FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON

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APPROVED ON   5/1/06

BY: *William A. Anthony, Jr.*
William A. Anthony, Jr., Chairman

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ATTEST: *Matthew M. Damschroder*
Matthew M. Damschroder, Director

1   ORIGINAL

2   PROCEEDINGS OF: Franklin County Board
                      of Elections Meeting
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4   DATE OF DELIVERY: March 6, 2006

5   Office of the Executive Director
                        The Board of Elections of
6   Franklin County, Ohio
                        280 East Broad Street
7   Columbus, Ohio   43215
                        By Ms. Suzanne Brown,
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11   Ms. Suzanne Brown

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 1          BEFORE THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

 2             OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

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 4     IN RE:                 :

 5     Board Meeting          :

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 7          Proceedings before Chairman William

 8     A. Anthony, Jr., and Board members Carolyn

 9     A. Petree, Kimberly E. Marinello, Michael

10     F. Colley, and Executive Director Matthew

11     Damschroder, taken at the Franklin County

12     Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street,

13     Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, February 21,

14     2006, at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

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1    APPEARANCES:

2              Office of the Franklin County
               Prosecuting Attorney
3              373 South High Street
               Columbus, Ohio  43215
4              By Mr. Nick A. Soulas, Jr.,
               Chief Counsel, Civil Division,
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               On behalf of the Franklin
6              County Board of Elections.

7    ALSO PRESENT:

8              Ms. Rady Ananda

9              Mr. Stewart Wright

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2              P R O C E E D I N G S

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4              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  I would like

5  to call the Franklin County Board of

6  Elections meeting 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:  And Chairman

15 Anthony?

16             CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Here.

17             MR. DAMSCHRODER:  All members

18 are present, Mr. Chairman.

19             The first item on the agenda is

20 the certification of the February 7th,

21 2006 Special Election.  In your packet

22 there is a summary sheet of the votes as

23 well as a precinct-by-precinct breakdown

24 of the results.  Everything went very
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1   smoothly within the new voting system.

2           I would recommend acceptance for

3   the certification of results.

4           CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Any

5   questions?

6           I have got one.  I visited some

7   of the polls on election day and folks

8   really seemed to like the machines.  They

9   didn't cause any problems to anybody that

10  I talked to.  It looked like if that is an

11  indication that we are going to have

12  people being concerned about it, it has

13  not been there.

14          MR. DAMSCHRODER:  It was a very

15  successful big toe in the water.

16          MS. MARINELLO:  What was the

17  response of the poll workers?

18          MR. DAMSCHRODER:  For the poll

19  workers the overwhelming response was very

20  positive.  They thought the machines were

21  easier for them to use and set up,

22  particularly the casting of provisional

23  ballots on the electronic machines.  They

24  were overwhelmingly in favor of that, so
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1 it was a good experience for them.

2   The one thing we very clearly

3 learned was that the education of poll

4 workers is absolutely essential. You will

5 see later on an agenda item that Denny and

6 I recommend some additional training to be

7 brought on in the spring. That will be to

8 organize poll workers beyond the one class

9 required. They got it and we had very few

10 problems in terms of poll worker error.

11   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: One of the

12 things that, if there was any problem --

13 and I don't think it was a big problem --

14 was that folks felt there could have been

15 more privacy. I guess you could figure

16 that out by how you set them up and the

17 placement.

18   The booth used to have a curtain

19 all the way around. Now, it is pretty

20 much out in the open and two blinders come

21 up. It is still private but not the

22 privacy of a booth.

23   MR. DAMSCHRODER: After 30 years

24 of voting behind a curtain, people did say

1   they felt kind of exposed standing there;

2   but when they adjusted the side blinders

3   in close for them, it eliminates the

4   possibility of anybody looking at the

5   ballot.

6   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Nobody was

7   going to be standing behind them anyway.

8   Maybe that was the only real concern about

9   it that I can think of.

10   MR. DAMSCHRODER: We are going

11   to be putting a survey into the field, a

12   mail survey, of all individuals who voted

13   at the polls in New Albany, asking them

14   what they felt, what worked and didn't

15   work, what they liked and didn't like, so

16   we can respond to some of the concerns if

17   there are any in the voter education

18   handbook.

19   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All the sites

20   were great. They had some great sites in

21   New Albany.

22   MR. DAMSCHRODER: It is

23   definitely a lot easier to find

24   appropriate locations in the suburbs, as

1   compared to other parts of the city.

2   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: They were

3   handicap accessible and well lit.

4   MS. PETREE: Good parking.

5   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: So I would

6   entertain a motion.

7   MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

8   move that the results of the February 7,

9   2006 New Albany Plain Local School

10 District Special Election be certified as

11 presented.

12   MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I

13 second.

14   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in favor,

15 say aye.

16   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

17 carries.

18   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We're ready

19 for Candidate Certification.

20   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Okay. A call

21 has been received from Nick Soulas, who is

22 on his way. Everything is pretty

23 straightforward.

24   You will see in your packet of

1   materials a list labeled Local Option

2   Issues filed. It also includes all of the

3   tax questions that were filed with us.

4   There were three local options

5   that were filed in the Columbus 2F,

6   Columbus 4C, and Franklin F that were

7   found to have insufficient signatures.

8   It would be the Staff's

9   recommendation that the Board certify to

10   the ballot all of the tax questions, as

11   well as local options found to have

12   insufficient signatures.

13   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are there any

14   questions?

15   (No audible response)

16   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: If not, I

17   will entertain a motion.

18   MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I

19   move that the list of issues and valid

20   local options be certified to the May 2nd,

21   2006 Primary Election ballot as presented.

22   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

23   second?

