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BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
 4 IN RE:
   August 29, 2006 Meeting
         Proceedings before Chairman William A. Anthony, Jr. and
 9 Board members Michael F. Colley, Carolyn Petree, and Kimberly E.
10 Marinello, taken at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280
11 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, at 4:39 p.m.
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4	CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Good afternoon, everyone. I'd
. 5	like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to
6	order. Roll call, please.
7	(Roll call taken.)
8	MR. DAMSCHRODER: All members are present. The
9	first item on the agenda is the certification of the election
10	results from the Tuesday, August 8, 2006 City of Reynoldsburg
11	Special Election. The operations department has given each of
12	you an abstract pre-submitted an abstract of the votes; and
13	we're just happy to request that you certify that the results
14	of that election.
15	CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a motion.
16	MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
17	results of the August 8, 2006, City of Reynoldsburg Special
18	Election be certified as reported.
19	CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?
20	MS. PETREE: I'll second that.
21	CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.
22	(A vote was taken. Motion passes.)
23	MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion carries. The next item
24	on the Agenda is the certification of issues to the Tuesday,

- 1 November 7, 2006 General Election ballot. Last Thursday was the
- 2 filing deadline for issues including local options. Jeff
- 3 Russell (ph.) is here if you have any questions on those; but a
- 4 list has been provided for you of all of the taxing and
- 5 jurisdictions -- taxing districts and jurisdictions that have
- 6 certified issues to the Board and also a list of local options
- 7 that were filed.
- 8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a motion.
- 9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And --
- 10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Oh, were you done?
- 11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I do want to make a note that
- 12 there were two local options that were filed that are not being
- 13 recommended by staff because of insufficiency. So the list that
- 14 -- the second motion that we have for you will be for all of
- 15 those issues -- those local options that have been found to have
- 16 a sufficient number of signatures. The first motion, Mr.
- 17 Chairman, requires an abstention, because of -- So a motion
- 18 would be in order.
- 19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.
- MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman?
- 21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.
- MS. PETREE: I move that the proposed sales tax
- 23 issue submitted by the Central Ohio Transit Authority be
- 24 certified to the November 7, 2006 General Election ballot.

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second? MS. MARINELLO: Second. CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And I will abstain. MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we'll roll call vote so we 5 record that properly. Mr. Colley? MR. COLLEY: Yes. MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello? MS. MARINELLO: Yes. MR: DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree? 10 MS. PETREE: Yes. 11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And Chairman Anthony? 12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will abstain. 13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And the motion carries three to 14 zero. And then, the next resolution -- with the exception. MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman? 16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am. 17 MS. PETREE: I move that the balance of the issues 18 submitted by staff be certified to the November 7, 2006 General 19 Election ballot. 20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second? 21 MS. MARINELLO: Second. 22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor, say aye. 23 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.) MR. DAMSCHRODER: And the motion carries. I do want 24

- 1 to make a note at this point for the Board member's information,
- 2 as well as for the record, that staff has been working very
- 3 diligently on checking petitions submitted for statewide issues.
- 4 We've added a second shift in the evening and the part-time
- 5 folks brought up a bunch of temporaries on to assist us. We
- 6 checked four of the five issues at this point and are -- we're
- 7 almost finished with the fifth. We've been averaging 120,000
- 8 signatures checked per week for the last almost three weeks. So
- 9 if you see any of the folks from the office around, you probably
- 10 can't miss them because they're the once that are cross-eyed
- 11 from staring at the computer terminal and staring at petitions;
- 12 but they've done a great job and deserve some recognition for
- 13 that job well done.
- 14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. You just certainly gave
- 15 that to them.
- 16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next item on the agenda, Mr.
- 17 Chairman and members of the Board, is to request that the Board
- 18 grant to the director -- deputy director the Board's supreme
- 19 authority for purposes of investigating voter registration and
- 20 -- suspicions of voter registration and petition fraud. As
- 21 we've discussed previously with regard to 2004, a great deal of
- 22 suspicious or irregular voter registration cards were filed with
- 23 this office. During this calendar year since the -- since House
- 24 Bill 3 has been enacted, we've continued to see the filing of

