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Monday Afternoon Session,
March 6, 2017.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It appears that we have a quorum here, and I will take attendance. Kimberly Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Michael Sexton.

MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Welcome to the Board. Douglas Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad Sinnott.

MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Fantastic. We have a quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of minutes. You were sent the minutes from the February 13, 2017, meeting and unless there are changes, additions, or deletions, I entertain a motion to approve the minutes.

MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the Board approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017, meeting

1 of the Franklin County Board of Elections as
2 submitted.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
5 favor signify by saying aye.

6 All those opposed same sign.

7 MEMBER SEXTON: I would actually like to
8 abstain because I wasn't on the Board at that time.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All right. Let
10 the record show an abstention by Michael Sexton.

11 The next order of businesses is to select
12 a temporary chairman.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I guess we should
14 reflect on the record that today is a reorganization,
15 statutory reorganization meeting of the Board of
16 Elections; and as such, the first step is for the
17 selection of a temporary chair.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: I would move that the
19 Board appoint Brad Sinnott as the temporary chair for
20 the purpose of reorganization.

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I am going to
23 take a roll-call vote. Kimberly Marinello.

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Michael Sexton.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Douglas Preisse.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad Sinnott.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Fantastic.

8 The next item on here is the appointment
9 of a Director.

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the Board
11 appoint Ed Leonard as Director of the Franklin County
12 Board of Elections at a compensation rate of \$60.43
13 an hour.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a second
15 to that motion?

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Fantastic. All
18 those in favor signify by saying aye.

19 All those opposed same sign.
20 Congratulations, Director.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: So we're done?
22 Adjourned?

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is it your
24 pleasure to do the swearing in right now?

1 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Wait until both of us.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That might be a
3 who knows what will happen here.

4 The next item is the appointment of a
5 Deputy Director.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the Board
7 appoint David Payne as the Deputy Director of the
8 Franklin County Board of Elections at the
9 compensation rate of \$60.43 per hour.

10 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Kimberly
12 Marinello.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Michael Sexton.

15 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Douglas Preisse.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you very
21 much. I think we need to be sworn in.

22 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Sworn in. At this
23 point Kimberly Cocroft has joined us today to
24 administer the oath. So you will go ahead and start

1 with me first.

2 JUDGE COCROFT: Yes, absolutely. Raise
3 your right hand, please, and repeat after me.

4 (Director Leonard sworn in.)

5 JUDGE COCROFT: Congratulations. You
6 need to sign this.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: I thought you were
8 inviting him to make a speech.

9 JUDGE COCROFT: No. That's what I do. I
10 give speeches.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Do you have my
12 oath as well, or do I need to provide you a copy?

13 JUDGE COCROFT: That would be delightful.
14 All right. If you would raise your right hand and
15 repeat after me.

16 (Deputy Director sworn in.)

17 JUDGE COCROFT: Congratulations.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you very
19 much. My wife will be very happy.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Thanks to your Honor for
21 being here.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes, thanks, Judge.

23 JUDGE COCROFT: Thank you for having me
24 here.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item of
2 business is the appointment of a Chairman.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the Board
4 appoint Douglas Preisse as Chairman of the Franklin
5 County Board of Elections.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Kimberly
8 Marinello.

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Michael Sexton.

11 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Douglas Preisse.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Bradley
15 Sinnott.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Congratulations,
18 Chairman.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes, congratulations.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I didn't applaud you
21 for Temporary Chairman.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next item on
23 here is full-time clerk appointments. Those are the
24 full-time employee here at the Franklin County Board

1 of Elections.

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: What each Member
3 should have in front of them is an Exhibit A which is
4 a four column spreadsheet of all employees, all the
5 clerks in the office as well as the Director and
6 Deputy Director but lays out all of the employees of
7 the Board of Elections, their new yearly salary.
8 That is the Exhibit A as referenced in the
9 resolution.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How many employees are
11 listed here?

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: 40?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: 43, 21 Democrats
14 and 22 Republicans. A full compliment would be 44.

15 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The missing vacant
16 position right now is when John Odette left and that
17 position hasn't been filled, and we kind of moved
18 that where it's the training coordinator position.
19 It's still vacant so.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Looking for a
22 motion to approve.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes, I know you are. We
24 are looking.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So this sheet
2 would -- all of our employees received a cost of
3 living raise of 2 percent that you approved at the
4 last Board meeting and that is what's on this.

