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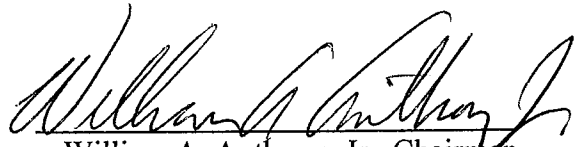
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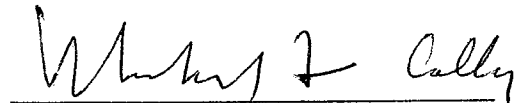
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1 BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY
2 BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF OHIO

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4 In Re: :
5 Board Meeting : August 6, 2007

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8 Proceedings before Chairman William A.
9 Anthony, Jr. and Board Members Carolyn C. Petree
10 and Kimberly E. Marinello, taken at the Franklin
11 County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street,
12 Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, August 6, 2007,
13 at 3:30 o'clock p.m.

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

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4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I call the Board of
5 Elections meeting to order.

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Roll call.

7 Ms. Marinello?

8 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Ms. Petree?

10 MS. PETREE: Here.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Chairman Anthony.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Here.

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And we do have a
14 quorum, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Colley called a few
15 moments ago and said that he was not going to be
16 able to attend today. But we do have a quorum.

17 The first item on the agenda is the
18 approval of the minutes of the meeting of July
19 the 2nd, 2007.

20 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman?

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. PETREE: I move that the minutes
23 of the meeting of July 2nd, 2007 be approved as
24 submitted.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
4 say, aye.

5 (Board members in favor of the motion
6 so indicated.)

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion carries.

8 I will pass down the table the
9 signature sheet for the July 2nd meeting. Also,
10 at the last meeting, I failed to do signature
11 sheets for the April 30th and June 4th meeting,
12 so if you'll sign those. They were previously
13 approved at the last meeting.

14 The next item on the agenda is
15 certification of independent candidates for
16 offices of mayor and city council in
17 Reynoldsburg.

18 These were filed the day before the
19 primary election this year. There was one
20 candidate who filed for mayor, a Richard
21 L. Donovan. And then three candidates who filed
22 for council: a Norman Bruski, a Thomas Pitchford.
23 Both filed for Ward 3. And then a Christopher
24 John Long voted -- or filed to be a councilman

1 for Ward 4. Again, all those independent
2 candidates.

3 In the -- as you'll recall last year
4 from the Morrison versus Colley litigation
5 involving an independent candidate who voted a
6 Republican primary and who sought to be -- remain
7 an independent candidate for Congress, the
8 federal courts found that, essentially, a
9 candidate who files as an independent can then
10 not, immediately following that filing, vote
11 in a partisan primary, affiliating himself or
12 herself with a political party.

13 One of these candidates, Thomas
14 Pitchford, filed his petitions to be an
15 independent candidate on May the 4th, 2007. And
16 then on the primary election day of May the 8th,
17 2007, Mr. Pitchford cast a Republican ballot in
18 the Reynoldsburg primary.

19 So it would be the staff's
20 recommendation that Mr. Pitchford not be
21 certified as a candidate for -- and proceed with
22 the certification for Donovan, Brusk, and Long.

23 All -- that's all on background.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Any questions of

1 anybody?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I move we entertain
4 a motion.

5 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that Richard L. Donovan be certified as an
7 independent candidate for the office of Mayor of
8 the City of Reynoldsburg; that Norman Brusk be
9 certified as an independent candidate for member
10 of the Reynoldsburg City Council, Ward 3, and
11 that the candidate's name appear on the ballot as
12 Norm Brusk; and that Christopher John Long be
13 certified as an independent candidate for member
14 of the Reynoldsburg City Council, Ward 4, and
15 that the candidate's name appear on the ballot as
16 Chris Long.

17 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

18 MS. PETREE: I'll second.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
20 say, aye.

21 (Board members in favor of the motion
22 so indicated.)

23 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Next, Mr. Chairman
24 and members of the Board, we have a series of

1 candidate withdraws and then subsequent
2 appointment of replacements by the nominating
3 committees of the withdrawn candidate.

4 In a thumbnail version, Isabella Dixon
5 Thomas is withdrawing as a candidate for Franklin
6 County Municipal Court. Her nominating committee
7 is nominating David B. Tyack to replace her on
8 the ballot.

