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Wednesday Afternoon Session,
January 25, 2012.

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PROCEEDINGS
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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I would like to call
the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to
order. I will do the 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: And Michael Colley?

BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All here and accounted
for.

The first item on the agenda is to
approve the minutes of the December 9 and the
January 4 -- December 9, 2011, and January 4, 2012,
meeting. Is there a motion?

BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I
move the Board approve the minutes of the December 9,

1 2011, and January 4, 2012, meetings of the Franklin
2 County Board of Elections as submitted.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

4 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
6 say aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries. And I
9 am going to pass around the whatever this is,
10 signature page, yeah.

11 The next item on the agenda is according
12 to the Directive 2012-04 we have to -- because this
13 is a federal election we have to notify voters who
14 are in line for a long time that paper ballots are
15 available.

16 In your packet on Exhibit A would be what
17 we are -- what we are passing out to all the poll
18 workers, judges, and if you see on the one, two,
19 three, four, on the fifth paragraph it's actually,
20 yeah, what the poll workers will say. And we are
21 looking at starting at 7 o'clock a.m. in the morning
22 and then basically saying -- saying this phrase at
23 the top of the hour and at the bottom of the hour
24 only if there are 20 or more voters waiting in line

1 to cast their ballots.

2 The purpose of this is to hopefully speed
3 up the election if there is long, long lines and also
4 give people an opportunity to vote on paper. Do I
5 need to read what it says or should I put that in the
6 minutes?

7 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I guess my
8 question so we're -- they are instructed to do this
9 if there is 20 voters waiting in line --

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yep.

11 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: -- or more.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: At the top of the
13 hour -- half hour, I should say.

14 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Is there any --
15 what's the logic between the set 20? Like is there
16 like so long that we can vote? What's the?

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Well, I'm not sure why
18 we picked 20. It seemed like a good number.

19 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: It seems like a
20 decent number.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We talked about
22 this and there was some people there would be a time,
23 some do it via number of people. We thought number
24 of people made more sense just because you look at a

1 crowd and it's some time -- it would be hard for our
2 voting locations to say this is a 10-minute line
3 versus a 15-minute line where the number 20 was an
4 easy thing to just be able to count and know.

5 We really don't expect that with the
6 probable turnout of this election this is really
7 going to be a huge problem, but we want to be
8 prepared for it if it is so.

9 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Okay.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And it makes it a lot
11 easier instead of -- if we say we are going to do it
12 at the bottom and the top of every hour, if there is
13 a line as opposed to saying 15 minutes and maybe
14 there is nobody in the place.

15 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Are there signs
16 there too?

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I don't know. I don't
18 know if there will be signs there, but we were -- we
19 are definitely going to have this in the -- in the
20 packets. I guess we could put the sign up.

21 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I thought we
22 did.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That -- that notice
24 says -- I forgot what it says.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: That's the one
2 you have to vote in the precinct that you are a
3 resident of. If you vote outside the precinct that
4 you are a resident of, your ballot will not count.
5 That's --

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So if you think we
7 ought to post this statement up, Kim, we could do
8 that. Right now, I don't think it's posted.

9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: It just seems
10 like, you know, either that or make it a practice
11 every half hour because we have got 20; and then you
12 have got 19, it's a half hour. It's like I would put
13 a sign up too.

14 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: But this will
15 not -- it says here it doesn't change -- they don't
16 get like a skip to the front of the line or anything.
17 Stay in their order that they walked in.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Right, right. This
19 will not put them at the front of the line. All it
20 is is letting folks know that there is an option to
21 vote on paper if they don't want to vote on machines.

22 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: All right. So do
23 we need to change the motion at all if we are going
24 to post it?

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Kim, do you think if
2 we post that it's just going to confuse people?

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Well, I just
4 remember -- I know there were signs that said paper
5 ballots available, you know, and I remember that.

6 MS. BROWN: '08 the Directive said we had
7 to do that.

8 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah, I remember
9 that.

10 MS. BROWN: I believe this Directive says
11 that too. I'm going to go pull it.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: I am not aware of
13 a Directive that says we have to post it. There is a
14 Directive that speaks specifically to this, that we
15 make an announcement but.

16 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Do you want to
17 wait and see what she pulls? Come back to it?

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We can or we can agree
19 to post it. I mean, it's not that difficult a thing
20 to do to print out a couple more pieces of paper and
21 have it posted at the location.

22 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah. We might
23 just as well do that.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It's not that big a

1 deal.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Just posting a
3 piece of paper.

4 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: We post a bunch
5 of other stuff.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I mean, if everybody
7 agrees with that, we will say we will post a notice
8 paper ballots are available.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Just make that
10 addition to the motion to be made, take care of that.
11 It's not a problem.

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Great. I move --
13 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the
14 policy governing voting location manager
15 announcements for the availability of optical scan
16 ballots pursuant to Secretary of State Directive
17 2012-04 contained on Exhibit A, and I would add that
18 we're going to post this notice as well to all
19 locations.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay. Is there a
21 second?

22 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
24 aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on the
3 agenda is according to that same Directive we have to
4 allocate so many voting machines per location -- let
5 me back up, that we have to produce so many paper
6 ballots for each location, and the Directive says a
7 minimum of 10 percent paper ballots have to be
8 printed based on the number of voters in the 2008
9 election.

10 What you have in Exhibit B is how we are
11 going to distribute and print those paper -- those
12 paper ballots by precinct. We're going to do them in
13 packets of -- for regular Democrat and Republican
14 voters we are going to do in packets of 25 so no --
15 no location would have less than 25. If there's --
16 the other parties agree, the Libertarians and even
17 the issues, we are going to put them in packages of
18 10.