5 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right. There are no
6 other adjustments reflected other than 2 percent.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Yep.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the Board
9 appoint the employees listed on Exhibit A as
10 full-time clerks of the Board and fix as their hourly
11 compensation the rates listed with their respective
12 names.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
15 favor of this motion signify by saying aye.

16 All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

17 Normally our Director of Petitions and
18 Filing, Jeff Mackey, would do the next portion of the
19 certification of write-in candidate, the candidate
20 withdrawals, and certification of replacement
21 candidate, but he's not here, so I will step in in
22 his stead.

23 We had a declaration of intent to be a
24 write-in candidate by Jeffrey E. Brown and the

1 paperwork is proper and so we would like a motion to
2 approve that.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that Jeffrey E.
4 Brown be certified as a valid write-in candidate for
5 Columbus City Council on the May 2, 2017, Primary
6 Election ballot.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
9 favor signify by saying aye.

10 All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

11 The next is a candidate withdrawal. On
12 February 14, we received an e-mail from Marian Harris
13 asking to withdraw her name from the ballot from
14 Columbus City Council.

15 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And let it reflect it
16 was timely filed.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Timely filed,
18 correct.

19 MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the Board
20 accept the request of Marian Harris to withdraw as a
21 candidate for Columbus City Council and that her name
22 shall not appear on the May 2, 2017, Primary Election
23 ballot.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
2 favor signify by saying aye.

3 All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

4 And finally a replacement for Marian
5 Harris. There's a committee of five that was on
6 Marian Harris's committee. Three of those
7 individuals got together, and you have the letter.
8 It only requires a quorum, so three is sufficient to
9 replace Marian Harris on the ballot with --

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And that
11 certification --

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: -- Kathryn Hille.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Yeah, that
14 certification of Kathryn Hille was in compliance with
15 the statutory requirements for the nomination of
16 somebody to fill a vacancy and it was done within the
17 time requirements set forth by code and statute -- or
18 code and charter.

19 MEMBER MARINELLO: Okay. I move that the
20 Board accept the February 21, 2017, appointment of
21 Kathryn A. Hille by the committee of five on
22 Ms. Harrison -- Harris's petition as candidate for
23 Columbus City Council and that her name shall appear
24 on the May 2, 2017, Primary Election ballot.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
2 second?

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
5 favor signify by saying aye.

6 All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

7 The next item on the agenda I am going to
8 ask our fiscal staff of two individuals to come up,
9 Thu and Allison, to explain the Maximus contract.

10 MS. NGUYEN: This is a contract with
11 Maximus Consulting Service in the amount of \$30,000
12 for 2017. Maximus is a company that does chargeback.
13 We have been using them since 2015. After each
14 election, we provide Maximus with all expenses
15 related to each election and they provide the total
16 breakdown and total cost of the election and they
17 charge back to each of the political subdivisions
18 that places an item on the ballot and they do that
19 based on the number of precincts in each election.

20 I am going to have Allison briefly
21 explain why we use them.

22 MS. MURRAY: So prior to 2015, our
23 chargebacks were arbitrary, and subdivisions were
24 charged incorrectly. Having Maximus complete our

1 chargebacks gives us peace of mind knowing our
2 chargebacks are completed consistently and
3 accurately. Maximus is a reputable company that
4 works with Lorain County, Medina County, as well as
5 10 other counties throughout Ohio.

6 Please let us know if you have any
7 questions. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes?

9 DIRECTOR LEONARD: One of the things
10 because of the way chargebacks, actually their -- the
11 cost of their contract, Maximus's contract, can
12 actually be allocated.

13 MS. MURRAY: In odd years, yes.

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I'm sorry?

15 MS. MURRAY: Yes, yes. In odd years,
16 yes.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The cost of this
18 contract in an odd year, which we are in, can
19 actually be charged back to the political
20 subdivisions. This expense can actually be charged
21 back.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I can tell you
24 the political subdivisions have also indicated they

1 like since Maximus has been onboard because they can
2 prepare and it's the same criteria from election to
3 election, and prior it was -- it changed a bit from
4 elections to elections when it should not have.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: How did we do it before,
6 before we contracted with Maximus?

7 MS. NGUYEN: The fiscal manager would
8 usually do that. That was part of the fiscal
9 manager's job. And then I came onboard and I didn't
10 know anything about it so that's when I found Maximus
11 and we talked to them and we think that they were a
12 great service to use.

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: This will be the first
14 municipal election we have used Maximus?

15 MS. NGUYEN: No. We have used this then
16 since 2015.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: '15 was the year of
18 prior experience in a municipal election context.

