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1 Thursday Afternoon Session
2 January 10, 2019
3 3:09 p.m.

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5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I will take
6 roll and call this meeting to order.

7 Kim Marinello.

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Michael
10 Sexton.

11 MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug
13 Preisse.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Brad
16 Sinnott.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Indeed we
19 have a quorum.

20 The first item on the agenda is the
21 approval of the November 27, 2018 minutes of the
22 Franklin County Board of Elections. I believe
23 those were sent to you.

24 MEMBER KIMBERLY MARINELLO: I move
25 that the Board approve the minutes of the
November 27, 2018 meeting of the Franklin County

1 Board of Elections.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
3 second?

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: There is.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
6 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

7 (Vote taken.)

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
9 same sign.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
12 carries.

13 The next item on the agenda is
14 Premier Storage. And we are looking to store our
15 4,700 plus voting machines. Zach Manifold actually
16 went out and attempted to get three bids.
17 Originally he had three bids, but then one of them
18 backed out. So we do have two bids.

19 The least expensive bid is from
20 Premier Storage where we already have a lot of
21 storage. And obviously, when we're getting in our
22 new machines we're going to have to have room
23 to work on those new machines. So we need somebody
24 to pick those up, store them, and then at some
25 point we will dispose of them, but not for a while.

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Dispose of what?

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We'll
3 dispose of the old machines.

4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right. And we're
5 working with the county's facility management
6 because they do that type of disposal of county
7 excess.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That's recyclable
9 material, isn't it?

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: That's what we're
11 looking into, the plastic framing, whether that's
12 recyclable, but also the electronics. And then
13 there are certain requirements that go with how you
14 dispose of electronic voting machines. So, again,
15 we'll just make sure that we adhere to those.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: At this
17 point this bid does not include disposal. It's
18 just pickup and storage at this point.

19 MEMBER MICHAEL SEXTON: I would move
20 the Board authorize the opening of a purchase order
21 with Premier Storage for pickup and storage of all
22 the old DRE voting machines in an amount not to
23 exceed \$40,000 in calendar year 2019.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in

1 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

2 (Vote taken.)

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
4 same sign.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion
7 carries.

8 We have a contract extension from
9 TMH/Solutions for calendar year 2019 for project
10 manager. Jo Campbell -- Jo is here, and I can tell
11 you she does a fantastic job and she has saved the
12 Board of Elections well in excess of what we would
13 ever think of paying her. She's very good and a
14 bulldog in negotiations with our vendor.

15 DIRECTOR LEONARD: There was a good
16 chunk of what we saved in that contract with ES&S
17 that was a result of her work.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: Approximately how
19 much was that, Ed, that we saved?

20 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Oh, gosh. The
21 total was slightly over \$3 million in terms of --
22 but where we went from the first proposal to the
23 last proposal was probably close to another million
24 dollars from the first proposal ES&S made to us to
25 the final.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We're going
2 to show you something today that she was
3 instrumental in that's going to save us a half a
4 million dollars in the retrofitting of our carts.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, help me here.
6 Because the motion that has been suggested seems
7 sort of open-ended. It's that the project
8 management services be retained at the hourly rate
9 of \$100 per hour. But for how long?

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The contract
11 provides for 1,280 hours.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Not to
13 exceed 1,280 hours.

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: It averages out
15 to about 24 hours a week, but it likely -- we
16 anticipate it would take us all the way through the
17 year, through the calendar year for this. And once
18 we get past the voting machine implementation, that
19 there will be fewer hours every week and her focus
20 will be primarily on then the implementation of the
21 voter information software.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: Do we have a copy
23 of the contract here?

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We do.

25 MEMBER SINNOTT: It's up to

1 \$128,000.

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Correct. Not to
3 exceed \$128,000, not to exceed 1,280 hours. And
4 it's the same rate that we had for last year. And
5 it was my understanding that that was at Jo's
6 request as well. Typically they would have
7 anticipated an increase, but that she had requested
8 it be kept at the same rate.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, with that
10 background, I move that the Board authorize the
11 Director and the Deputy Director to extend the
12 contract with TMH/Solutions for project management
13 services, that is, Jo Campbell, at the Franklin
14 County Board of Elections at the hourly rate of
15 \$100 per hour for calendar year 2019.

