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P R O C E E D I N G S

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MR. ANTHONY: Good afternoon, everyone.  
I would like to call the Franklin County Board of  
Elections Special Meeting to order.

I will do roll call.

(Roll call taken. Mr. Haas absent.)

MR. ANTHONY: Mr. Chairman, we have a  
quorum. The one and only item on the agenda is the  
remaking of absentee ballots.

MR. SHELL: Of the original ballots you  
gave us the authority to process at our last meeting,  
all those that were deemed valid and ready to be  
counted were opened, scanned through. Of the 6,700  
and however many it was -- I don't have the number in  
front of me. I apologize -- 161 of those needed to  
be remade to be included in the official canvass of  
results.

We had a number of them that were what we  
traditionally call the "right church, wrong pew" type  
situation. They were in the correct polling location  
but got a ballot style that was not exactly for their  
precinct, but they are in the right location so that  
ballot counts. We just have to remake it for those

1 races that they are eligible to cast a vote in.

2 And then there were a few other ones that  
3 would not process for some of the same reasons we had  
4 with absentees. Somehow the ballot got damaged in  
5 some way. We did find that there were a few in there  
6 that when they got printed, when the ballot got  
7 printed, they actually got printed upside down. It  
8 is all right, the ballot is all correct and  
9 everything, but it was printed upside down, so when  
10 it goes through the reader, the reader won't read it  
11 right. It's a valid ballot. It's all okay and  
12 everything printed on it. It was okay.

13 MS. MARINELLO: Only one like that?

14 MR. SHELL: No. There were a few, I  
15 don't remember the exact number, that were upside  
16 down ballots.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Tell the vendor.

18 MR. SHELL: We're the vendor, so duly  
19 noted, Mr. Chairman.

20 Again, the ballot was correct. It just  
21 was the wrong way on the paper for it to be able to  
22 go through the reader, so we will have a bipartisan  
23 staff go ahead and put it the right way so it can go  
24 through the reader.

1           Then we have one ballot that is not  
2 included in the 161 that we are asking you to be able  
3 to be remade. We have one that we want you to take a  
4 look at that was indeterminate on some marking for  
5 the approval of the Board to agree and count that  
6 one.

7           The first thing is the 161 that are  
8 there. If you have any questions.

9           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I don't have any  
10 questions. That was a good description.

11           MS. MARINELLO: I move that the Board  
12 authorize the staff remake 161 provisional ballots  
13 and that these remade ballots shall be tabulated and  
14 included in the official canvass results for the 2014  
15 General Election.

16           MR. SINNOTT: Second.

17           MR. ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.

18           (Vote taken; motion passes.)

19           MR. ANTHONY: Motion carries.

20           MR. SHELL: There is one additional  
21 provisional ballot that the bipartisan staff had a  
22 little trouble determining voter intent.

23           CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is this with regard  
24 to, I assume, the squiggle marks that are made on

1 the other ones?

2 MR. SHELL: The machine stopped it as an  
3 overvote, which is why we even looked at it. When  
4 they started looking at it, they noticed there were  
5 some squiggly lines, but then the person was  
6 consistent pretty much through most of their marking  
7 of the ballot.

8 If you see on a few of the races, there  
9 are two candidates marked in the same race, but then  
10 on a few of them there are, for lack of a technical  
11 term, squiggle marks through them.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So the question is if  
13 we can determine voter intent in these four races.  
14 All the rest would count.

15 MR. SHELL: You might check the back,  
16 too, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if there is anything  
17 on the back that is similar to it or not.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Does not appear to my  
19 eye to be.

20 MR. SHELL: Yes, the question before the  
21 Board is are those overvotes, or do you want to  
22 accept them for the markings that do not have the  
23 aforementioned, the previously mentioned, squiggle  
24 marks.

1 MR. SINNOTT: I think we would be  
2 referring to this as No. 15. I will put that for  
3 reference here in the corner.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Very good. Do you  
5 have an opinion?

6 MR. SINNOTT: I think I know what the  
7 voter was trying to do.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think I do, too.

9 MS. MARINELLO: Well, so you think --

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: There's a consistency  
11 in the voter's intent.

12 MR. SINNOTT: I think this one had a hard  
13 time following the zip card.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is the strongest  
15 indication of that.

16 MR. SINNOTT: Well, if we are trying to  
17 recognize voter intent.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I believe I recognize  
19 voter intent.

20 MR. SINNOTT: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I would say we  
22 recognize the voter's attempt to unvote and then  
23 vote.

24 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

1                   MR. SINNOTT: With respect to the ballot  
 2 marked No. 15, as the Board members having had an  
 3 opportunity to inspect it, I will move that the  
 4 ballot be counted, and in instances where there are  
 5 double markings in particular races, that this ballot  
 6 be interpreted as a vote for Tom Letson, John  
 7 O'Donnell, Chris Brown, and Monica Hawkins.

8                   MS. MARINELLO: I second.

9                   MR. ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.

10                   (Vote taken; motion passes.)

11                   MR. ANTHONY: Motion carries.

12                   That concludes the business of the Board  
 13 today. Is there a motion to adjourn?

14                   MS. MARINELLO: So moved.

15                   MR. SINNOTT: Second.

16                   MR. ANTHONY: All those in favor say aye.

17                   (Vote taken; motion passes.)

18                   (The meeting adjourned at 3:22 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 Thursday, November 20, 2014, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

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Rosemary Foster Anderson,  
Professional Reporter and  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2019.  
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