19 MEMBER SEXTON: And we used them for one
20 cycle. Did we use them in all odd and even years?

21 MS. NGUYEN: We do.

22 MEMBER SEXTON: So we used them in 2015
23 and 2016?

24 MS. NGUYEN: '16.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Correct.

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Once all that's
3 prepared then I go ahead and sign off on it for it to
4 be transmitted to the various taxing -- to the
5 various political subdivisions.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You can charge them in
7 the odd year, but the implication was you can't in an
8 even year?

9 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Because we're all?

11 MS. NGUYEN: The reason why I'm not sure,
12 but I know in even years we can only charge back
13 absentee ballots and legal ad.

14 MR. MANIFOLD: Federal elections.

15 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Exactly, federal
16 elections, we are limited in the ability to charge
17 back.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: State as well? County?

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right, county.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Any other
21 questions for Allison or Thu? If not, I would
22 entertain a motion to accept the contract.

23 MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the Board
24 authorize the Director and Deputy Director to

1 contract with Maximus for consulting and calculations
 2 of chargebacks to subdivisions in an amount not to
 3 exceed \$30,000 in calendar year 2017.

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
 6 favor signify by saying aye.

7 All opposed same sign. Motion carries.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And then we will
 9 circulate the contracts for the signatures.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mr. Director, is
 11 there a need or desire to go into Executive Session?

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I believe there is.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay. To talk
 14 about some personnel --

15 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: -- matters?

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: Pursuant to Ohio
 18 Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) and (3), I move
 19 that the Franklin County Board of Elections go into
 20 Executive Session to consider the appointment,
 21 employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion,
 22 demotion, and/or compensation of a public employee.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: This requires a

1 roll-call. Kim Marinello.

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Michael Sexton.

4 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Douglas Preisse.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad Sinnott.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We are now in
10 Executive Session.

11 (Executive Session held off the record.)

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: If the Board is
13 so inclined, I will entertain a motion to come out of
14 Executive Session.

15 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Could I get a
17 motion on that?

18 MEMBER SEXTON: I'm sorry. I move that
19 the Franklin County Board of Elections adjourn from
20 Executive Session and that no votes or official
21 actions were taken during the Executive Session.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: Second.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
24 favor signify -- actually a roll-call. Kimberly

1 Marinello.

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Michael Sexton.

4 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Douglas Preisse.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Bradley Sinnott.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion carries.

10 We are now out of Executive Session.

11 We have one final thing, and like I
12 mentioned, electronic pollbooks we're 99.9 percent we
13 are actually going to be able to use these electronic
14 pollbooks. And Steve Bulen, who is our Precinct
15 Election Official Manager, we are in the process of
16 training all of our folks on the electronic
17 pollbooks, and it's fantastic. We are really excited
18 about it, so I'm going -- 4 minutes, Mr. Bulen.

19 MR. BULEN: 4? 4 or 5?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't know. As an
21 old preacher, you might be able to go on longer than
22 that.

23 MR. BULEN: That's three closings right
24 there.

1 Deputy Director Payne, Chairman, Members
2 of the Board, thank you. It's an honor to be here
3 today. It's been a great journey with our electronic
4 poll pads, but we've used that journey to just keep
5 improving. We work with the vendor closely.

6 Today I just want to kind of demonstrate
7 two or three different types of scenarios just so you
8 can kind of get a feel for what the poll pad does.
9 For training we have integrated some voter records
10 that we've created and have been able to create IDs
11 to go with those fake records, so to speak. They are
12 also integrated in with our entire database for -- or
13 parts of our database for the county. So we will be
14 able to train very effectively.

15 The great thing about the poll pad is you
16 just simply take a driver's license or state ID which
17 is --

18 MEMBER MARINELLO: You created that ID?

19 MR. BULEN: We did.

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: That doesn't sound
21 good.

22 MR. BULEN: The machine is locked up.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The machine is
24 locked up.

1 MR. BULEN: The machine is locked up and
2 only out whenever we are actually creating them. It
3 is a little powerful machine.

4 But so you simply scan the driver's
5 license on the poll pad, and it will bring up the
6 voter's record. And the poll worker is trained to go
7 through a series of checks and balances to make sure
8 that the voter's eligible to cast a regular ballot or
9 a provisional ballot.