- 1 irregular voter registration cards. Everything from addresses
- 2 that don't exist to voters who are already registered and
- 3 re-registering with just slightly different information -- all
- 4 of a sudden they get ten years younger, all the way up to
- 5 registration by an individual who has been deceased for a number
- 6 of years.
- 7 So what we're requesting is now under House Bill 3
- 8 where individuals who are paid to register are required to
- 9 provide a name and address of the organization from which they
- 10 are receiving compensation. We now actually have individuals to
- 11 subpoena to ask critical questions about how these forms are
- 12 coming to be completed and brought to the Board. Is it to
- 13 defraud or is it error or what is it. So we're asking for that
- 14 authority, in other words, to get those questions answered.
- 15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. Do we have that authority
- 16 now?
- MR. PICCANINNI: You have the authority. You have
- 18 the authority under 3501.11(j), which states that you can
- 19 investigate irregularities, non-performance of duties or
- 20 violations of Title 35 of the Revised Code by election officers
- 21 and other persons; administer oaths; issue subpoenas; summon
- 22 witnesses; compel production of books, papers, records and other
- 23 evidence in connection with any such investigation or report the
- 24 facts to the prosecuting attorney.

- 1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. So the Board has it.
- 2 MR. PICCANINNI: The Board has it. Give them that
- 3 power so that we can begin -- so that they can begin the
- 4 investigations.
- 5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Without having to call a Board
- 6 meeting every time we find someone we need to subpoena.
- 7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: That makes sense.
- 8 MS. PETREE: I have a question.
- 9 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.
- MS. PETREE: How do you -- how do you get this
- 11 subpoena to this person?
- MR. DAMSCHRODER: We will work with the Franklin
- 13 County Sheriff in delivering -- delivery of the subpoenas --
- 14 serving the subpoenas.
- 15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any other questions? Well, I
- 16 guess I should entertain a motion and then do some questions.
- 17 I'll entertain a motion.
- 18 MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Franklin
- 19 County Board of Elections authorize the Director and the Deputy
- 20 Director to issue subpoenas to such individuals and entities as
- 21 they deem necessary to investigate allegations of election
- 22 falsification of voter registration forms and petitions during
- 23 the calendar year 2006; and, if necessary, refer evidence of
- 24 illegal conduct to the Franklin County prosecuting --

- 1 prosecuting attorney for prosecution under applicable statutes.
- 2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?
- 3 MS. MARINELLO: Second.
- 4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are there any discussions on this
- 5 one before we take a vote? All those in favor say aye.
- 6 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.)
- 7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion carries. Now, we move
- 8 into a little bit more mundane, second portion of the Agenda,
- 9 with the administrative kind of items. These are -- we're
- 10 starting to bring these to the Board after some of the issues
- 11 that arose requiring the Board -- resulting in the Board asking
- 12 this Commission to do some investigation; and we're trying to
- 13 tighten up some of our administrative procedures so that the
- 14 Board actually sees and acts on the -- on the things that occur
- 15 on a day-to-day basis.
- 16 The first item for which a resolution is required is
- 17 is I I was subpoenaed by the attorneys representing Mr.
- 18 Morison for purposes of giving a deposition; and that deposition
- 19 was required while I was in Chicago at an elections center
- 20 conference. So I had to fly back to Columbus for purposes of
- 21 being deposed and fly back to Chicago to complete the conference
- 22 and actually teach a class. So we need to memorialize for the
- 23 record the authorization of those expenses.
- 24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Now, are we going to sit a limit

- 1 on this? I mean are we going to do every expense?
- 2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: No, basically what we're looking
- 3 at is -- and I forget the exact statute. Patrick might
- 4 remember; but basically anything under \$25,000 does not require
- 5 a competitive bid. So what we're -- what we're doing is on
- 6 those kind of things that are not done on a day-to-day basis,
- 7 things that we do that are competitive or may be the kind of
- 8 things that the Board would definitely want to know about, we
- 9 will bring to Board meetings -- or things that are unusual, such
- 10 as this. I promise we won't bring you one every week for
- 11 purposes of memorializing, you know, utility bills.
- MR. PICCANINNI: There were just -- just some
- 13 extraordinary expenses required Matt to come down to testify.
- 14 Due to the nature of the request they had made for the
- 15 information, Matt was in the best position to speak on behalf
- 16 of, collectively, the Board as opposed to requiring each
- 17 individual Board member to come in for a deposition on what they
- 18 knew; and the information was of such a nature that the director
- 19 was the appropriate person to -- to designate as the
- 20 representative.
- 21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. Any questions for Matt on
- 22 this? If not, I will entertain a motion.
- MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman?
- 24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

