

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Proceedings before Chairman William A. Anthony, Jr. and
Board members Michael F. Colley, Carolyn Petree, and Kimberly E.
Marinello, taken at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280
E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, at 4:39 p.m.

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5 Mr. Dennis L. White

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CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Good afternoon, everyone. I'd
5 like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to
6 order. Roll call, please.

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(Roll call taken.)

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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.

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CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a motion.

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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.

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CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

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MS. PETREE: I'll second that.

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CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.

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(A vote was taken. Motion passes.)

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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.

20 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman?

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

22 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.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And I will abstain.

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we'll roll call vote so we
5 record that properly. Mr. Colley?

6 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

8 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

9 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.

15 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.)

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And the motion carries. I do want

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?

17 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.

10 MS. PETREE: How do you -- how do you get this
11 subpoena to this person?

12 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.

12 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.

23 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.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Something to take it up with the
2 City Council.

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I would say so.

4 (Off the record discussion.)

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I will entertain a motion.

6 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.

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

12 MS. PETREE: I'll second that.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.

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?

11 MS. PETREE: Would Spicer exceed the --

12 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 --

18 MR. DAMSCHRODER: This is -- in terms of which one?

19 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.

11 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?

22 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

23 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.

15 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?

24 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.

2 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.)

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The motion carries.

4 (Off the record discussion.)

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are any other counties doing
6 this?

7 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.

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call vote. Mr. Colley?

24 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Marinello?

2 MS. MIRANELLO: Yes.

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

4 MS. PETREE: Yes.

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Mr. Chairman?

6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

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8 Thereupon, the Board

9 entered into Executive Session.

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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.

15 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.

1 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?

13 MR. COLLEY: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.

15 (A vote was taken. Motion passes.)

16 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?

16 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's 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.