10 And the great thing is the poll pad will
11 help guide us through, and we will see that in the
12 second example. For the upcoming Primary, we will
13 have both partisan and nonpartisan training because
14 of Hilliard and Reynoldsburg. And so this particular
15 voter we are going to put in a partisan voting
16 location. So after the poll worker checks addresses
17 and verifies that all the information is correct,
18 they are going to simply spin the poll pad around,
19 and the voter then is going to write his or her name
20 on the signature line.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: It actually will have
22 a stylist they can use.

23 MR. BULEN: They could use.

24 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Similar to a pen they

1 would use to sign the written book, printed book.

2 MR. BULEN: The poll worker will simply
3 hit accept, notice then that the signature has been
4 captured and is also able to be compared to our
5 signature that's on file.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Who pushes accept?

7 MR. BULEN: The poll worker will.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Poll worker so they
9 spin it around again?

10 MR. BULEN: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

12 MR. BULEN: Yes.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: Then you compare the
14 signature?

15 MR. BULEN: Yes, yes, ma'am.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Because I know trying
17 to sign your name, I just go like that just like you
18 did.

19 MR. BULEN: Yes, yes.

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: When you are writing
21 voter registration, it's very neat.

22 MR. BULEN: Yes. We will be somewhat
23 lenient with this election, understanding that we get
24 the Kroger or Giant Eagle effect where, you know, you

1 are just going to sign quickly. We are also trying
2 to work with the vendor to see if we could put a
3 message on there just to remind them this is, you
4 know, a signature that will go on their record and to
5 take their time.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: That's a good idea.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: Steve, I think that's
8 critical.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That's part of
10 training.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: What you just described,
12 the Kroger/Giant Eagle effect, is going to be
13 profound on this.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Give us a little more
15 detail when you say we are working with the vendor to
16 try to provide a message on there.

17 MR. BULEN: The KnowInk is the vendor,
18 and they have been working with us and customizing
19 the poll pad to meet some of our special requests,
20 and so, you know, they would help us find a spot on
21 the screen that could --

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: When you signed that,
23 you saw -- were you looking at a signature on file
24 box?

1 MR. BULEN: No.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So, yeah, okay. I
3 understand why you wouldn't. On the other hand --

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Could you -- you will
5 probably put like in the manual or something like
6 that that the person at the desk will say take your
7 time.

8 MR. BULEN: Yeah. We will instruct our
9 poll workers to let them know please understand that
10 we are capturing a signature that, you know, will be
11 used in your voter file.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is the screen
13 where if you were to prompt -- if you were to have
14 something that said please sign your legal signature.

15 MR. BULEN: Yeah.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are you trying to get
17 them to do something?

18 MR. BULEN: We are -- the Director and I
19 have had conversation about that, and so I have yet
20 to contact the vendor, but if we leave today going,
21 gosh, that's very important and, Chairman Sinnott,
22 you said it was so, you know, I think we could
23 contact the vendor and say, you know, what can make
24 this happen.

1 Now, if the window of time is, you know,
2 too short, then we can always put a sign on the table
3 at all of our polling locations. We can get the word
4 out in an effective way.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Right. But nothing
6 would be as probably compelling to the voter than to
7 see beneath the signature line affix your legal
8 signature or whatever the right words could be
9 perhaps.

10 MEMBER SINNOTT: A discrepancy could be
11 the subject of a voter challenge, correct? I ask the
12 room.

13 MEMBER MARINELLO: Gosh, I see a lot
14 of --

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What do you mean a
16 voter challenge? From a witness? I mean, from a --

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: From a challenger.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What do we call those
19 people?

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Signature doesn't
21 match.

22 MEMBER MARINELLO: Right.

23 MEMBER SEXTON: If you get into a recount
24 situation, is that going to be, you know?

1 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yeah.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: Is the scribbling going
3 to be used against your legal signature?

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The pollbook serves
5 that purpose today, right?

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So when I went in
7 our Early Vote Center, I signed my name, kind of
8 scribbled it on the actual paper, and the poll worker
9 said, Mr. Payne, that doesn't really match your
10 signature. Would you care to try again? And then at
11 that point I, oh, yeah, I wrote it. And she said
12 okay. That matches. I mean, it would be similar,
13 and then it's in our training as well to have our
14 poll workers say this is new. Please make sure your
15 signature is legible and then that will get them plus
16 we could have the wording on there. We could have
17 the signs on the table, whatever the Board thinks,
18 but that's part of the program.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I hadn't heard the
20 term Steve used today, Kroger effect, but immediately
21 everybody is understanding that but that particular
22 setup it's up in the air and it's not on -- flat on
23 the ground. That is begging for everybody to have a
24 scribble signature and --

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: Just think what we
2 would go through on petitions let alone --

3 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Carla Patton.