16 MEMBER KIMBERLY MARINELLO: Second.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
18 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

19 (Vote taken.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
21 same sign.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion
24 carries.

25 Every year at this time we purchase

1 some new PCs. Carolyn is not here. She's at our
2 Secretary of State's conference today. But we have
3 17 of our PCs that are no longer under warranty,
4 and we take those out of service and purchase 17
5 new ones. She did three bids, and the lowest bid
6 was from MNJ Technologies. This is something we've
7 done in the past. So we're looking to purchase 17
8 PCs for the cost of \$14,144.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Seems like a real
10 good price.

11 MEMBER SEXTON: These are all just
12 replacements?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Correct.

14 MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the
15 Board authorize the replacement of 17 PCs that are
16 no longer under warranty and purchase them from MNJ
17 Technologies for a cost of \$14,144.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
19 second?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
22 favor signify by saying aye.

23 (Vote taken.)

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
25 same sign.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
3 carries.

4 The next item on here is the
5 purchase of two dock plates for our warehouse.

6 Director, do you want to speak to
7 that?

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Sure.

9 The next resolution is where we're
10 talking about retrofitting carts. And one of the
11 current carts we utilize, sometimes -- the most
12 frequent type of damage to the cart is that getting
13 it up onto the truck where it's loaded and shipped
14 out to the various locations. And one of the
15 things that our staff has indicated is that having
16 dock plates will allow us to more easily move that
17 on and avoid that potential damage. We have ramps
18 that we currently use, but the ramps that are used,
19 when you push them up there, they do -- they have
20 created situations where we have sustained damage
21 to the carts. By having dock plates that will
22 facilitate a very smooth --

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What is a dock
24 plate?

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: It's a hydraulic

1 plate from the truck to the dock.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh.

3 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And so with
4 that -- these hydraulic dock plates would then
5 allow for a smoother transition of equipment onto
6 loading trucks that take them to their polling
7 place.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So it's not part
9 of the truck, it's part of the dock?

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's part of
11 the dock. And right now we just use a ramp.
12 Sometimes it works pretty well and other times it
13 doesn't.

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Exactly.

15 And so since we've got all this
16 equipment and we're taking steps to reutilize our
17 existing carts, it would behoove us to make this
18 expenditure to make sure that we can get our carts
19 onto the truck smoothly and reduce the risk of
20 damage to the carts.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And
22 honestly, even when they're working properly there
23 is the jarring of the voting machines just by
24 pushing them up the ramp. So this will work much
25 better.

1 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And I think they
2 sought to get -- I know we got two, and I believe
3 they sought to get three bids. Yes, they did.
4 They got three bids, one of which they weren't
5 hydraulic lift dock plates. Two of them gave us
6 bids for the hydraulic. We had asked for hydraulic
7 capability, and only two of the three came back
8 with it. And so this will allow us to identify
9 that best bid and go ahead and enter into an
10 agreement with that vendor for the dock plate.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: Do we know the
12 exact price yet of what those dock plates will be?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I don't
14 believe so, because we're looking at two different
15 bids. And we can report back. It will be less
16 than \$30,000, but we can report back to the Board.
17 We're actually having some equipment delivered --

18 Jo, when are we having those? On
19 the 18th?

20 MS. CAMPBELL: January 22nd.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The 22nd.
22 So we're trying to get this as soon
23 as we can.

24 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right.

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: How did we come

1 up with this number?

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: We based it on
3 the two -- the bids that we've gotten so far,
4 neither of which exceeds \$30,000.

5 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the
6 Board authorize the purchase and installation of
7 two dock plates in an amount not to exceed \$30,000,
8 to be used in the Board of Election's warehouse to
9 assist in the loading and unloading of voting
10 machines on and off the delivery/transport trucks.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
12 second?

13 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
15 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

16 (Vote taken.)

