion carries.

That was it for the Special Meeting. Is there a motion to adjourn?

MEMBER MARINELLO: There is.

MEMBER HAAS: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

MEMBER MARINELLO: Aye.

CHAIRMAN SINNOTT: Aye.

MEMBER HAAS: Aye.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

(Thereupon, the meeting of the Board of Elections was concluded at 2:17 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Monday, October 19, 2015, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Valerie J. Sloas, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires June 8, 2016.
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