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BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
: Regular and :
: Reorganizational Meeting :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director William A. Anthony, Jr., Deputy Director Dana Walch, and Board Members Michael F. Colley, Zachary E. Manifold, and Kimberly E. Marinello, at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 280 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, called at 3:05 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012.

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APPEARANCES:

Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
By Mr. Ron O'Brien
Mr. Harold J. Anderson, III
373 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

On behalf of the Board.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Suzanne Brown,
Executive Assistant to the Board

Mr. Ben Piscitelli,
Public Information Officer,
Franklin County Board of Elections

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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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: Everybody is here and accounted for.

The first item on the agenda is to approve the minutes of the January 25th, January 13th, and the February -- not necessarily in that order -- February 6th meeting.

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move the Board approve the minutes of the January 13th, January 25th, and February 6th, 2012 meetings of the Franklin County Board of Elections as

1 submitted.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

3 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

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

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And since this is our
8 reorganizational meeting along with our regular
9 meeting, we would like to start with the
10 reorganization of the Franklin County Board of
11 Elections, and, to do that, we have to appoint a
12 temporary chair.

13 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I move that the
14 Board appoint Douglas Preisse as the temporary chair
15 of the purpose of reorganization.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
19 say aye.

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Then the next item on
22 the agenda would be that we have to appoint a
23 Director and Deputy Director, but in order of the
24 Director, first.

1 And I want you all to know that I am
2 interested in serving as the director for the Board
3 of Elections for the next two years. And I do -- I
4 will do a good job. I think the staff works well
5 with me. And, as you know, we have an election
6 tomorrow and a big election on November 6th. And
7 I -- and I will certainly -- I certainly enjoy it and
8 I certainly am requesting that I be reappointed to
9 the position of Director of the Franklin County Board
10 of Elections.

11 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the
12 Board appoint William Anthony as the Director of the
13 Board of Elections at a compensation rate of \$54.4548
14 per hour.

15 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I'll second.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
17 say aye.

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And thank you very
20 much. I certainly appreciate it. My one child and
21 my new child on the way loves you.

22 The next item on the agenda would be the
23 appointment of the Deputy Director and that will be
24 Dana Walch.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And, as Bill
2 said, I would very much appreciate reappointment.
3 I've enjoyed my two-and-a-half months I've been at
4 the Board so far, and I enjoy it very much and look
5 forward to the election tomorrow and the election in
6 November, and very much request and would be humbled
7 by your support reappointing me as the Deputy
8 Director. I appreciate your support.

9 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I
10 move that the Board appoint Dana Walch as the Deputy
11 Director of the Board of Elections at the
12 compensation rate of 54.4448 per hour.

13 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
15 say aye.

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And now, I guess Dana
18 and I need to be sworn-in by the Honorable Ron
19 O'Brien.

20 MR. O'BRIEN: And I think we probably
21 should do them separately, sometimes you can do
22 things jointly, but since you're the Director, Bill,
23 why don't you raise your right hand and repeat after
24 me.

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Thereupon, William A. Anthony, Jr. was sworn-in as follows:

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"I, William A. Anthony, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Ohio, and will enforce the laws, protect and preserve the records and property pertaining to elections, and perform my duties as the Director of the Franklin County Board of Elections to the best of my abilities."

MR. O'BRIEN: He's official.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. O'BRIEN: Now we will do Mr. Walch.

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Thereupon, Dana Walch was sworn-in as follows:

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"I, Dana Walch, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Ohio, and will enforce the laws, protect and preserve the records and property

1 pertaining to elections, and perform my duties as the
 2 Deputy Director of the Franklin County Board of
 3 Elections to the best of my abilities."

4 Thank you very much.

5 (Applause.)

6 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Congratulations,
 7 Dana.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Thank you, Ron.

9 Now we have to appoint a permanent Chair.

10 Is there a motion on the floor to appoint
 11 a permanent Chair?

12 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I
 13 move this Board appoint Douglas Preisse as Chairman
 14 of the Board of Elections.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

16 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I'll second.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
 18 say aye.

19 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: The second item on the
 21 agenda is we have a new hire, his name is Daniel
 22 Brill. We would like to hire him in the position of
 23 the CIS. As you know --

24 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: GIS.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: CIS is a program.
2 GIS. We've had an opportunity to sit down and talk
3 with him and believe he'll do a great job. He brings
4 a wealth of knowledge and experience for this
5 position. He will be replacing Matt Shade who
6 resigned back in December, so we are in need of a
7 person to do the mapping and other items in that
8 department.

9 He's here in the audience this afternoon.
10 Mr. Brill, let everyone know who you are. Stand up.
11 Do you want to say anything?