9 Heidi Samuel has withdrawn as a full-
10 term candidate for member of -- candidate for
11 member of Columbus Council. The candidate, Mark
12 Rickel, who withdrew several months ago, this
13 Board already memorialized that withdrawal.

14 Mark Rickel's nominating committee is
15 nominating Heidi Samuel to council as -- as a
16 candidate to council for the unexpired term.

17 And then the nominating committee of
18 Heidi Samuel, former candidate for council for
19 the full term, is nominating William H. Brownson
20 as a candidate for council for the full term.

21 So that's, I think, laid out pretty
22 clearly in a series of motions that are proposed
23 before you. But I did want to give you that
24 thumbnail version and give you the opportunity to

1 ask any questions you may have.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Are there any
3 questions of the director at this time?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Seeing none, we'll
6 accept a motion.

7 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

9 MS. PETREE: -- I move that the Board
10 accept the withdrawal from Isabelle Dixon Thomas
11 as a candidate for the office of Franklin County
12 Municipal Court Judge for the unexpired term
13 ending July 8th, 2010.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: January 8th.

15 MS. PETREE: January 8th, 2010.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in --

19 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I think counsel has
20 a question. I'm sorry. Proceed.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Moving for a second
22 again.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: We'll take a vote.

1 All those in favor, say, aye.

2 (Board members in favor of the motion
3 so indicated.)

4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Those opposed, same
5 sign. Then we've got another one.

6 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

8 MS. PETREE: -- the nomination, having
9 been properly submitted by the nominating
10 committee of Isabelle Dixon Thomas, the former
11 candidate for the office of Franklin County
12 Municipal Court Judge for the unexpired term
13 ending January 8th, 2010, I move that the Board
14 certify David B. Tyack as a candidate for the
15 office of the Franklin County Municipal Court
16 Judge for the unexpired term ending January 8th,
17 2010.

18 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second
19 for that one?

20 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
22 say, aye.

23 (Board members in favor of the motion
24 so indicated.)

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Motion carries.

2 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. PETREE: -- I move that the Board
5 accept the withdrawal of Heidi Samuel as a
6 candidate for the full-term office of member of
7 the Columbus City Council.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

9 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
11 say, aye.

12 (Board members in favor of the motion
13 so indicated.)

14 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

15 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

16 MS. PETREE: -- the nomination having
17 been properly submitted by the nominating
18 committee of Mark Rickel, the former candidate
19 for the office of member of Columbus City Council
20 for an unexpired term ending December 31st, 2009,
21 I move that the Board certify Heidi Samuel as a
22 candidate for the office of member of the
23 Columbus City Council for the unexpired term
24 ending December 31st, 2009.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
4 say, aye.

5 (Board members in favor of the motion
6 so indicated.)

7 MS. PETREE: Mr. Chairman --

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

9 MS. PETREE: -- the nominating
10 committee, having been properly submitted by
11 the -- the nomination, having been properly
12 submitted by the nominating committee of Heidi
13 Samuel, a former candidate for the office of
14 member of the Columbus City Council for a full
15 term, I move that the Board certify William
16 H. Brownson as a candidate for the office of
17 member of the Columbus City Council for a full
18 term and that the candidate's name appear on the
19 ballot as Bill Brownson.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a second?

21 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,
23 say, aye.

24 (Board members in favor of the motion

1 so indicated.)

2 MR. DAMSCHRODER: And motion carries.

3 The next item on the agenda,
4 Mr. Chairman and members of the Board, is -- as
5 you know, usually in the summer, we would take a
6 look at precinct boundaries for precincts that
7 have grown, both as a result of registration and
8 also, in some cases, annexation.

9 The Operations Department has prepared
10 a list, and I'm going to pass this down the aisle
11 for you. Prepared a list of several precincts
12 that they have proposed that we adjust lines.

13 In some cases, we're taking the
14 boundaries between two existing precincts and
15 just changing it to even out the number of
16 registered voters between the two precincts; in
17 other cases, we're actually dividing a precinct
18 and creating a -- you know, the old portion and
19 creating the new portion.

20 Carla Patton from the Operations
21 Department is here, and she has maps that she can
22 present to you if you have any questions about
23 some of the specifics that we're -- that we're
24 going to be -- that we're recommending that you

1 approve.

2 Also, at the end of that -- of the
3 motion -- it doesn't appear on that sheet that
4 Carla submitted. There's also two precincts,
5 Lockbourne and Harrisburg, that are presently
6 stand-alone precincts that are attached to
7 townships.