24   MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

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 1    second.
 2             CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:    All those in
 3    favor, say aye.
 4             MR. DAMSCHRODER:    The motion
 5    carries.
 6             You will then find in your
 7    packet of the candidate petition filings a
 8    legal sheet, listing all the candidates
 9    that filed that were found to have
10    insufficient signatures.   There is a list
11    entitled Problem Petitions.
12             The first page are pretty much
13    cut and dried issues.   Either a circulated
14    statement was not completed --
15             CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:    You are
16    talking about the problem petitions?
17             MR. DAMSCHRODER:    Yes, either
18    insufficient signatures -- they didn't
19    properly execute a circulated statement.
20    In one instance the candidate failed to
21    provide an original signature on the
22    Declaration of Candidacy portion of the
23    petition.
24             For all those items on the first
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1   page, Staff would recommend against

2   certification.

3   The two on the second page,

4   Scott Baughman for Republican County

5   Central Committee, Ward 9, and also

6   Charles Morrison, a candidate for

7   Republican County Central Committee

8   Hilliard, Ward 3, both of these

9   individuals, the Declaration of Candidacy

10   appears to have been altered.

11   The printing in the case of Mr.

12   Baughman, a portion of the information

13   that was written has been marked out. And

14   in the instance of Mr. Morrison it appears

15   that he originally failed to provide a

16   precinct letter in the space provided, and

17   later he came back in a different color

18   ink and used the Board's precinct code.

19   In the past using the precinct

20   code had not necessarily been a

21   disqualifying action, but Staff did want

22   to bring these two to the Board as being

23   questionable because of that alteration.

24   Mr. Baughman did fail to provide

1   -- in addition to appearing to having an

2   altered petition, he failed to put his

3   precinct letter in the box required, so

4   the Director's recommendation would be

5   against certification for Mr. Baughman

6   because he failed to provide the precinct

7   information.

8   If the Board is not so much

9   concerned about the apparent -- there is

10 no substantive change in the Declaration

11 of Candidacy. It was just that the

12 precinct code was added and appears at a

13 later time.

14   It could be within the Board's

15 discretion to approve that if it so

16 chose. If you want to wait until counsel

17 arrives to vote on these two matters.

18   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, because

19 it sounds to me like what you are telling

20 us is that some of these may have been

21 altered after they were circulated.

22   MR. DAMSCHRODER: It is hard to

23 say exactly when the change occurred, but

24 it is very clear that a change was made at

1   some point. In the instance again of

2   Mr. Baughman the precinct letter was in

3   combination with the Ward No. 9A, and the

4   person scratched out the precinct so only

5   the ward number is left.

6   In the instance of Mr. Morrison

7   it's an entirely different color ink

8   that's used to print the precinct code.

9   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: If we don't

10   approve, they have the right to appeal.

11   MR. DAMSCHRODER: That's

12   correct. They both have the right to

13   appeal the Board's decision or run as a

14   write-in.

15   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any other

16   questions for Mr. Damschroder?

17   (No audible response)

18   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: So how do you

19   want us to move on this one?

20   MR. DAMSCHRODER: My feeling is

21   that Mr. Baughman's petition should be

22   invalidated.

23   I would say in the instance of

24   Mr. Morrison, in the past the Board has

1   accepted the use of the Board's precinct

2   code but, again, the apparent altering of

3   the public declaration of candidacy would

4   be questionable.

5   I would say in both of these

6   instances I would recommend against

7   certification.

8   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: So should we

9   take them --

10   MR. DAMSCHRODER: What I would

11   recommend, Mr. Chairman, is that we note

12   for the record that the Board take a vote

13   on Baughman and Morrison for the record

14   that they are found to have an

15   insufficiency.

16   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Should we

17   list them all for the record?

18   Should we read them off?

19   MR. DAMSCHRODER: I will give

20   you a list afterwards.

21   The frame of the motion should

22   read as follows: that the Board finds

23   that the following individuals, having

24   filed petitions to be candidates at the

1   May 2nd, 2006 Primary Election, are found

2   to be insufficient. The first is

3   Nickindar Nain Singh, Lauren Patrice

4   Shepherd, Jennifer Scott, Barbara Bryson,

5   Arthur Balis, Michael Murphy, Andre

6   Porter, Peter Wycoff, Scott Baughman, and

7   Charles Morrison.

8   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And we just

9   need somebody to make that motion?

10   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes.

11   MS. PETREE: I so move.

12   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And a

13   second?

14   MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

15   second.

16   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in

17   favor, say aye.

18   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

19   carries.

20   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next item,

21   Mr. Chairman, because there are two board

22   members who have also submitted petitions

23   for candidacy, we should deal with them

24   separately so that they can abstain.

        We will refer to Mr. Colley

first on the motion from Ms. Petree's

certification.

        MR. COLLEY: I move that Carolyn

C. Petree be certified as a candidate in

the office as a member of the Republican

State Central Committee for the 15th

Senate District.

        CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

second?

        MS. MARINELLO: I second.

        MR. DAMSCHRODER: We'll have a

roll-call vote for this since Ms. Petree

is abstaining.

        Mr. Colley?

        MR. COLLEY: Yes.

        MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

        MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

        MR. DAMSCHRODER: And Chairman

Anthony?

        CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

        MR. DAMSCHRODER: And Ms. Petree

is abstaining.

        MS. PETREE: I am abstaining.

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 1              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  The motion

 2   carries.

 3              (Mr. Soulas enters.)

 4              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  The second

 5   motion will be to certify Mr. Colley, and

 6   Mr. Colley abstains.

 7              MS. PETREE:  Mr. Chairman, I

 8   move that Michael F. Colley be certified

 9   for the office of Member of the Republican

10   State Central Committee from the 16th

11   Senate District.

12              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Is there a

13   second?

14              MS. MARINELLO:  Mr. Chairman, I

15   second.

16              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  This is also a

17   roll-call vote.

18              Ms. Marinello?

19              MS. MARINELLO:  Yes.

20              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  Ms. Petree?

21              MS. PETREE:  Yes.

22              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  Chairman

23   Anthony?

24              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Yes.
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1   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Colley

2   abstaining, the motion carries.