- 1 MS. PETREE: I move that the Board authorize the
- 2 Franklin County Auditor to pay for all expenses relative to
- 3 Morison vs. Colley, including but not limited to roundtrip
- 4 airfare for the director between Chicago and Columbus and
- 5 related personal expenses.
- 6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?
- 7 MS. MARINELLO: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.
- 9 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.)
- 10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next one is, again, a mundane
- 11 issue. Traditionally parking violations or traffic violations
- 12 are given to the person incurring them. This was for a County
- 13 vehicle parked outside the Secretary of State's Office
- 14 delivering twenty boxes of petitions, so we're asking the Board
- 15 to pay the \$20 fee.
- 16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: You couldn't talk to the City of
- 17 Columbus about waiving this?
- 18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: They have a pretty strong policy
- 19 on parking violations.
- 20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Isn't there some kind of
- 21 reciprocal agreement with the city?
- 22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: You know, I was -- I was surprised
- 23 that they would actually ticket a county vehicle. I've been
- 24 told they're even ticketing city vehicles.

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Something to take it up with the 2 City Council. MR. DAMSCHRODER: I would say so. (Off the record discussion.) CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a motion. MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board 7 authorize the Franklin County Auditor to pay such parking 8 violations and fines as may be incurred by employees of the 9 Board in the course of official Board business effective January 10 1, 2006. CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second? 11 12 MS. PETREE: I'll second that. CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye. 13 14 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.) 15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next items are competitive bid 16 issues and also a couple that we want to make you aware of 17 because the combined exceeds \$25,000. The 60-day statutory 18 notice as required by House Bill 3, we did a competitive bid for 19 that -- for the printing of that, so there were two - Captiva 20 Direct of Ohio. Five or six different companies responding to 21 the bid. The responses are all provided to you in your packets 22 this afternoon. We did a competitive bid, also, for purpose of 23 providing precinct supply kits. Two vendors, Dayton Legal Blank 24 and -- Graphics, bid on that project and Dayton Legal was the

- 1 lower bidder; and then separately, Triumph Communications and
- 2 Pierce Communications bid \$15,000 each for consulting services
- 3 for the voter education and outreach campaign for this fall,
- 4 which, I can't remember if we shared with you -- with the
- 5 Commissioners, appropriated an additional \$175,000 to that
- 6 campaign for this year. That will allow us to then expand the
- 7 air time purchased for the voting machine and identification
- 8 messages and also add a third message on the availability of
- 9 voting early by mail or in person at the Board of Elections. So
- 10 any questions, anyone?
- MS. PETREE: Would Spicer exceed the --
- MR. DAMSCHRODER: Not that we're aware of. In terms
- 13 of Spicer exceeding the twelve-month window, we've used it in
- 14 the past. I think we -- that's -- I think that's acceptable.
- 15 MR. WHITE: What if these individuals total --
- 16 they've done other work, right? This is additional to what
- 17 they've already --
- MR. DAMSCHRODER: This is -- in terms of which one?
- MR. WHITE: Spicer and --
- 20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Spicer and Gene Pierce both exceed
- 21 \$15,000 each in the spring for consulting on the primary voter
- 22 education; and if I were -- I can't remember how much they were
- 23 compensated for -- for that outreach education.
- 24 MR. WHITE: Basically the same for the fall?