4 MS. PATTON: The design of it allows for
5 the tablet to lay flat so if they decide to, but the
6 technology of what you see in Kroger's and Giant
7 Eagle is not quite as good as the technology on the
8 iPads.

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah. We still all go
10 like that.

11 MS. PATTON: It's a much smoother writing
12 utensil on the iPad itself as versus when you are at
13 the grocery store and signing. It's not the same
14 technology. There's a lot of scribbling on that
15 where this doesn't skip your marks.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Well, when we sign --
17 when I sign at Kroger, it doesn't skip. It's me. I
18 am the one that goes like that, you know.

19 MS. PATTON: This is much more accurate
20 and realistic.

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: But the person signing
22 has to be accurate.

23 DIRECTOR LEONARD: That's what she is
24 stressing. It's not the capture technology. It's

1 the human aspect element where everybody is being a
2 little less thorough because it's the format.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah, get the word out
4 and notice on there, maybe it will be all right.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's going to happen
6 anyway I am confident, but if we without delaying or
7 incurring exceptional cost put something which I
8 would disagree with the Deputy Director and say let's
9 not say legible because some people's legal signature
10 isn't legible.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That's true.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: The way their legal or
13 whatever.

14 MEMBER MARINELLO: This must match your
15 voter registration.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It could be written as
17 part of the training. I think that probably makes
18 good sense.

19 MS. BICKING: I use my middle initial in
20 your pollbooks. I use my middle initial, but when I
21 sign other things, I don't always use my middle
22 initial. So when you go to Kroger's, I don't say
23 Carol A., so it's not going to match what you've got
24 here if I just sign like I would sign at Kroger's. I

1 would say something like how you normally sign when
2 you -- when you vote or something like that.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Match your voter
4 registration or something.

5 MS. BROWN: In the paper pollbooks we
6 have your signature that's on file in our paper
7 pollbook right next to where you sign so why can't we
8 put the signature there that we have on file above it
9 so people know what we have on file? Is that an
10 option?

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: What if there is a
12 voter fraud thing and they just copy it?

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That exists in our
14 current.

15 MS. BROWN: That's our current way we do
16 it.

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: That's true.

18 MR. BULEN: The -- I mean, on election
19 day, yes, I know that capturing that signature will
20 be a part of it. The nice thing is on election day
21 because of the process we are going to know this
22 voter is who they say they are more than ever now
23 because of the swiping of the license, and it brings
24 up, I mean, that is the voter record right there.

1 Now, I know that I have had some conversations with
2 Carolyn about, you know, do we take the signature and
3 scan them in when they come back because of this, you
4 know, concept. I'll be glad to talk to other
5 counties to see what they do. But the poll pads have
6 been in use throughout the state of Ohio for several
7 elections now. And so other counties have had to,
8 you know, deal with that particular situation using
9 them. We can always, you know, find out how they are
10 handling that.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Let's do that.
12 Let's do that.

13 MEMBER SEXTON: Do you guys know if there
14 is other large counties that --

15 MR. BULEN: Delaware County, the
16 surrounding counties, Delaware County, Fairfield
17 County, Madison County.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: In terms of large
19 counties, what about Montgomery, Hamilton?

20 MEMBER SEXTON: Montgomery, Hamilton.

21 MS. PATTON: They have different vendors.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: They have
23 different vendors, but it's the same technology.

24 MR. BULEN: Yeah. All of them use a

1 technology where they are actually going to sign on
2 the poll pad itself or on the tablet itself.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: And once the vote is
4 cast, there actually is no opportunity for anyone to
5 challenge the participation of the voter on the basis
6 of his signature mismatch.

7 MR. BULEN: Correct.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: That's right.

9 MR. BULEN: As far as I know, it's the
10 poll worker on election day that has that option.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: Once as a would be voter
12 you clear that hurdle, your vote is in the poll.

13 MR. BULEN: Yeah. This isn't a petition
14 or anything like that that everything has been dealt
15 with on election day.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah.

17 MR. BULEN: So if there was any question
18 like we just did briefly, we could back out of it,
19 and the poll worker would ask the voter to start over
20 and ask the voter to try to sign a little more
21 neatly.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: Once the poll worker has
23 given the sign-off on site the vote is in the poll.

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Unless it's a

1 provisional.

2 MR. BULEN: Right. It's on an envelope
3 and that's a whole different process.

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Different, okay.
5 Good. All right.