3   And then the last would be to

4   certify the ballots of the candidates that

5   were found to have sufficient signatures.

6   MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

7   move that the balance of the candidates

8   having submitted petitions for offices to

9   appear on the May 2nd, 2006 Primary

10   Election ballot be certified.

11   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

12   second?

13   MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I

14   second.

15   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in

16   favor, say aye.

17   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

18   carries.

19   We will post that even yet

20   tonight, an official certified candidates

21   list on the Web site so the public has

22   that.

23   The next item in your packet is

24   the request by the candidates having filed

1   petitions for name changes to appear on

2   the ballot. The three are Patricia J.

3   Shaffer, who requests to appear on the

4   ballot as Paddy, P-a-d-d-y, Shaffer,

5   S-h-a-f-f-e-r; James R. Stewart, who

6   desires to appear on the ballot as Jimmy

7   Stewart; and Tracih H. Johnson requests to

8   appear on the ballot as Traci, T-r-a-c-i,

9   and then T-J in the middle, Johnson. Ms.

10   Johnson appeared previously on the 2000

11   general election ballot as TJ Johnson.

12   As you know, court cases approve

13   the use of common derivatives of names to

14   appear on the ballot.

15   To that end the Staff recommends

16   the acceptance of Mr. Stewart's request

17   because Jimmy is a derivative of James and

18   against the name requests from Patricia

19   Shaffer and Tracih Johnson. Again, that

20   Paddy, P-a-d-d-y, would not be a common

21   derivative of Patricia.

22   In the case of Ms. Johnson the

23   use of initials TJ when they are not her

24   full initials would be inappropriate in

1   the same way as Dana G. (Buck) Rinehart.

2   If Ms. Johnson wanted to come back and

3   appear on the ballot as simply TJ Johnson,

4   that would be recommended, but to appear

5   as Tracih TJ Johnson would not be

6   recommended.

7   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are there any

8   questions?

9   MS. MARINELLO: Why are we

10   rejecting Patricia Shaffer's petition?

11   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The Staff

12   recommendation would be that Paddy,

13   P-a-d-d-y, would not be a commonly known

14   derivative of Patricia, P-a-t-r-i-c-i-a.

15   Something like P-a-t-t-y or P-a-t-t-i-e

16   would, but again that's the Board's

17   decision.

18   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any

19   questions from the board members?

20   (No audible response)

21   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will

22   entertain a motion.

23   MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

24   move that the request from James R.

1   Stewart, Democrat candidate for State

2   Representative from the 24th District for

3   his name to appear on the ballot as Jimmy

4   Stewart be accepted as submitted.

5   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

6   second?

7   MR. COLLEY: I second.

8   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All in

9   favor, say aye.

10   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

11   carries.

12   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: That means

13   that the other two, we don't have to

14   reject them.

15   MR. DAMSCHRODER: No. We don't

16   have to take a formal action.

17   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: They do have

18   the opportunity to appear?

19   MR. DAMSCHRODER: And they have

20   the opportunity to come back and request

21   some other derivatives.

22   The next item on the agenda,

23   Mr. Chairman, is a request from Mr.

24   Stewart Wright, who is present, as well as

1 some other electors, from the November

2 2005 general election. The Ohio Revised

3 Code contemplates a recount of a statewide

4 question upon the request of five

5 electors, who state that they voted in the

6 election for the issue and that request

7 has to be within a certain number of days

8 of the Secretary of State's certification

9 of the state issue.

10   Due to some confusion emanating

11 from the Secretary of State's Office

12 surrounding the precise date of the

13 certification of the issue, the

14 individuals in question were not able to

15 timely file their request for the

16 recount to, specifically, of State Issue

17 2, the absentee ballots only with the

18 Franklin County Board of Elections.

19   The Deputy Director and I met

20 with Mr. Wright several weeks ago in an

21 effort to find some kind of appropriate

22 solution both for the voters who are

23 interested in having a hand recount of the

24 ballots conducted, as well as from

1   continuing in the Board's tradition of

2   openness and transparency of the results.

3   Being the first time of using the new

4   electronic scanners, it would be a good

5   practice or exercise for us to do that

6   hand recount.

7   One option available to

8   Mr. Wright and company is to make a formal

9   records request for copies of the ballots,

10   pay five cents for the ballots, and then

11   take them and do the recount in their own

12   manner in their own place in their own

13   time.

14   Mr. Wright has filed a public

15   records request with the Board for that

16   purpose, which we asked Mr. Wright to do

17   so it would enjoin the statutory document

18   destruction process, the records retention

19   process.

20   It is the Deputy Director and my

21   recommendation that the Board ask the

22   Director and Deputy Director to conduct a

23   hand inspection of all of the Issue 2

24   absentee ballots cast in 2005 for the

1   purpose, as we mentioned earlier the

2   transparency and proving factor if you

3   will, of testing the veracity of the new

4   system.

5   Mr. Wright is here as well as

6   some other electors, and it would be

7   appropriate to hear from them at this time

8   if the Board so desires.

9   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Before we do

10 that, are there any questions from the

11 Board?

12   (No audible response)

13   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: If not, Mr.

14 Wright, would you like to say a few words?

15   MR. WRIGHT: Thank you very

16 much. I would be happy to answer any

17 questions that the Board may have.

18   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I believe we

19 understand.

20   MR. WRIGHT: You recognize that

21 there are people that are aware of the

22 machines. The software is not available

23 to be inspected.

24   The year before last, I believe

1 that the State Legislature passed

2 legislation requiring voter verifying with

3 a paper trail. Here we have these optical

4 scan ballots, which are a paper trail.

5   I just wanted to illustrate

6 whether or not we could use the law and

7 actually achieve the hand recount as the

8 law provides. I think it was unfortunate

9 that there was a misunderstanding about

10 when the vote was certified.