- 1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It's the exact same compensation
- 2 structure for the fall campaign. Although it's and expanding
- 3 campaign, the compensation structure is the same.
- 4 MS. PETREE: So, Spicer's the -
- 5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes, Spicer is Triumph
- 6 Communications and Gene Pierce is Pierce Communications.
- 7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And they've done stuff for us in
- 8 the past?
- 9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes, sir.
- 10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a motion.
- MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board
- 12 authorize the Director and Deputy Director to enter into
- 13 separate contracts as follows: Captiva Direct for the purpose
- 14 of the printing and processing the 3501.19 60-day notification;
- 15 Dayton Legal Blank for the purpose of providing precinct supply
- 16 kits for the November 7, 2006 General Election; Triumph
- 17 Communications in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the purpose of
- 18 voter education and outreach consulting services; and Pierce
- 19 Communications in the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the
- 20 purpose of voter education and outreach consulting services.
- 21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?
- MS. MARINELLO: Second.
- CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.
- 24 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.)

- 1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: This last resolution of this
- 2 section was created at the -- after our conversation with Nick
- 3 Schlous of the Franklin County prosecuting attorney's office
- 4 because the television stations and all of the end-media
- 5 vendors, newspaper companies make an assertion Pierce
- 6 Communications and Triumph Communications were actually making
- 7 those payments on -- acting on -- as the Board's agent. And so
- 8 the prosecuting attorney's office recommended that we actually
- 9 memorialize that process so that no one could say that --
- 10 basically bringing those things out from consultants and so it's
- 11 not viewed inappropriately or wrongly as a contract exceeding
- 12 the \$25,000 limit.
- 13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a motion for
- 14 that.
- MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman?
- 16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.
- 17 MS. PETREE: I move that the Board authorize Triumph
- 18 Communications and Pierce Communications to act as agent of the
- 19 Board for the purpose of scheduling and purchasing media
- 20 resources relative to the voter education and outreach campaign
- 21 and approve the payment of such purchases to the end-media
- 22 vendors through Triumph and Pierce Communications.
- 23 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?
- MS. MARINELLO: Second.

CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye. (A vote was taken. Motion passes.) MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion carries. (Off the record discussion.) CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are any other counties doing 6 this? MR. DAMSCHRODER: Every county is required by law to 8 do a mailing. The content of the mailing -- the minimum content 9 of the mailing, as prescribed by the statute, is the voters' 10 precinct notification, the date of the election, and the 11 statutory language relative to the -- the identification 12 provisions effective for that election. We took the course of 13 expanded or enhanced mailing that we showed you at the last 14 Board meeting for the newsletter version that also has the 15 no-fault absentee application. Franklin County and Cuyahoga 16 County are the two counties so far that have stated as part of 17 their mailing, they're including the excuse -- absentee 18 application. I spoke with the folks from Delaware this 19 afternoon. They're considering it, but haven't made a final 20 decision. So right now, there are only two counties that I'm 21 aware of taking the enhanced approach to the mailing. 22 (Off the record discussion.) 23 MS. PETREE: Do you know of any other counties that 24 are doing this?

- 1 MR. SHIFFLETTE: This is the only one I'm aware of.
- 2 Most are just doing minimum requirements as described by the
- 3 association.
- 4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Well, we looked at it from the
- 5 standpoint of the largest -- the greatest percentage of the --
- 6 of the overall expense is going to be postage. So, since it had
- 7 to go first-class anyway, rather than pay the full freight, we
- 8 might as well put as much other information on that freight as
- 9 possible.
- 10 MS. PETREE: Good idea.
- 11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next couple of items are --
- 12 are relative to personnel; and I think it's pretty
- 13 straightforward. We talked with a couple of you about it. I
- 14 don't know if you want to go in executive session and talk about
- 15 it at all off the record; but if everybody's comfortable, we'll
- 16 just move forward.
- 17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a motion.
- 18 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman?
- 19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.
- 20 (Off the record discussion.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will make a motion that the
- 22 Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call vote. Mr. Colley?
- MR. COLLEY: Yes.

MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello? MS. MIRANELLO: Yes. 3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree? MS. PETREE: Yes. MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Chairman? CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes. Thereupon, the Board entered into Executive Session. 10 11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I want to note for the record that 12 the session -- the executive session was held for the purpose of 13 discussing personnel matters. During the executive session, no 14 dispositive actions were taken. CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Now, I will entertain a motion 16 for the personnel matters. 17 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that effective 18 September 4, 2006, the Board appoint Karen Cotton to the 19 position of Operations Manager at her current annual wage; Jeff 20 Graessle to the position of Operations Assistant Manager at the 21 annual wage of \$57,500 with increase retroactive to January 1, 22 2006; and Brenna Umbstaetter to the position of Fiscal Officer 23 at the probationary annual wage of \$30,000 with planned \$5,000 24 increases at six months and one year of full time service.

- CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?
- 2 MR. COLLEY: Second.
- 3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.
- 4 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.)
- 5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next resolution is the
- 6 increase of the poll worker-- the trainer compensation for the
- 7 individuals who train the poll workers in the classes.
- 8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I'll entertain a motion.
- 9 MS. MARINELLO: I move that effective September
- 10 15th, the Board establish \$55 per poll worker training class
- 11 worked at -- as the rate of pay for voting machine trainers.
- 12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?
- MR. COLLEY: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.
- 15 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.)
- MR. DAMSCHRODER: And then the last item on the
- 17 agenda is because of the -- all of the interest out there among
- 18 political advocates and activists about the voting process, not
- 19 the least of which is the voting machines, the identification
- 20 requirements, and preparedness of the Board of Elections for
- 21 this -- for this next upcoming election, we decided to make
- 22 available to each of the County's major political parties the
- 23 opportunity to have a session here at the office, at which time
- 24 Denny and I and Renee Clough (ph.) will basically present the

- 1 whole training class and do an in-depth presentation of the
- 2 voting machines, allow those individuals to come and get
- 3 hands-on with the voting machines the same way that the poll
- 4 workers do, so that they can become, essentially, ambassadors of
- 5 the Board, if you will, out to their respective political
- 6 parties. Both the -- the Franklin County Democratic Party and
- 7 the Franklin County Republican Party have been contacted about
- 8 having this opportunity being available to them. The Democrats
- 9 have already set up a date and time. The Republicans are
- 10 looking at the issue and will get back to us. But because this
- 11 is a first time kind of thing, some minimal expenses will be
- 12 required to bring some trainers in to assist in the small groups
- 13 that will actually put into effect this resolution of the Board,
- 14 since this is new and unique, exciting opportunity.
- 15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are there any questions?
- MS. PETREE: I have a question.
- 17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.
- 18 MS. PETREE: Now, would it be the --
- 19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It would be -- what I recommended
- 20 to both parties is that it be available to their central and
- 21 executive committee members. I think in the case of both
- 22 parties, there's elected members and appointed members and the
- 23 chair that constitute the executive committee, so really whoever
- 24 the party chair designates, but most likely members of the

- 1 central and executive committees.
- 2 MR. COLLEY: I think that's --
- 3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yeah, what we found out is that
- 4 there's still a lot of questions in the paper about fair
- 5 elections. And there's just this -- this air out there that
- 6 folks have some concern about fair elections. And so we had a
- 7 central committee meeting and I talked with the mayor over there
- 8 about getting some training because I think if -- the more folks
- 9 we train, more folks that are out there talking about it, the
- 10 more folks understand the system, the more they can go in and
- 11 tell folks, hey, I've been through the training, I saw it, the
- 12 machines worked, the training works, it' not, you know, it's not
- 13 stolen. And I think folks just aren't feeling that. I mean, I
- 14 was at a luncheon this afternoon with -- at Denny's with people
- 15 who have money. And I'm sitting at the table and these folks
- 16 are talking to me. I mean, they're just talking how bad the
- 17 election's going to be. And I'm sitting there eating; they
- 18 don't know me. I'm eating, they're talking about the elections
- 19 and what happened in 2004, afraid it's going to happen now, and
- 20 we've got evil voting machines in Franklin County. And they
- 21 were just talking. And I finished -- I finished my meal, and I
- 22 looked up and said, well, guys, and somebody said Bill, but who
- 23 -- who are you? And I said, well, I'm the guy you all were just
- 24 talking about and I take issue with what you all just said. And