12 MR. BRILL: Well, I'm looking forward to
13 working with you all at the Board of Elections and
14 I'm just happy to be here today.

15 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Thank you.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So we are looking at
17 him starting tomorrow, March the 6th, and we're going
18 to pay him, I think it's 37-5 a year. So a motion
19 would be in order if you guys so approve.

20 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
21 move that the Board hire Daniel Brill as an employee
22 of the Board of Elections in the Elections Technology
23 Department, beginning March 6th, 2012, at a
24 compensation rate of \$18.0288 per hour.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

3 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

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

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We also have a matter,
8 as you all recall, three months ago, one of our
9 employees, James Beier, had -- he had sugar diabetes
10 real bad and he had to have part of his right leg
11 amputated. He since has been on leave without pay
12 pending his retirement. Some issues came up with his
13 retirement because he's unable to get a birth
14 certificate, so, anyway, that's getting worked out.

15 So he asked me if we could extend him
16 through the maximum which would be May 22nd, 2012,
17 and, at that point, he may be gone -- he may actually
18 retire before then, but he wasn't sure how much
19 difficulty that would be for him to get the legal
20 stuff resolved regarding his retirement application
21 to OPERS.

22 Any questions on that?

23 (No response.)

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I can get in a little

1 more detail, but I don't want to get involved in his
2 personal business.

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
4 move that the Board extend the leave-without-pay
5 status of Board employee James Beier until May 22nd,
6 2012.

7 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

8 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor,
10 say aye.

11 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

13 The next item on the agenda, each year --
14 I mean, not each year, but it is time for us to renew
15 our contract with E.E. Ward Moving Company. They're
16 the company that basically hauls all of our election
17 DREs and all that equipment and supplies to each of
18 the polling locations each year, and they pick it
19 out -- I mean, they pick it up, they deliver it, and
20 they pick it up and bring it back to the warehouse.
21 They've done an excellent job.

22 We have an opportunity to extend the
23 current contract, so I brought before the Board a
24 request to extend their contract from April 6th, 2012

1 through April 5th, 2013, and it needs a Board action
2 if there's no questions.

3 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Does anybody --
4 do we know what the pricing is? Anybody know what it
5 is? It says, "Remains the same."

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It remains the same.
7 I don't know. It's -- I could get that for you if
8 you need.

9 MS. BROWN: You have the contract; it
10 says on there.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: It does?

12 MS. BROWN: The pricing remains the same
13 in the originally approved contract.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So do you need to know
15 what the original contract was?

16 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: No. I was just
17 asking.

18 MS. BROWN: It was approved by the Board
19 in 2010.

20 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: So they didn't
21 raise it.

22 MS. BROWN: Right.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No, they didn't raise
24 it.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I remember looking at
2 it and asking questions more closely at that time, I
3 can't remember what it was, though. I was satisfied
4 with --

5 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- the scope of work
7 and the experience they've had because they've done
8 it for quite some time with, as I can recall, no
9 problems.

10 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Sounds good.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And the contract that
12 we'll be passing around is one that the PFM, they put
13 together for us, they do the bidding for us, so this
14 is -- we asked them that we needed an extension, so
15 this is the paperwork that they gave us to allow for
16 that extension.

17 Was there a second?

18 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I have to make
19 the motion.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Oh, I'm sorry.

21 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
22 move that the Board extend the contract of E.E. Ward
23 Moving and Storage Company, LLC, through April 5,
24 2013, for the transportation of voting machines.

1 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor?

3 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And there's four
5 copies that you all need to sign by your name.

6 Tomorrow is Election Day and we need to
7 officially open the polls so we can carry on the
8 election, and we also need to not adjourn this
9 meeting but stay in recess until after the polls
10 close. So we would need a motion to open the polls
11 and one to go into recess.

12 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
13 move that the polls be declared open for the Tuesday,
14 March 6th, 2012 Primary Election, beginning at 6:30
15 a.m. and closing at 7:30 p.m., and that in accordance
16 with Ohio Revised Code Section 3501.32, any voter in
17 line, prior to the closing of the polls at 7:30,
18 shall be permitted to vote.

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

20 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

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

23 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We will need a motion

1 to go into recess if there is no further business
 2 before the Board.

3 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I
 4 move that the Board recess this meeting of the Board
 5 of Elections subject to re-call by the Chair until
 6 after the close of the election being held on
 7 Tuesday, March 6th.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

9 BOARD MEMBER COLLEY: Second.

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

12 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand in recess
 14 until the call of the Chair.

15 (Thereupon, the Franklin County Board of
 16 Elections recessed at 3:18 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 Monday, March 5, 2012, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2013.

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