


FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON

11-22-11

APPROVED ON 12-16-11

BY:



Douglas J. Preisse, Chairman



Michael F. Colley, Esq.



Kimberly E. Marinello



Zachary Manifold

ATTEST:

William A. Anthony, Jr., Director

BEFORE THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Proceedings before Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director Nathan Burd, and Board Members Michael F. Colley, Zachary Manifold and Kimberly E. Marinello, taken at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, November 22, 2011, at 3:13 o'clock p.m.

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1 ATTENDEES:

2 Suzanne Brown,
3 Executive Assistant to the Board

4 Karen Cotton,
5 Operations Manager,
6 Franklin County Board of Elections

7 Jane Hanley,
8 Clerk of Voter Services,
9 Franklin County Board of Elections

10 Ben Piscitelli,
11 Media Relations

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'd like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections Meeting to order. I will do a roll call.

Kimberly Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Michael Colley?

BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The first item on the agenda would be that we would like to -- we met Saturday, and we would like to amend some numbers from Saturday of the rejected provisional ballots. There was a clerical error in the form you guys had and it actually didn't deduct some votes. And we found the error this -- yesterday, I believe?

MR. BURD: Uh-huh.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And then we straightened up the error. So it actually takes

1 the number of rejected provisional ballots from
2 1,058 to 1,069.

3 If you'd like a little more details
4 about it I've brought our staff person in to talk
5 about it. It was pretty much a clerical error, and
6 then we did a third pass of the ballots and then we
7 found four good ones. The error was -- you guys
8 probably don't have your sheet in front of you, but
9 it ended up being a net -- the net added up to 11
10 votes to our provisional total.

11 Jane, would you like to just come and
12 explain it? I know you so want to.

13 MS. HANLEY: Originally, when the first
14 one was submitted on the bad side, if you look at
15 the clear right-hand side there's another column,
16 and we keyed in there 15 incomplete because that's
17 the way that we're directed to do that; however,
18 the form does not add if you put anything other
19 than a numerical character in there.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We're on the
21 right-hand side.

22 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: So just
23 because you put the completed form --

24 MS. HANLEY: Because we put the

1 incomplete --

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Oh.

3 MS. HANLEY -- because they were
4 incomplete forms, it did not add properly.

5 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Oh. How did
6 you end up catching it at the end there?

7 MS. HANLEY: They weren't --

8 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Just the third
9 time going through them?

10 MS. HANLEY: Well, it was the third
11 time going through them, and in that original
12 report we had voted wrong precinct all in one lump
13 sum, and we need to divide that out into three
14 different totals for the actual completed report
15 for the Secretary of the State.

16 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Oh.

17 MS. HANLEY: And it wasn't coming up,
18 so that's how it was discovered.

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Huh.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Any questions --
21 more questions for her?

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: We give our
23 final reports to the Secretary of State by December
24 2nd, so we'll make sure that there's no Excel

1 errors before we submit it to their office.

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman,
3 I move that the Board amend the number of rejected
4 provisional ballots from 1,058 to 1,069 for the
5 November 8th, 2011, general election.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

7 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor
9 say aye?

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DIRECT ANTHONY: That motion carries,
12 as well.

13 And now we have to certify the results
14 of the November 8th general election, and you have
15 before you the certified copies. Are there any
16 questions on that?

17 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: What's the two
18 different --

19 DIRECT ANTHONY: The two different --
20 this one just has --

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: The bigger one
22 has a breakdown of absentee paper, absentee --

23 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Oh, I see.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: -- person done

1 on Election Day. This is just a summary of
2 everything that we found.

3 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I see.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Is that right?

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yeah.

6 MS. COTTON: In an effort to conserve
7 paper and be green, we did print it on both sides
8 also, so remember to look at the backside of the
9 form. But it is -- one report is a summary report
10 of all of the ballots cast in Franklin County, the
11 second report is a breakdown by category of all of
12 the ballots. You have absentee I-Vote, you have
13 election day I-Votronics, you have provisional
14 ballots, curbside ballots and the absentee paper.
15 It still gets you the total, the same total that
16 came on the summary report also.

17 Based upon the reports that you've been
18 provided, there was one race that fell within one
19 half of one percent. We're still waiting on
20 results from overlap counties. Some of the
21 counties aren't going to be certified until the
22 28th and 29th. I did take and take those results
23 from our Franklin County totals, added in what they
24 provided to us on election night as part of their

1 unofficial canvas, and did the map to see whether
2 it appeared as though any of those races that have
3 overlaps was going to fall within the one half of
4 one percent.

5 That includes the judicial race that we
6 had been watching, Canal Winchester issues, some of
7 the other issues that had overlaps. None of the
8 races appeared that they would fall within the one
9 half a percent, even when we get those certified
10 results from the overlap counties.

11 So the City of Gahanna, Ward 2 council
12 race is the only race that we're looking -- that we
13 require to have an automatic recount in.

14 Of course, any candidate who was
15 unsuccessful also has the right to file for and pay
16 for recount.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Nobody has done
18 that?

19 MS. COTTON: No one has done it yet.
20 They have five days after today's date to do that.
21 We're closed Friday and Thursday, so --

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So any questions on
23 the certification results for the November 8th,
24 2011, election -- general election?

1 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
2 move that the Board certify as final the official
3 canvas of votes cast at the November 8th, 2011,
4 general election.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

6 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor
8 say aye?

9 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Now, for the
11 automatic recount. Ms. Cotton, you want to come in
12 and explain how we're going to -- what happened in
13 that race?

14 MS. COTTON: This is our transparent
15 jug. All elections have to be transparent, so --
16 there are nine precincts in Gahanna Ward 2. I have
17 each one identified on one of these cards, along
18 with the number of votes that were cast within each
19 of those precincts, and I also have the lid number
20 on here.

21 So I'm going to drop these nine cards
22 into this jar and shake them up, and then I will
23 need someone to draw out one of them, or two of
24 them, up to two, so that we can get our 179 votes

1 that are required for our 5 percent to do our
2 manual recount in this race. So into the jar they
3 go.

4 I would have used three -- the dice
5 that have the multi-sides on it, but I didn't have
6 three, and because we have 1,182 splits, I had
7 more -- I had needed four characters not three,
8 so --

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And after we do this
10 we could do a motion on when we're going to
11 actually do this.

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Yeah, that's
13 fine.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So who gets to pull?
15 The board members, obviously.

16 MS. COTTON: One of the board members
17 do.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We had the lady do
19 it before. I like that precedence.

20 MS. MARINELLO: Okay. I like it, too.
21 Gahanna 2C 482.

22 MS. COTTON: Okay. Gahanna 2C is the
23 precinct that we will count by hand.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All right. I guess

1 then a motion will be in order if we're going to do
2 this count, and we're looking at next Wednesday at
3 nine o'clock.

4 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
5 the Board set Wednesday, November 30th, at
6 9:00 a.m. as the date and time for the recount to
7 commence for the Gahanna Ward 2 council race to be
8 conducted simultaneously at both 280 East Broad
9 Street and 1719 Alum Creek Drive.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

11 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor
13 say aye?

14 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Opposed, same sign?
16 The ayes carry.

17 That's all the business we have before
18 the Board today. Do I have a motion to adjourn?

19 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I motion --

20 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Move to adjourn.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Wait a minute. I
22 better sign this before we adjourn. Let me get
23 this passed around before we adjourn.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't think that