11   I had been informed by the

12 Office of the Secretary of State that the

13 same day it was certified it should be up

14 on the Web site. I kept looking for it on

15 the Web site. When it finally appeared on

16 the Web site I was told it had actually

17 been certified on December 20th, but I

18 have never seen any evidence to

19 corroborate that. It seems to me that

20 when certified part of that would be the

21 publication of the fact that it has been

22 certified.

23   I think you will probably

24 certify the Plain Local School District

 1 | Levy tonight and it will appear on the

 2 | Franklin County Web site. Then that's a

 3 | publication that we want notice so

 4 | everyone knows there is a five-day period

 5 | that will apply for recount.

 6 | I think it should have been that

 7 | way for the Secretary of State, but

 8 | apparently it wasn't.

 9 | CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Do you want

10 | to do the same thing in other counties?

11 | MR. WRIGHT: I am a resident of

12 | Franklin County.

13 | CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

14 | group out there?

15 | Is anybody doing this in

16 | Clairmont County or Pickaway County? If

17 | you do it here, you ought to go around and

18 | do it in other counties.

19 | MS. ANANDA: Yes, we are.

20 | CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any questions

21 | for Mr. Wright?

22 | (No audible response)

23 | CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Then I will

24 | entertain a motion.

1   MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

2   move to authorize the Director and Deputy

3   Director to conduct a hand inspection of

4   State Issue 2 ballots only from the 2005

5   General Election for the purpose of

6   testing the veracity of the electronic

7   tabulation system.

8   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

9   second?

10   MR. COLLEY: I second.

11   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in

12   favor, say aye.

13   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

14   carries.

15   I will coordinate with Mr.

16   Wright to find a mutually acceptable date

17   and time so we can follow the normal

18   procedures for a recount so that Mr.

19   Wright and his committee can establish

20   observers for each of the county stations

21   and we'll observe the normal protocol for

22   a hand recount.

23   MS. PETREE: Will that be done

24   here?

1   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. It will

2 be done here at the Board.

3   MR. WRIGHT: Should I talk to

4 you tomorrow about that?

5   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes.

6   MS. ANANDA: Do you have any

7 idea how many people you can accommodate

8 to observe the process?

9   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Traditionally,

10 what we do is we break the ballots down

11 into counting stations, one Republican and

12 one Democrat per station from the Board

13 and we have one observer from your

14 committee of five; and you can appoint

15 additional members beyond your five, but

16 one observer per station.

17   There were, I think, about

18 17,000 or so ballots, absentee ballots,

19 cast last fall. We will want to have

20 enough counting stations to do it in less

21 than a day. We will give you that number

22 well in advance so you can appoint

23 sufficient observers.

24   Is there anything else on that

1 issue, Mr. Wright?

2   MR. WRIGHT: I think we are

3 happy with that.

4   MR. DAMSCHRODER: We will see

5 you tomorrow.

6   MR. WRIGHT: I want to thank you

7 for that.

8   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: You are

9 welcome. We have got to keep it

10 transparent. We want folks to feel good

11 about elections in Franklin County. We

12 don't want folks to think they are not

13 safe and secure and accurate.

14   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next item

15 on the agenda, Mr. Chairman, is House Bill

16 234 that passed the General Assembly that

17 permits the use of no-fault absentee

18 voting. One of the provisions in that

19 bill is that the Director has to notify

20 any prospective absentee voter who has

21 failed to provide the required

22 identification requirements; the last four

23 digits of the Social Security number,

24 driver's license, any of the permitted

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1    identification information.
2              The Director must notify that
3    person by some means of their deficiency
4    and give them a second opportunity to
5    apply.  The Secretary of State has
6    recommended that the Board officially
7    adopt some kind of procedure or protocol.
8              The Deputy Director and I are
9    recommending that the Board adopt the
10   policy of sending a letter via first class
11   mail signed by the Director and the
12   Deputy Director, notifying the prospective
13   absentee voter of the deficiency and
14   providing them with another application to
15   complete and return to the Board in an
16   effort to obtain a ballot.
17             Ms. Petree:  Would you repeat
18   that?
19             MR. DAMSCHRODER:  The new
20   no-fault absentee scenario, instead of
21   having to use one of the 11 narrow
22   reasons -- instead of having to qualify
23   for an absentee ballot in order to run
24   over the age of 62 on a county election
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1   day, the general assembly said anyone can

2   cast an absentee ballot as long as on the

3   application and on the return ballot they

4   provide some kind of proof of

5   identification. Date of birth is required

6   and either the last four digits of the

7   Social Security number or the driver's

8   license number. Or in lieu of either of

9   those, they have to provide an actual copy

10   of some other form of identification;

11   government check, utility bill, current

12   address, something along those lines.

13   If the person on their initial

14   application fails to provide that

15   identification requirement, the statute

16   now requires that the Board somehow notify

17   that applicant that their application is

18   deficient, that it does not have the

19   required information, and will not be

20   processed and that the applicant must

21   complete a new application, providing all

22   the information for the ballot to be

23   processed.

24   Looking at both the volume and

1   the materials provided, ideally it would

2   be nice if we could notify the voter by

3   phone. Our applications have historically

4   had a blank for telephone number, and I

5   would say in probably less than five

6   percent of the instances do we get a

7   telephone number.

8   We also have the problem of

9   someone providing a telephone number,

10   whether they are in Iraq or Florida or

11   wherever their ballot is to be delivered.

12   And even fewer provide an e-mail address.

13   So in order to find some kind of equitable

14   manner of notifying voters, the Deputy

15   Director and I recommend the delivery to

16   voters by first class mail.

17   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I have a

18   couple of questions.

19   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Absolutely.

20   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: One is how

21   big of a problem do you think this is

22   going to be?

23   MR. DAMSCHRODER: My response is

24   going to be two-fold. The response, one,

1 is it depends. In terms of the parties in

2 the different groups that will be

3 recruiting no-fault absentee voters, it

4 depends on the extent to which they push

5 the requirement of identification.