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
18 same sign.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
21 carries.

22 The next item is the authorization
23 to retrofit our voting machine carts and expend an
24 amount not to exceed \$49,000. We looked into carts
25 for the new machines we are purchasing, and we were

1 well over a half a million dollars if we would
2 purchase the 800 carts that we would need to
3 transport our new machines. So we decided that we
4 have our carts that we presently transport our DRE
5 machines. Right now they're not in a position to
6 transport the new machines, but if we put in a
7 floor, a solid floor, and two sides that are solid
8 we will be able to transport the new machines. So
9 what we'd like to do is get authorization from the
10 Board to be able to retrofit the existing carts for
11 49,000 versus paying over a half a million dollars
12 for carts to --

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Are
14 these carts -- Were these custom made for us?

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Is this the thing
17 that the tall gentleman that used to run the
18 warehouse designed?

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Someone
20 in -- I don't know if he was tall or not, but
21 somebody in the -- before I got here designed
22 the --

23 MS. BROWN: Harold.

24 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I think Harold
25 designed them and --

1 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Who built those?

2 MS. BROWN: SST was the name of the
3 company.

4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: When we were
5 originally in conversation with the Commissioners
6 about the budget for some of this ancillary
7 equipment we were contemplating potentially
8 \$650,000 for new carts, but by retrofitting these
9 existing carts we can do it at a fraction of that.
10 The figure of 49,000 in the authorization
11 resolution, we've talked with companies to try and
12 find out how much it is for the materials and the
13 cutting of the materials that form the floor of
14 that -- of the cart and the side walls. And so
15 it's materials and the cutting of them. And so
16 we're just keeping it under that figure.

17 MEMBER KIMBERLY MARINELLO: Would
18 they put it together here or farm it out?

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Our staff would
20 install the plastic. Once the sheeting is
21 delivered to the Board of Elections our staff
22 would. But again, the way it's going to be
23 structured is it's going to be cut to fit that
24 space. So it's simply dropping in a piece of
25 corrugated plastic sheeting on the floor of it and

1 it will be three-quarters of an inch thick, and
2 we're confident that that should be plenty thick to
3 support the weight of the --

4 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, I applaud
5 your ingenuity. This is really good.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: That's really
7 good.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: It's a great story.
9 From an engineering standpoint, are
10 we sure this works.

11 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Our warehouse
12 staff is real confident, both our very experienced
13 veteran seasonal staff as well as our full-time
14 staff. They actually feel like if we retrofit
15 these carts we can probably easily get another five
16 or more years out of these carts.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: They've tested it
18 with real machines?

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Yes, with real
20 machines and installed -- you know, we've put the
21 voting machines in there, we've loaded the
22 voting -- Because we do have some of the voting
23 machines here already, as you've seen, and we've
24 taken some of those and put the bags in there and
25 the tables and the voting booths that we've got to

1 put in there.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I will say
3 the Director went over to Menards and we tried out
4 pegboard, we tried out particle board, and we came
5 up with the best solution is the -- kind of a
6 plastic.

7 DIRECTOR LEONARD: When we bought
8 the plywood, when you've got the plywood, some of
9 our seasonal -- experienced seasonal staff
10 expressed the concern, well, it may warp over time
11 and get wet and moisture versus the corrugated
12 plastic would be still as strong but not be subject
13 to the elements as plywood would.

14 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move the Board
15 authorize the purchase of the necessary materials
16 in order to retrofit all of the voting machine
17 transport carts in an amount not to exceed \$49,000.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
19 second?

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
22 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

23 (Vote taken.)

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
25 same sign.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
3 carries.

4 The next item on the agenda is the
5 authorize expenditure authority.

6 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And I can speak
7 to that. I kind of mentioned to the Deputy
8 Director the idea of asking the Board for in a way
9 blanket authority for the period leading up to the
10 primary if there are some expenses that would
11 exceed.