6 MR. BULEN: Okay?

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay.

8 MR. BULEN: So, again, pardon my
9 scribbles --

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: You started it.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Yeah, you started
12 it, Steve, right?

13 MR. BULEN: So the voter would sign, the
14 poll worker would check, and then the poll worker is
15 going to choose the type of ID. It's a requirement
16 to move forward on the poll pad. And then since this
17 is a partisan location then there's a drop-down menu.
18 We would spin it around for the voter to make their
19 selection, and we are just going to arbitrarily pick
20 a party. We are going to hit accept and then there's
21 a printer that prints out the authority to vote slip
22 with all of the information that the voter has given
23 us and will be needed at the machines to process that
24 voter. Or if they choose to in the current elections

1 request a paper ballot, that information will be on
2 there as well.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Can you go back a
4 screen, or you can't do that without checking back
5 in?

6 MR. BULEN: Once the voter has been
7 processed, if you tried to bring them up again, maybe
8 with fake IDs, it won't work but there it shows that
9 the voter has already voted.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Voted, okay. And if
11 you try to vote again, what happens?

12 MR. BULEN: Not going to let you.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Because that's the
14 screen -- not the vote screen.

15 MR. BULEN: Correct.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I didn't follow the
17 choice of ID. What was that? You are not able to go
18 back now.

19 MR. BULEN: No. I have got another one
20 if you would like to take a look at it.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Please. It is longer
22 than 4 minutes but there are issues that have arisen
23 here.

24 MR. BULEN: So in addition to scanning a

1 license, there is also the ability to do a manual
2 entry. Let's say you had a non-photo ID, a military
3 ID, and so you simply type in the voter's first three
4 letters and this voter is Abdullah Mohammed and
5 notice then it shows -- I'm sorry. Let's try
6 Mohammed -- no. Good thing I am not a poll worker.
7 There we go. It's Mohammed Abdullah, not Abdullah
8 Mohammed. Notice it shows all those that matched,
9 those in the wrong polling locations. The one that's
10 able to be selected was white. The others were
11 grayed out.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: That's nice.

13 MR. BULEN: Okay? So, again, we would go
14 through a series of checks to see if this voter has
15 moved or is in the current location. And let's say
16 that this voter lives at 1551 North Star Road.
17 Notice that our record shows 1306 Morning Avenue. So
18 the great thing about the poll pad is it's going to
19 give you the ability to check to see where this voter
20 should vote.

21 And so we are going to go through a
22 series of steps. We have a name and address change
23 because this voter lives at 1551 North Star Road.

24 MEMBER SEXTON: Going back you only put

1 in the first three first and last name?

2 MR. BULEN: If you put more in, there is
3 a greater risk of putting in wrong letters, and it
4 creates a greater risk of putting in wrong letters if
5 you only -- you can put in as many as you would like.
6 The more you put in it's going to narrow the search
7 down. The less you put in it's going to increase the
8 search for not only that location but for the entire
9 county.

10 MR. MANIFOLD: We found at the vote
11 centers that three letters is about as much as you
12 want to put in.

13 MEMBER SEXTON: I am just curious how
14 that would affect common names like, you know --

15 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Smith or Jones.

16 MEMBER SEXTON: -- John Smith where you
17 might have --

18 MS. PATTON: It puts the people in the
19 location that you are located within, it puts them at
20 the top first so there's usually only maybe, at most,
21 you know, a little over a handful of voters that
22 might be within your location. The rest of them are
23 going to be out of location and will be filtered down
24 to the bottom.

1 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And you would see --
2 if there was father and son who shared the same name,
3 you will see that.

4 MR. BULEN: So there is a screen that is
5 asking you to verify the voter's name. I have messed
6 that up long enough, so I am going to move forward on
7 that one. And then we are going to type in the
8 correct address. So we are at 1551 and the street is
9 North Star Road. So I am going to select that. I am
10 going to hit done. And, now, the poll pad figures
11 out that this voter must vote a provisional ballot
12 because although they are in the right location we
13 are in a multiple precinct location, and they've
14 moved from one precinct to another within this
15 location. So it figures it out for us.

16 No longer do our poll workers have to
17 kind of figure that out for themselves.

18 MR. MANIFOLD: Now, Steve, that's pretty
19 neat. So what would it do -- so they are in the
20 right precinct. Does it determine you moved but you
21 are still in the precinct, it will let them go back
22 and --

23 MR. BULEN: It would say this voter is in
24 the right precinct. Please ask the voter to fill out

1 a registration form.