6   My guess is that because those

7 entities are highly interested in the

8 ballot being processed, they will push

9 that information.

10   We have redesigned our

11 application. There is a very clear

12 explanation in the instructions as to what

13 must be provided, and it goes into great

14 detail as to specifically the types of

15 identification required. If the person

16 doesn't feel comfortable or have a

17 driver's license number or doesn't feel

18 comfortable providing the driver's license

19 or the last four digits, the

20 identification requirement portion of the

21 application is set aside and highlighted

22 in extra bold and dark lines and clear

23 explanation.

24   My anticipation is that if the

parties and the various other political
entities follow suit with the Board and
really hype the notification or the
importance of providing this information,
that it won't be a significant problem.

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is that bill
being challenged that you know of?

MR. DAMSCHRODER: To my
knowledge there is not a legal challenge
to House Bill 234, which is the no-fault
absentee bill. My guess is there will
likely be a challenge to House Bill 3,
which does not come into effect until May
3rd. And the other provisions don't go
into effect until June 1st.

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Just thinking
out loud, these are absentee ballots so
most will probably be done by college kids
and elderly and folks outside the country
or living in another part of the country
for some part of the year. It sounds like
to me this is kind of inconvenient for
folks. I might be wrong, but I'm thinking
it's kind of inconvenient.

1   What would be the cost for us if

2   we mail something out to have it postpaid

3   for them to send it back to us?

4   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The cost would

5   be -- I'm trying to remember what the

6   surcharge is for the business reply. It

7   would be just nominally more, marginally

8   more than the 1st class rate.

9   If the Board wanted to adopt the policy

10   that if the person who fails to properly

11   complete the application is mailed this

12   notice, that the return application is

13   postage paid by the Board, I think it is

14   certainly well within the discretion of

15   the Board to adopt such a policy.

16   If the Board wanted to adopt the

17   policy that the actual ballots themselves

18   were postage paid, it would be within your

19   prerogative to do so. It would probably

20   require a supplemental appropriation from

21   the Commission, but something as simple as

22   the insufficient application, I don't

23   think would be overly burdensome to the

24   budget.

          CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: If we did

have a problem one year where it was more

than a 39-cent stamp or something --

          MR. DAMSCHRODER: Actually, last

year with the two-page ballot -- and that

was one of the frustrating instances,

because in some cases the post office

delivered it with 37 and in some instances

they required additional. Even within the

post office there was a question of what

to do.

          State Issue 2, which did fail,

would have if enacted by the voters

required the ballots to be returned

postage paid by the local boards of

elections.

          CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I think we

ought to look at that to see what that

would cost. I don't want to make a big

spender of it.

          MR. DAMSCHRODER: I can look

into it and let the Board know what the

expense would have been for the Board say

in 2005 and also in 2004 had the ballots

1   been postage paid by the Board coming

2   back.

3   My guess is that if on the other

4   matter of returned applications for

5   insufficient identification, my guess is

6   that that's not going to be an

7   overwhelming number, and so it would not

8   be unduly burdensome for the Board to

9   receive those secondary applications back

10   postage paid if the Board wanted to do

11   that.

12   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any

13   questions?

14   MS. PETREE: I think that's a

15   good idea.

16   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Maybe if

17   everybody can kind of talk about it a

18   little bit. Two of us think it's a great

19   idea.

20   MS. MARINELLO: I think it's a

21   great idea.

22   MR. DAMSCHRODER: I don't hear

23   any dissension among the ranks.

24   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Can we add

1   that to the motion, or would you feel more

2   comfortable getting some numbers first?

3   MR. DAMSCHRODER: I feel

4   comfortable either way.

5   MS. PETREE: Could I make a

6   suggestion?

7   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

8   MS. PETREE: Why don't we table

9   this and you bring us back information for

10   the March meeting, and maybe we could do

11   this just as a primary program to see what

12   the cost is.

13   MR. DAMSCHRODER: All right. I

14   will come back and report at the March

15   1st-ish meeting, whenever that is

16   scheduled.

17   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Around March

18   2nd. While you were away we set March 2nd

19   at 3 o'clock.

20   MR. DAMSCHRODER: I will report

21   back on the estimated cost for postage

22   paid return ballots, estimating the cost

23   for postage-paid applications that fail to

24   meet the requirements, and also we will

1 provide the revised language for the

2 motion.

3   The next item on the agenda, Mr.

4 Chairman, is the use of the electronic

5 voting machines for casting provisional

6 ballots. Each of the new voting systems

7 from ES&S or Hart is designed to accept

8 the casting of a provisional ballot on the

9 electronic voting machine. The way it

10 works is dramatically dissimilar to the

11 punch card system in that each ballot has

12 a unique number or each application has a

13 unique number.

14   Under the old scenario, as you

15 recall, we had to essentially decommission

16 a voting machine on election day for a

17 provisional voter, tip it down, and allow

18 the voter to go into the booth with a

19 punch card, find the number corresponding

20 with the candidate's name on the screen,

21 punch the card, and pull the cards.

22   With the new electronic machines

23 the voter will still have to fill out the

24 application or what used to be on the

1   envelope, and that application will have a

2   unique number similar to a ballot stub

3   number that the poll worker will enter

4   into the voting machine, then that voter's

5   ballot or selections is associated with

6   that coded number.

7   At no time in the canvas process

8   once we have gone through the applications

9   to decide which ballots can we count and

10   which ones can't we count, at no part of

11   that process are we able to see or know or

12   divine what the selections were.

13   The process of counting the

14   provisional ballot is very simple. There

15   is a screen by precinct that shows all of

16   those numbers, all the application numbers

17   entered in the machines. You simply click

18   yes or no on each one of those. If that

19   is accepted, the votes we cannot see are

20   added into the canvas.