- 1 so I explained to them what all we're doing in Franklin County,
- 2 and they're like, oh, really? Explained them kind of what
- 3 happened in 2004 as quickly as I could. It took about 20
- 4 minutes. They went, wow, we didn't know that. And what's
- 5 happening is it's a whole -- I mean, the rumor mill is it's
- 6 going to be a jacked-up election. I probably shouldn't say
- 7 that. It's going to be a messed up election.
- 8 MR. WHITE: We've had three elections already with
- 9 the new system without any problems. People don't understand
- 10 that. And the other thing that Matt was left out, and I think
- 11 it's excellent to bring the central committee in because they
- 12 get elected, you know, they're back there at the grass roots and
- 13 they hear some misinformation out there from some of these folks
- 14 who are making money off of this information. Maybe it will
- 15 help clear some of those things up. Plus, in reality, for years
- 16 we've always used the central committee people to recruit
- 17 workers. Now we've got an understanding of what kind of workers
- 18 we need to recruit for the 21st Century with dealing with
- 19 elections in this county.
- 20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I think it is, too. The more we
- 21 talk about it, the more we start dispelling the myth that this
- 22 was a bad, messed-up election. That's my two-cents. I'll get
- 23 off the podium now.
- 24 MS. PETREE: I think it's an excellent idea.

- 1 MR. WHITE: They're still out there dealing with the
- 2 questions of the people in the neighborhood, saying you're using
- 3 those evil machines, but I don't know how many times -- these
- 4 are not evil, but they still think when they read something
- 5 about it -- for some reason they think that's Franklin County.
- 6 We've had none of the problems they've had.
- 7 MR. PICCANINNI: We worked hard for the ES&S
- 8 machines.
- 9 MR. WHITE: And the people here have also done a
- 10 great job of adopting, changing, and retooling the way we do
- 11 elections in this county. And I think the Board employees have
- 12 done an incredible job with the change, without a lot of pain
- 13 and no really serious problems. We've had three elections, and
- 14 the primary election is probably a lot more difficult to set up,
- 15 because you have two elections within the -- so I don't foresee
- 16 any major problems this fall. And a lot of that -- I have to
- 17 tip my hat to Matt. I mean, Matt's leadership -- he's done a
- 18 great job of putting the right people in the right places here
- 19 to ease this transition.
- 20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move that the Board of
- 21 Elections authorize the payment of expenses relative to
- 22 providing one voting machine demonstration and poll worker
- 23 training seminar for the county controlling committees of each
- 24 of the two major political parties.

- 1 MR. COLLEY: Second.
- 2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor?
- 3 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.)
- 4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion carries. Any other
- 5 items to come before the Board?
- 6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Just one more.
- 7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Sure.
- 8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I was trying to find the other
- 9 day that Matt has actually had the whole staff trained on how to
- 10 do the phones and how to actually do a -- work the voting booths
- 11 and machines, and all the staff took the training, and they end
- 12 up having quizzes for them to see how much knowledge that they
- 13 retained. And I think that's a good idea.
- 14 (Off the record discussion.)
- 15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: But it was great, because now
- 16 we're having folks that could rotate and answer all of the phone
- 17 calls and answer questions on election day, and know what
- 18 they're talking about instead of, you know, not knowing. So I
- 19 just think these guys did a great job.
- 20 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And I just want the Board to
- 22 recognize that and put that in the record.
- 23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Well, it was interesting. We were
- 24 -- the former deputy director, when he was leaving -- his last

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1 election -- the went to his voting precinct, went up to the
 2 voting machines; and he made the comment to me that that was, in
 3 all of his years -- 31 years of being with the Board -- he had
 4 never voted on either of the machines. And I really -- it kind
 5 of hit home with me, so we've had all of the employees take the
 6 full training class both for the primary and for the specials,
 7 and I think almost everybody has been a poll worker at either --
 8 at one of the two specials this year, So that's what we're
 9 trying to achieve is for the -- is for the folks here to be able
10 to empathize with the voters and the poll workers involved so we
11 can know exactly how it feels.
               CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And with that, I will move to
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13 adjourn.
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               MS. PETREE: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.
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                  (Thereupon, the proceedings were
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                        concluded at 5:20 p.m.)
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