8 Because of the relatively small size
9 of those two municipalities, villages, we would
10 recommend that we eliminate those as stand-alone
11 precincts and just make them splits within the
12 existing township.

13 In most cases, they're both already
14 voting at the same location as the rest of the
15 township. We would be creating a split just like
16 we do for congressional districts or school
17 districts.

18 There's just not a need to incur the
19 expense for four poll workers to sit there for,
20 in the case, I think, of Harrisburg, you know,
21 100 registered voters, and dedicate two machines
22 to that location. So it's a resource allocation
23 issue.

24 So I'll let Carla come forward and do

1 a brief, quick, dog and pony show of the maps in
2 case you have any questions. You can see what
3 we're planning on doing.

4 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Good afternoon,
5 Carla.

6 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Bring your chair up,
7 that we you can lay the map out in front of the
8 Board members. Because I think you only have one
9 set of maps.

10 MS. PATTON: Normally, I have copies,
11 but this won't copy well. The first few are
12 downtown Columbus with one of the new
13 condominiums.

14 The 8th Ward, down here, the existing
15 blue area was the B precinct. The highlighted
16 area is now going to become the new E precinct
17 with a few condos that are going in there, or
18 apartment buildings.

19 So, a lot of these, we've been able to
20 go to past precinct lines that we've had before
21 and just reuse those lines again.

22 And so, this one, we're going to be
23 taking south through East Main down to Livingston
24 and will be B precinct.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: So what are we
2 trying to do, like, get less than a thousand
3 people or --

4 MS. PATTON: Less than --

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Less than a
6 thousand. And, in some cases -- and I can't
7 remember what the exact number is. There is a
8 statutory maximum, the number of registered
9 voters in --

10 MS. PATTON: 1400.

11 MR. DAMSCHRODER: 1400.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: 1400?

13 MR. DAMSCHRODER: So I think all of
14 the ones who are on this list are either at that
15 number or just slightly -- this one was just
16 slightly below it. So, from a statutory
17 standpoint, it would appear that they'd have to
18 be divided.

19 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

20 MS. PATTON: 14th Ward, Nationwide
21 area. The new condominium is going in there.
22 The campus area up here. We'll retain this as
23 the B portion. And this down here south of
24 Goodale will become G.

1 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Is there a
2 requirement on how many wards to have that?

3 MS. PATTON: No. We've --

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: No. We
5 can -- there's just a maximum. There's a
6 ceiling. There's no --

7 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: There's no ceiling
8 for how long the ward could be?

9 MR. DAMSCHRODER: There's a ceiling.
10 I think it's 1400 registered voters is the
11 maximum number of registered voters that can be
12 in a precinct.

13 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: No, I mean the
14 ward.

15 MS. PATTON: No.

16 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Oh, in the ward,
17 no. And we don't control ward boundaries.

18 MS. PATTON: In the past, we've had
19 ward boundaries that are controlled by
20 the subdivisions --

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

22 MS. PATTON: And, in the past, we've
23 had double letter precincts, even.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: You may recall last

1 year, we went before Columbus City Council and
2 got the bid increase, the number of Columbus
3 wards from 74 to 87.

4 MS. PATTON: Yeah. Previously, they
5 were one to 74. Now we've got the city of
6 Columbus 13 new wards to accommodate --

7 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Because there were
8 some of those wards that were just --

9 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Way too big.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: -- out of control.
11 Ward 10, particularly.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All right.

13 MS. PATTON: Do you want to see the
14 rest of the maps or --

15 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yeah, go ahead and
16 just flip through them.

17 MS. PATTON: The 20th ward is, again,
18 a campus area kind of Pacemont down and around
19 Neil Avenue. And there's apartments down in here
20 in the Shelter Cove area -- or Sunset Cove area,
21 right along in there.

22 Going over to the east side on the
23 46th Ward just north of Broad Street. Currently,
24 we're going to be following a senate

1 congressional line that cuts straight through the
2 precinct there, so the southern half will become
3 the new precinct and the northern half will
4 remain the old.

5 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

6 MS. PATTON: In all cases, we follow
7 street lines, center lines, if possible; if not,
8 public school district boundaries or the senate
9 congressional house boundary lines.