21   With the advent of the voter

22   verified paper audit trail this becomes a

23   little bit more prickly, because on that

24   voter verified paper audit trail it

records for the voter to verify. It

prints everything. It prints that

application number. Because of that,

there is the possibility that either

through mishandling of the applications

and the paper trail in the office or

through a redacted public records request

it could be determined how a provisional

voter voted regardless of whether the

ballot was ultimately accepted.

The Secretary of State's office

has recommended against the use of

electronic machines for use in provisional

voting and is recommending the use of

paper ballots for provisional voting. Our

concern with the use of paper ballots with

provisional voting is the same reason that

we were concerned with using the precinct

count optical scan, in that because so

many precincts are split precincts there

would be a high rate of voters casting the

wrong ballot.

Because the Secretary of State

has ruled that, you know, even if you were

        1   in the right precinct and the wrong split,
        2   your provisional ballot does not count.
        3   Our view is that by continuing
        4   to use the electronic machines for the
        5   provisional balloting, there will be ease
        6   of use of poll workers, ease of use for
        7   the provisional voter, and added
        8   protection in terms of warning against
        9   over votes and under votes, as well as a
       10   near guarantee that their ballot will be
       11   counted if otherwise valid due to voting
       12   the right split in the right precinct.
       13   At this time there is not a
       14   directive or law that says we can't use
       15   the electronic machines for provisional
       16   voting. It's just a recommendation from
       17   the Secretary of State.
       18   I will tell you that the poll
       19   workers from the February special to the
       20   man and woman said their favorite part of
       21   the voting system was using the system to
       22   cast provisional ballots.
       23   From that standpoint what our
       24   recommendation is as the Deputy Director

1 and Director is that we continue our

2 planned use of electronic machines for

3 provisional voting and adopt strict

4 policies for handling of the applications

5 and the voter verified paper trails within

6 the office and also a revision to our

7 public records policy, stating the

8 redaction of the application number from

9 the applications if viewed or requested.

10 That way there is not an instance where

11 either Staff or public will be able to

12 compare applications from the paper trail

13 and know how a person voted. That's a lot

14 of background.

15   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any questions

16 for Matt?

17   (No audible response)

18   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will

19 entertain a motion.

20   You did a good job of

21 explaining.

22   MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I

23 move that the Board authorize the Director

24 and Deputy Director to permit the use of

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 1    direct recording electronic voting

 2    machines with voter verifiable paper audit

 3    trail devices for the purpose of

 4    provisional voting and to prohibit the

 5    simultaneous possession of or

 6    accessibility to the executed applications

 7    for provisional ballot and the

 8    corresponding voter verified paper audit

 9    tapes and move to amend the Board's public

10    records policy required by Section 3501.13

11    to read that prior to the public

12    inspection or duplication for public

13    distribution of the executed applications

14    for provisional ballots that the coded

15    application number used to identify the

16    ballot shall be fully redacted from public

17    view or use.

18              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Is there a

19    second?

20              MS. MARINELLO:  Mr. Chairman, I

21    second.

22              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  This covers

23    our legal muster?

24              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  It does.
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1   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are there any

2   questions?

3   (No audible response)

4   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in

5   favor, say aye.

6   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

7   carries.

8   The next item, Mr. Chairman, as

9   you recall the Board is producing a poll

10 worker training video.   This is just a

11 business transaction in terms of

12 authorizing entering into the contract

13 with them for the purpose of production

14 and accepting it.

15   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: They did that

16 before, didn't they?

17   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Right.   They

18 did the Gate Keepers of Democracy video.

19   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will

20 entertain a motion.

21   MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I

22 move that the Board authorize the Director

23 to accept the proposed terms and

24 conditions and to enter into a contract

1   with Brainstorm Media for the purposes of

2   producing a poll worker training video.

3   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

4   second?

5   MS. MARINELLO: I second.

6   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any other

7   questions?

8   (No audible response)

9   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in

10 favor, say eye.

11   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

12 carries.

13   Our next motion, Mr. Chairman,

14 is to adopt a payment schedule with the

15 International Foundation for Election

16 Systems (IFES) that is working with us as

17 a consultant to help develop the poll

18 worker training materials and curriculum

19 for the new voting system. The payment

20 schedule will be 25 percent upon the

21 initial date of resolution by the Board of

22 Commissioners which has passed and 50

23 percent upon the submission of all the

24 curriculum materials not to be later than

1   the first day of class.

2   At that point the vast majority

3   of the project will be completed and then

4   the remaining 25 percent following the

5   election upon the submission of their

6   after-election report and analysis of the

7   program.

8   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: How many

9   folks will have training?

10   MR. DAMSCHRODER: We are looking

11   at training about 4,500 poll workers for

12   the primary election. It's a lot of

13   folks.

14   IFES, the folks that we have

15   hired as consultants, have been great

16   already and bring a great deal of national

17   and international experience of

18   poll-worker training to the table with

19   them.

20   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will

21   entertain a motion.

22   MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

23   move that the Board authorize the

24   following payment schedule with the

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 1   International Foundation for Election

 2   Systems (IFES):  1) twenty-five percent of

 3   the total upon receipt of invoice

 4   submitted on or after date of resolution

 5   by the Board of County Commissioners

 6   approving said contract; 2) fifty percent

 7   upon receipt of invoice submitted on or

 8   after the date of the first precinct

 9   election training class, signifying final

10   submission and acceptance of all training

11   curricula and materials; and 3)

12   twenty-five percent of total upon receipt

13   of invoice submitted on or after the date

14   of submission of the post-election

15   evaluation report.

16            CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Is there a

17   second?

18            MR. COLLEY: I second.

19            CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  All those in

20   favor, say aye.

21            MR. DAMSCHRODER:  The motion

22   carries.

23            The next item on the agenda, as

24   Denny and I have looked at both what other
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1 counties have done in terms of poll-worker

2 training and both also what we did for the

3 February special, we determined that

4 instead of requiring poll workers to sit

5 through four or five hours of training

6 classes that we were better off breaking

7 the classes up into two different

8 sessions.