2 MR. MANIFOLD: And we process them on the
3 pad?

4 MR. BULEN: Uh-huh. Okay? So we are
5 going to submit that. And, Mr. Chairman, here is
6 where you were asking about the ID. Even if someone
7 is going to vote provisional, in order to move
8 forward on the poll pad, you still select so those
9 are the types of IDs.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And that's the point
11 of ID check.

12 MR. BULEN: It is a -- it's a way to
13 double-check. The poll worker will have checked the
14 ID well before that.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Because we use it
16 electronically or the last example you typed in the
17 name so you.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: For something where
19 you had the person brought in a utility bill or
20 something that's not photo and so that's what you use
21 to --

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: To type in the name.

23 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Yeah.

24 MR. BULEN: You could do that, yes, sir.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Or they are telling
2 you their name and you are typing it in, or they are
3 showing you the utility bill and then you advance
4 manually and then you get to this stage and you
5 push --

6 MR. BULEN: We are going to choose photo
7 ID because that's what they gave us. It's a
8 nonpartisan location, so we don't have to select the
9 party. We are not going to capture the voter's
10 signature because this is a provisional signature.
11 We are going to do that on the envelope.

12 So we are going to hit accept, and
13 instead of an authority to vote slip now this is a
14 communication piece that the voter takes with them
15 over to the provisional table and has provisional
16 right on it showing us that they have to be a
17 provisional voter on election day.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: We are effectively
19 acquiring the real world ability to do realtime
20 reporting on who has voted.

21 MR. BULEN: I'm sorry, sir?

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: With this we have the
23 ability to realtime report to the entire world on who
24 has voted.

1 MR. BULEN: Currently the Secretary of
2 State does not allow the internet to be used, and so
3 the only communication going on is between the poll
4 pads at that location. We have tested them, but
5 ultimately if we had permission to do so, yes, you
6 could get a realtime up-to-the-minute who's voted,
7 who hasn't, yes, sir.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: And I think there is
9 also a statutory description now about when you do
10 postings at a polling place as to who has voted.

11 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The 11 o'clock list.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: 4:30.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: This actually will
14 allow for that list.

15 MR. BULEN: You will do that right off of
16 the poll pad. There is a code the VLM will get, put
17 it in, and it will print lists off of those who voted
18 from 6:30 to 11:00, and the last one will show all
19 the voters.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, that could change
21 things forever, couldn't it?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Steve, do we have
23 the ability -- is the whole database on here?

24 MR. BULEN: Uh-huh. If anyone would like

1 to see where their voting location is.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: To see how quick
3 it actually looks?

4 MR. BULEN: There is a chance unless you
5 live in this particular lid which is Grandview
6 Heights School. It will show that you are to go to
7 another location.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: As long as it doesn't
9 show my driving record.

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: We already heard about
11 that.

12 MR. BULEN: Director, it looks like you
13 go to Dominion Middle School.

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: That would be right.

15 MR. BULEN: The nice thing about the poll
16 pad because we are connected to the internet this is
17 able to go out and look, connect with Google maps,
18 and it's got a map and driving directions. That will
19 not be taking place on election day but, however, we
20 will be able to print out the name of the location
21 that the Director needs to go to and the address and
22 then he can GPS that himself.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: Don't we need sign-off
24 from the Secretary to use the e-pollbooks in an

1 election?

2 MR. BULEN: Yes, they have approved. The
3 vendors themselves have gone through a series of
4 certification processes; and so, again, KnowInk is a
5 vendor that has been used since -- well, how long
6 have you used them?

7 MR. MANIFOLD: Well, yeah, we've used
8 them since '15. We tested them in the General '15
9 and then used them in the vote center starting the
10 Primary of '16.

11 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I am not aware we have
12 to get special permission to go forward with it.

13 MEMBER SINNOTT: What happened in '16?

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It was you
15 couldn't use it for the first time in a Presidential
16 Election.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: There we go. Okay.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And they said --
19 we thought we were ready to go, but then the
20 Secretary of State said you are not going to use it
21 for -- which is probably good advice. So actually
22 our delay is actually fortuitous. I think we are in
23 a position now we are doing it in the May 2. I think
24 it's -- you know, at the time it was a little

1 frustrating, but I think we are there now.

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think there is going
4 to be growing pains with any new technology.

5 MR. BULEN: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thank goodness we have
7 great trainers and training system.

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Did you have to have a
9 lot of training, more training?