10 49th Ward, south end, we're creating
11 the new G precinct right in here, which is
12 Marilla Avenue -- Marilla Road, South High Street
13 over into Parsons Avenue. Most of this is still
14 Industry Parkway. There are quite a few voters
15 in those residential areas there.

16 57th Ward, west side. 270 here. All
17 this green was C. We're now splitting it here at
18 70. Everything stopped at 70, and that precinct
19 will now become the new G precinct. Everything
20 north will remain C.

21 58th Ward. There's a couple of
22 precincts in here that we needed to split. The
23 first one was A, over here. This is, again, the
24 west side. Come down Harrisburg Pike following

1 through a subdivision here. This becoming J in
2 the green area over here. The rest of the people
3 remain A.

4 Over here, F is being split at
5 Cuyahoga. Everything south becomes K. But there
6 are annexed land that is over here that's not
7 reflected on this map. That's where the blue
8 lines are.

9 69 A. We were -- we want to split
10 this into three precincts. This has always been
11 one of our larger precincts. What we're
12 proposing is A staying in the middle. There's a
13 little bit there. That becomes Washington -- it
14 should be Washington Township.

15 H over here, I over here. I has only,
16 like, 318 voters, but there's quite a bit of land
17 that's owned by Dominion or M/I Homes that is to
18 be developed over the next year or two. So we
19 expect, you know, astronomical growth in that
20 area.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And, Matt, will
22 this increase the number of polling places, or
23 are we going to still keep the polling places in
24 the same --

1 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It will generally
2 stay the same. Some of the locations can
3 accommodate two precincts voting.

4 And there's also a location up
5 in -- actually, I think it's Ward 69, the Islamic
6 Center. It's a very large facility up there that
7 has asked -- you know, has opened their doors.
8 They were very willing to become a voting
9 location and host many precincts.

10 They're -- Harold and then -- Harold
11 and the guys at the warehouse have already been
12 working on this list to accommodate places.

13 MS. PATTON: Again, in 69, we're
14 splitting C. Following down this road here. I'm
15 not exactly sure what it's called. I don't have
16 it labeled right now. Apartment complex over
17 here, down in here, creates a large number of
18 voters. It's pretty stable here as far as the
19 number of voters.

20 78th Ward is going over to the west
21 side. Three precincts were addressed. Precinct
22 B was split, following through a subdivision
23 creating F. C, we're following a school district
24 boundary line there to create C. And then A, D

1 was split following through a subdivision
2 creating H.

3 And also on this map is one where we
4 would like to adjust currently A up here. It
5 follows a street, and then there's a slight air
6 line that goes from the street to connect it to
7 70. However, if you go to the back of the
8 houses, that's the school district boundary line.

9 To eliminate a split, a school
10 district split, we would need to increase and
11 move that boundary west to get all the schools
12 into one precinct and eliminate those splits.

13 Going the north end up Worthington
14 Galena Road area, 80th Ward, splitting B to
15 create G, following Worthington and Galena
16 straight up, everything east, become the new
17 precinct G.

18 Coming up the north end of 81st Ward,
19 splitting the A precinct. Following -- on this,
20 we are following the back of a parcel line.
21 There was no through streets that we could follow
22 on this one, so we will just follow through on
23 that through those parcel lines.

24 There's no school district on that.

1 That's really to the west of the Columbus
2 schools, and we just kind of splotted all of
3 that.

4 87th Ward, two precincts. A, we're
5 going to split, following through a subdivision,
6 create D. C, we'll split through the
7 subdivision, create E on the north end of that.

8 Ward 2 in Dublin. We're going to take
9 G, and we're going to split it. We're going to
10 come down Eiterman Road and follow it through
11 back up to Woerner Temple and create I.

12 Eventually, we do plan to split it
13 again where Eiterman will come through down to
14 Rings Road and create the third precinct. That
15 will be in the future when we do that.

16 Grove City, Ward 4. Along Stringtown
17 Road, north end of Stringtown Road, we're going
18 to follow Southwest Boulevard over to Broadway
19 and over. North of that will remain B. South of
20 that and towards the new area along Stringtown
21 will become the new F.

22 Madison Township. It's kind of hard
23 to see. This little yellow is one precinct. F
24 is going to remain outside the black line out

1 here, and the new precinct I will remain there.
2 And though there's not much development, there's
3 a lot more people coming in.