9   The first session would be a

10 general plenary session where we talk

11 about the administration operations of the

12 precinct, the poll book, and the stuff to

13 tape to the wall; and the other section of

14 the first class would be a hands-on

15 demonstration in small groups with the

16 machine.

17   The second class that we are

18 composing would be a required class that

19 would bring the poll workers back during

20 the weekend before the election. We would

21 have multiple locations across the county

22 with voting machines and training

23 personnel where the poll workers would

24 come back and, one more time, do the

       1   hands-on portion with the machines, open

       2   the polls, vote a few voters through in a

       3   test scenario, and close the polls, so

       4   again they can have that last-minute

       5   refresher hands-on opportunity.

       6   Other counties for doing a

       7   longer training class have adopted a

       8   higher rate of pay. Fairfield County did

       9    $25 last year. Delaware County, I

      10   believe, is going to do $25 this year.

      11   Our existing pay schedule is $15

      12   for one class. We are asking the Board to

      13   adopt the second mandatory training class

      14   for the primary election and also

      15   authorize the Director and Deputy Director

      16   to seek from the County Commissioners

      17   supplemental appropriations in the amount

      18   of $81,320 to cover that additional

      19   poll-worker training class.

      20   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Have they

      21   been told this?

      22   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Denny and I

      23   wanted to wait until we had the Board's

      24   authorization before we approached the

1 commissioners.

2   MS. PETREE: So that would be

3 $15?

4   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. The

5 compensation would be $15 for each class

6 and both would be mandatory.

7   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: How long are

8 these classes?

9   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The Special

10 Election training class would be about two

11 and a half hours, and we have covered very

12 little of the administrative procedures.

13 The hands-on portion was probably

14 indicative of what it would be like for

15 the primary small groups of three or four

16 with one trainer. So to ask folks to sit

17 through three or four hours of training

18 regardless of age or any other factors is

19 a long time of sitting through a training

20 class. Breaking it up this way gives them

21 two opportunities for hands-on with the

22 machines. In our follow-up session with

23 the poll workers after the Special

24 Election they all said that they

1 understood the system, the materials were

2 helpful, but they would have liked another

3 opportunity to get their hands on the

4 machines.

5   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Two hours

6 each time?

7   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Probably the

8 first class would be about two hours.   The

9 second, because it would be kind of a come

10 anytime during these hours, would probably

11 be more of a half hour or 45 minutes kind

12 of thing to get hands-on open and close.

13   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: About the

14 minimum wage.

15   MR. DAMSCHRODER: Unfortunately,

16 that's what we paid at the Gate Keepers of

17 Democracy.

18   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right.

19   Well, any questions of Matt?

20   (No audible response).

21   MR. DAMSCHRODER: I broke it up

22 to give Mr. Chairman an opportunity to

23 make a motion this time.

24   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move that

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 1   the Board authorize the Director to seek

 2   supplemental appropriations in the amount

 3   of $81,320 for the purposes of providing

 4   precinct election officials with an

 5   additional $15 for attending a second

 6   mandatory training course on the new

 7   voting machines and that $6,800 of the

 8   supplemental appropriation shall be used

 9   to replenish current poll worker

10   compensation funds depleted as a result of

11   the February 7th, 2006 Special Election

12   and further that the Board deems the

13   increased compensation as proper and

14   necessary expenses of the Board.

15            Is there a second?

16            MS. PETREE:   Mr. Chairman, I

17   second.

18            CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:   Any

19   questions?

20            (No audible response)

21            CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:   All those in

22   favor, say aye.

23            MR. DAMSCHRODER:   The motion

24   carries.   Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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          The next item on the agenda is,
as you will recall, the Secretary of State
required the purchase of a minimum number
of 4,208 voting machines from our chosen
vendor ES&S. I don't have all the exact
numbers here in front of me, but it was
approximately $14 million in total costs
of which 12-point-something came from the
HAVA funds, leaving a balance of
$894,014.00 for the County. This was an
anticipated, planned, and appropriate
expense.

          We have asked the Secretary of
State if the Secretary of State has a
proposed payment schedule for this and
they do not. They have a payment schedule
for their 12-point-something, but they
said there was nothing contractual for us
to follow in terms of a payment schedule
for our share, and the Auditor won't
release the funds until we resolve
something.

          We are recommending that we just
pay that in a lump sum, and actually you

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 1    will notice we are not to exceed the

 2    County's obligated $894,000.  In the

 3    credits negotiated with ES&S it is

 4    actually less than that.

 5              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  This has

 6    already been --

 7              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  The

 8    Commissioner has appropriated the full

 9    $894,000.  It is in our budget right now.

10              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  I will

11    entertain a motion.

12              MS. PETREE:  Mr. Chairman, I

13    move that the Board authorize the Director

14    to pay in full any invoice submitted by

15    Election Systems & Software in an amount

16    not to exceed the county's obligated

17    $894,014 balance due for the purchase of

18    4,208 direct recording electronic voting

19    machines.

20              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Is there a

21    second?

22              MS. MARINELLO:  I second.

23              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  All those in

24    favor, say aye.
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1   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

2   carries.

3   The last item on the public

4   agenda before executive session, Mr.

5   Chairman, also has to do with voting

6   machines.   The general assembly last year

7   in passing House Bill 66 said that

8   counties who are purchasing electronic

9   voting machines, using a portion of the

10   state's or HAVA funds must purchase those

11   machines at a ratio of 1 to 175 registered

12   voters and that the snapshot of the

13   calculation or the 175 registered voters

14   is taken, using the registration snapshot

15   on Jan 1, 2005 minus some factor divined

16   by the Secretary of State as to an

17   estimated historic average purge rate.

18   The Secretary of State wants

19   somewhere between 5 and 9 percent.   Then

20   House Bill 3 came along and reiterated

21   that what House Bill 66 said you have to

22   do, you have to do.