10 MR. BULEN: Yes. KnowInk has been great.
11 They brought two trainers in for us not this past
12 Saturday but the Saturday before. And so -- and then
13 our trainers themselves are going through individual
14 certification that they can show that they can use
15 this, and then we will have another training this
16 coming Saturday to once again review it. And so we
17 are going to be ready.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: It also -- Steve and
19 the staff have been working with KnowInk to
20 incorporate their training material potentially
21 because KnowInk wants to make sure that the poll --
22 the poll workers understand it, so they've developed
23 their kind of training materials and that's being
24 incorporated into our training materials so that it's

1 consistent with how KnowInk has already -- they have
2 got a history of doing it, of having their poll
3 workers or poll workers that have already used this
4 system, so they have refined their training material.
5 We are incorporating that into our training material.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: As Steve
7 mentioned, KnowInk has been here for training. They
8 are training the trainers. They will also be here on
9 May 2 election day --

10 MR. BULEN: Yes.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: -- to field any
12 questions and help answer any questions the poll
13 workers might have.

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: In implementing during
15 a local year Primary will be a little bit slower
16 paced and give an opportunity for our polling
17 officials to get comfortable with it during a lighter
18 turnout election.

19 MR. BULEN: They've also said that --
20 they are from St. Louis, and they don't have a
21 Primary in May, so they are going to bring some --
22 what would be equivalent to some directors and other
23 folks that have used this from that area, and they
24 are going to bring them here to help us on site as

1 well so we can put them throughout the county to be
2 ready.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That was good.

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Move we adjourn.

5 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
7 favor signify by saying aye.

8 We're adjourned.

9 (Thereupon, at 4:14 p.m., the meeting was
10 adjourned.)

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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, March 6, 2017, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered Merit Reporter.

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EXHIBIT A

Last Name	First Name	Party	New Yearly
BROWN	SUZANNE	D	\$ 70,060.12
BURLEY	RANDOLPH	D	\$ 34,433.88
CAMPBELL	NIKKI	D	\$ 32,381.44
COUNTS	KATHRYN	D	\$ 51,527.32
EAST	AMIE	D	\$ 32,381.44
GAMINO	ROLAND	D	\$ 43,296.24
GILL	FRANK	D	\$ 52,604.76
HARRIS	PATRICK	D	\$ 67,610.14
HEARD	HOWARD	D	\$ 47,435.18
KLCO	RENEE	D	\$ 78,322.14
LANDUYT	DENNIS	D	\$ 69,662.84
LEONARD	EDWARD	D	\$ 125,684.52
LINK	ROBIN	D	\$ 42,261.18
MANIFOLD	ZACHARY	D	\$ 83,018.26
NGUYEN	THU	D	\$ 59,302.88
PURKEY	PHILIP	D	\$ 46,009.60
RAPHAEL	THOMAS	D	\$ 37,336.78
ROBERTS	DEBORAH	D	\$ 37,965.72
RUSHAY	MATTHEW	D	\$ 48,053.20
SCOTT	MERRIT	D	\$ 36,200.06
WIHL	MICHAEL	D	\$ 45,492.72
BALACH	LUCINDA	R	\$ 41,667.34
BIDWELL	CHRISTOPHER	R	\$ 37,983.40
BULEN	STEPHEN	R	\$ 64,945.66
COTNER	DEBORAH	R	\$ 45,213.74
FULTON	ELIZABETH	R	\$ 36,888.28
GORUP	CAROLYN	R	\$ 92,618.76
HEALY	ALICIA	R	\$ 50,326.64
LAYCOCK	PAMELA	R	\$ 35,736.48
LOOS	STEVEN	R	\$ 32,381.44
MACKEY	JEFFREY	R	\$ 64,945.66
MARTIN	ROSE	R	\$ 37,340.94
METZBOWER	BRIAN	R	\$ 53,549.08
MINGO	LANCE	R	\$ 45,462.04
MURRAY	ALLISON	R	\$ 35,700.08
PATTON	CARLA	R	\$ 53,549.34
PAYNE	DAVID	R	\$ 125,684.52
PHAIPHANYA	SONNY	R	\$ 50,593.66
SELLERS	AARON	R	\$ 63,732.76
SHELL	GENE	R	\$ 56,260.36
TARR	FRANK	R	\$ 43,828.46
TOMPKINS	MARY	R	\$ 44,890.04
WADE	TANIA	R	\$ 44,360.42
		TOTAL	\$ 2,298,699.52