4 And last is Prairie Township. We're
5 going to split precinct A, which was all this,
6 north of the railroad track that runs north of
7 Broad Street. Come through a subdivision, create
8 A. That remains A, and all this will remain M.

9 Any questions?

10 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: I don't have any.
11 Any other Board members?

12 MS. PETREE: I think they've done a
13 good job.

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yeah.

15 MS. PETREE: This has really broken
16 them down to where they're manageable. I mean,
17 we've got 662 instead of 1480. Yes.

18 MS. PATTON: And much more manageable
19 for us.

20 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Thanks so much.
21 Then we will accept -- or, rather, commence your
22 motion on this.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman --

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. MARINELLO: -- I move that the
2 Board approve the proposed fiscal year 2008
3 budget -- that's not the right one? I was going
4 to say, that doesn't sound right.

5 MR. PICCININNI: Go one back. At the
6 bottom, precinct matters.

7 MS. MARINELLO: Okay. Oh, I don't
8 need that one.

9 I move that the Board approve the
10 proposed precinct boundary revisions in Columbus
11 8 A and B; Columbus 14 B and G; Columbus 20 B and
12 E; Columbus 46 D and H; Columbus 49 C and G;
13 Columbus 57 C and G; Columbus 58 A, F, J, and K;
14 Columbus 69 A, C, H, I, and J; Columbus 78 A, B,
15 C, D, F, G, and H; Columbus 80 B and G; Columbus
16 81 A and E; Columbus 87 A and C, D, and E; Dublin
17 2 G and I; Grove City 3 D and A; Grove City 4 B
18 and F; Madison Township F and I; Prairie A and M;
19 and to eliminate stand-alone precincts for
20 Lockbourne and Harrisburg.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Good job. Is there
22 a second?

23 MS. PETREE: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: All those in favor,

1 say, aye.

2 (Board members in favor of the motion
3 so indicated.)

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: The next two items
5 that appear on the agenda, Mr. Chairman and
6 members of the Board, have to do with fiscal
7 issues. The first is relative to our proposed
8 '08 budget.

9 And I have asked Brenna Umbstaetter,
10 who is our fiscal officer, to come and give you a
11 brief summary on where we're at in terms of this
12 fiscal year. I think you get the monthly reports
13 from her. But also kind of a very quick high-
14 level review of what we're proposing for 2008.

15 MS. UMBSTAETTER: I've prepared two
16 overview sheets for you. One is labeled '07
17 Projection, and one is labeled '08 Budget.
18 Projecting fiscal year '07 is part of our
19 budgeting process for '08.

20 What I've given you is a quick
21 overview of what you originally had budgeted in
22 '07, where that projection for year end is, at
23 this point, based on January to date figures.

24 And then, the third column, you'll see

1 I've listed the supplemental requests that we
2 have made or will be making for the total '07
3 projection.

4 And the increases are -- you can see,
5 are primarily to purchase of various election
6 supplies for the Division of Voting as well as
7 Voter Outreach.

8 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: So this is for
9 the -- moving to a paper provisional voting?

10 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Um-hmm.

11 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: That's a million
12 dollars?

13 MS. UMBSTAETTER: That's the figure
14 that we've been working with prior to receiving
15 bids.

16 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: And what's the
17 capital outlay? We've got ReliaVote and ballot
18 tabulators. Is that also part of --

19 MS. UMBSTAETTER: ReliaVote is the
20 absentee tracking system.

21 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

22 MS. UMBSTAETTER: And the tabulators
23 are the high speed scanners that we read those,
24 scan ballots with. The increase in volume is

1 going to require two more of those, two units.

2 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay. So total
3 increase to date is 1.3 million of what was
4 projected?

5 MS. UMBSTAETTER: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Okay.

7 MR. WHITE: Two-thirds of that,
8 Mr. Chairman, will be implementing a provisional
9 paper ballot directive for the Secretary of State
10 records. I think you all have got a copy of my
11 letter to the commissioners.

12 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Yes.

13 MR. WHITE: Any questions on that?

14 CHAIRMAN ANTHONY: Unh-uh. I
15 understood it. Any of y'all have any questions
16 for Denny on that?

17 MR. WHITE: I just thought it was
18 important the commissioners understand the facts
19 here in Franklin County since they are the
20 regulatory authority. I just thought it was
21 important to respond to the Secretary of State's
22 suggestions on handling the directive here
23 because -- how can I say this in a nice, tactical
24 way?