23   What that means for us in

24   regular terms is that we have purchased an

1 initial amount of 4,208 voting machines,

2 and that to comply with the law we must

3 purchase an additional 339 machines. This

4 was because of the passage of House Bill

5 66 last year. In the draft language of

6 House Bill 3 the commissioners were made

7 aware of the possibility of this

8 additional expense in several memoranda

9 sent prior to the budget process, as well

10 as at the Board's budget hearing before

11 the commissioners.

12 It is my understanding that

13 almost $1.1 million that this would

14 entail, while it's not appropriated to the

15 Board of Elections already, it is

16 earmarked within the commissioners'

17 reserves for this fiscal year. It would

18 be appropriate that the Board in the event

19 that the House Bill 3 was passed, and the

20 legal counsel did say that what the law

21 says, the law says. This is the formality

22 of both acquiring the machines and seeking

23 supplemental appropriation to pay for

24 them.

1   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Why wouldn't

2 HAVA have picked up the tab?

3   MR. DAMSCHRODER: HAVA picked up

4 the 12-point-whatever million of the total

5 package. The issue, frankly, that the

6 other ES&S counties find themselves in is

7 that the HAVA funds divided among the 88

8 counties by the Secretary of State were

9 divided based upon the Debold price for

10 voting machines, and the ES&S machines had

11 a higher-per-unit price; and so part of

12 when we made our decision to purchase what

13 we viewed was a better machine came the

14 decision to locally bear a larger portion

15 of the price.

16   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thank you.

17   Any other questions for Matt

18 before we make a motion?

19   (No audible response)

20   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right. I

21 move that the Board authorize the Director

22 and Deputy Director to seek supplemental

23 appropriations in the amount of

24 $1,061,192.04 for the purposes of

1   acquiring an additional 339 direct

2   recording electronic voting machines from

3   ES&S pursuant to Section 514.03(B) of

4   House Bill 66 and Section 3506.22(C) of

5   the Ohio Revised Code, effective May 2,

6   2006 and to enter into a contract on

7   behalf of the Board of Elections for the

8   purchase of said voting devices and to

9   further authorize the following payment

10   schedule: 1) twenty-five percent of the

11   total due upon submission of invoice

12   following passage of Board of

13   Commissioners resolution providing the

14   supplemental appropriation; 2) fifty

15   percent of the total due upon submission

16   of invoice following complete delivery of

17   all required voting devices; and item 3)

18   twenty-five percent of the total due upon

19   submission of invoice following

20   one-hundred percent per unit passage rate

21   of acceptance testing conducted by the

22   Board of Elections.

23   Is there a second?

24   MR. COLLEY: I second.

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 1              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:   Any
 2   questions?
 3              (No audible response)
 4              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:   All those in
 5   favor, say aye.
 6              MR. DAMSCHRODER:   The motion
 7   carries.
 8              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:   We move into
 9   Executive Session?
10              MR. DAMSCHRODER:   All for the
11   purpose of discussing personnel matters.
12              MS. PETREE:   I move that the
13   Board go into Executive Session.
14              MS. MARINELLO:   Mr. Chairman, I
15   second.
16              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:   May we have
17   a roll-call vote.
18              MR. DAMSCHRODER:   Mr. Colley?
19              MR. COLLEY:   Yes.
20              MR. DAMSCHRODER:   Ms. Marinello?
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22              MS. MARINELLO:   Yes.
23              MR. DAMSCHRODER:   Ms. Petree?
24              MS. PETREE:   Yes.
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 1              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  Chairman
 2   Anthony?
 3              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Yes.
 4              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  We are in
 5   Executive Session.
 6              (Adjournment to Executive
 7              Session)
 8              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  I move that
 9   we come out of Executive Session.  No
10   votes were taken.  No official business
11   was conducted.
12              Is there a second?
13              MS. MARINELLO:  I second.
14              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  We'll have a
15   roll-call vote.
16              Mr. Colley?
17              MR. COLLEY:  Yes.
18              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  Ms. Marinello?
19              MS. MARINELLO:  Yes.
20              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  Ms. Petree?
21              MS. PETREE:  Yes.
22              MR. DAMSCHRODER:  Chairman
23   Anthony?
24              CHAIRMAN ANTHONY:  Yes.
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1   We are back on the record in

2   Public Session.

3   Is there any further discussion

4   on the record relative to health insurance

5   benefits?

6   (No audible response)

7   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: If not, I

8   will entertain a motion.

9   MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I

10 move that the Board adopt the $50 per

11 month spousal health insurance premium

12 contribution plan adopted by the County

13 Commissioners for the members of this

14 Board and its employees effective April 1,

15 2006.

16   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a

17 second?

18   MR. COLLEY: I second.

19   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in

20 favor, say aye.

21   MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion

22 carries. We will communicate that to the

23 Staff.

24   Other than that, Mr. Chairman,

1   there is no other formal business to come

2   before the Board at this time.

3   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move for

4   adjournment.

5   MR. COLLEY: I second.

6   CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We stand

7   adjourned.

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9   Thereupon, the proceeding was

10   concluded at 7:55 o'clock p.m.

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CERTIFICATE

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2   I, Patricia W. White, Court Reporter

3   and Notary Public in and for the State of

4   Ohio, do hereby certify that I reported

5   the foregoing proceedings and that the

6   foregoing transcript of such proceedings

7   is a full, true and correct transcript of

8   my stenotypy notes as so taken.

9   I do further certify that I was

10 called there in the capacity of a Court

11 Reporter, and am not otherwise interested

12 in this proceeding.

13   IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto

14 set my hand and affixed my seal of office

15 at Columbus, Ohio, on this 6th day of

16 March, 2006.

17 _____

18 PATRICIA W. WHITE, Notary Public –
    State of Ohio.

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20 My commission expires May 30, 2007.

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