19 This makes it easy for us to account for
20 at the end of the election so if the packets aren't
21 open, we know that we have to keep track of all these
22 paper ballots and this makes it easy for us if they
23 are in packets of 25 and packets of 10 so it's going
24 to actually work out to probably more than the

1 10 percent minimum that we are required to have
2 issued for the poll locations. It actually gives us
3 a grand total of 94,950 paper ballots for this
4 election cycle.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: A couple of
6 things to add on here you will notice in the issues
7 column there are a number of them that are blank and
8 that's simply because in those precincts there are no
9 issues to be voted on. So a voter coming in and
10 asking for an issues only ballot there would be
11 nothing to give them so in most precincts we wouldn't
12 put paper issue only ballots because there are no
13 issues.

14 This -- what you see here is actually a
15 very -- we did take into account it's a very long
16 drawn-out formula here that took into account turnout
17 in 2008 plus then the raw number of provisional
18 ballots that were cast in that precinct in 2008. For
19 example, if 400 Democrat voters, for example, voted
20 in Columbus, I am going to make this up here, but if
21 400 voted in a precinct, our requirement would be to
22 print 40 ballots which would be 10 percent of the 400
23 ballots plus we look back if there were, for example,
24 you know, just make something up, 25 people who voted

1 a Democrat provisional ballot in that because we also
2 have to pull ballots out for provisional purposes.
3 We took the 40 which is the 10 percent plus 259 which
4 is the number of provisional ballots which would get
5 us to 65 at this point. We round up to 75 ballots so
6 if there was any gray area as to round up or round
7 down, we always rounded up to have more rather than
8 less.

9 In some instances you will see a notation
10 that instead of numbers going across you will see
11 something on the front page same as B. That means
12 that that ballot style for that split was the same as
13 it is for the one that is referenced there and, thus,
14 those numbers are included in that ballot.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It is our hope we will
16 have enough of these ballots to cover, like he said,
17 the voter who would like to have a paper ballot and
18 any provisional voting that's going to take place.

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the
20 Board adopt the paper ballot printing allocation
21 formula found on Exhibit B for the March 6, 2012,
22 primary election.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

24 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
2 aye.

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item on --
5 the motion carries. The next item on the agenda
6 there was Directive 2012-01 that changed some of the
7 information on the provisional envelope, but it also
8 allowed us the ability to not make those changes
9 until the November election. And since we had a
10 number of provisional envelopes already printed and
11 poll worker training already is in place we -- we
12 called and they gave us permission to -- and as part
13 of that Directive, you could keep whatever you are
14 currently using as long as you changed it by the
15 November election. So we thought it would be better
16 for us to keep what we had and then change it all
17 over for the November General Election.

18 So we need a motion that says we are
19 going to use the same provisional envelopes that we
20 used in the general of 2011 but we intend to go to
21 new envelopes for the General Election in 2012.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What's the difference
23 in the envelopes?

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Just the information

1 on it.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: There were just a
3 few style changes. It made it more of a kind of
4 step-by-step process on the new envelope. But as
5 Bill mentioned, since we actually -- I think we just
6 got in our new poll worker training manuals the same
7 day as they came in and we had trained under the old
8 envelope and as he said, we just had a conversation
9 we can use those again as long as you make the change
10 for November. Very minor differences from what we
11 were already doing. Just kind of layouts, there are
12 a few minor layout differences, very few minor
13 changes.

14 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: All right.
15 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board utilize the same
16 provisional ballot used in previous elections for the
17 March 6, 2012, Primary Election before moving to the
18 new envelopes required for the 2012 General Election
19 as required in Secretary of State Directive 2012-01.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

21 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
23 aye.

24 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The next item is
2 because of all the district changes in the House and
3 the Senate and Congressional changes we are going to
4 send a notice to every registered voter in Franklin
5 County letting them know if their district -- or if
6 there was any changes in the House, Senate, or
7 Congressional District.

8 And that cost, we are going to do it with
9 an outside printer and that cost is \$24,474. So we
10 will we need to do this because there are changes in
11 folks' House, Senate, or Congressional Districts.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And in a few
13 polling locations which is also included where their
14 polling location will be also.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And this will not be a
16 confirmation notice. It's just pretty much a notice
17 telling them that there -- there are some changes.
18 We are not going to use it to force a person to vote
19 on a provisional ballot, just notice of the changes.

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
21 move the Board authorize the Fiscal Officer to open a
22 purchase order in the amount of \$24,474 to South
23 Print for the production of a postcard informing
24 voters of their new districts and polling locations

1 and for the Board to pay for all postage expenses to
2 mail this information.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

4 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
6 aye.

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And then the last item
9 on the agenda we -- like we do every year we buy 20
10 new computers. We kind of -- we buy 20 and --

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Rotate.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Rotate.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Rotate.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I couldn't think of
15 the word. I'm having a hard time. Anyway that cost
16 is \$17,776 for 20 new computers.

17 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
18 move the Board authorize the Fiscal Officer to open a
19 purchase order in the amount of \$17,776 to Dell for
20 the purchase of 20 new computers.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

22 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say
24 aye.

1 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And that's all we have
3 for this special meeting. The next Board meeting
4 will be the first --

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Monday,
6 February 6.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a motion to
8 adjourn?

9 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
10 move to adjourn.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.
14 Thank you for your time.

15 (Thereupon, the meeting was adjourned at
16 1:54 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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