12 Normally under our policies the
13 Director and Deputy Director had the authority to
14 authorize and approve purchase orders up to
15 \$10,000. If we have circumstances during the
16 run-up to this primary that might require us to
17 purchase something that might exceed that \$10,000
18 authority, we were asking for the Board's -- that
19 you grant the Director and Deputy Director the
20 authority to the authorize those expenditures and
21 then we would report back to the Board at the next
22 scheduled meeting to let you know here are the
23 expenses that we've had to do beyond the \$10,000
24 authority. And again, any expense -- even below
25 \$10,000 any expense has to be approved by signature

1 of the two of us.

2 And so in this instance, again, I
3 thought I'd propose that because in case we have an
4 expense that we need to make but it would require
5 bringing back a special board meeting to present it
6 to the Board or we have to wait until the next
7 scheduled board meeting to get authorization of the
8 Board, it's just to request a blanket authority and
9 then we would report back to you at the next
10 meeting. But again, I propose it and we'll let the
11 Board give that some thought as to whether or not
12 you're comfortable with that. And again, it's
13 signed by both of us and we would report back --

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And part of
15 the reason for that, too, -- and maybe you
16 addressed it -- is that we are under a very tight
17 timeline to make sure that we implement the new
18 voting machines in the May primary. And if we miss
19 even days in between before we can get a board
20 meeting together to say, hey, we need to purchase
21 this in order to be able to meet the deadline, that
22 could cause us delay.

23 MEMBER SINNOTT: Are we foreseeing
24 any expenditures between 10 grand and 50 grand?

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: No. But just in

1 case something comes up, we don't want to delay it.
2 And obviously, I would imagine that we would all
3 talk. We communicate, obviously, to make sure that
4 we're not doing -- that we both agree this
5 expenditure is necessary.

6 MEMBER SINNOTT: Okay.

7 MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the
8 Board grant the Director and Deputy Director
9 purchase authority through April 30th, 2019 on
10 expenditures greater than \$10,000 but less than
11 \$50,000 on items related to the purchase of the new
12 voting equipment, with the expectation that the
13 expenditures will be reported to the Board at the
14 next scheduled meeting.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
17 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

18 (Vote taken.)

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
20 same sign.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
23 carries.

24 The next item on the agenda is a two
25 percent cost of living raise for the month of

1 January for the full-time Board of Elections staff.

2 MEMBER SINNOTT: Before we address
3 that, let's have the update on the month-to-month
4 budgeting meetings with the county commissioners.
5 Either one of you.

6 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Well, I mean,
7 right now we've gotten approval of the current
8 funding for the month of January. Again, we've
9 worked with our staff, both Thu and Allison before
10 Thu went on maternity leave, and coordinated with
11 Gary Collins and the budget staff to have us -- to
12 appropriate the necessary funds to get us through
13 the month of January in terms of that appropriation
14 side. On the other side, in terms of developing a
15 communication plan, that we've been working on the
16 earned media component of it and we've had meetings
17 here internally on that. And I'm working to
18 develop a proposal about a comprehensive paid media
19 component and, again, for presentation to the
20 Board. But really that's pretty much where we
21 stand in terms of that.

22 I know Allison -- And we have our
23 staff, the managers, identifying any expenditures
24 for the month, that they anticipate for the month
25 of February, that we would need to present.

1 Because, again, even the first payroll for the
2 month of February is February 1st. So we're
3 working to identify those expenses that we would
4 need to cover for the month of February so that
5 those can be included in a request for
6 appropriation to the budget staff.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: So when do you have
8 your next visit with the County Commissioners?

9 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I'd have to put
10 that question to Gary. I don't know it off the top
11 of my head.

12 That hasn't been set yet?

13 MR. COLLINS: Huh-uh.

14 MEMBER SINNOTT: Will it be before
15 the February 1 --

16 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Absolutely. The
17 expectation would be the February appropriation
18 would be presented to the Board of Commissioners at
19 the January 29th general session of the
20 Commissioners.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: We do have our
22 staff working on the development of a communication
23 plan that will be detailed and thorough?

24 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Yes.

25 MEMBER SINNOTT: I noticed that

1 there was a letter to the editor that appeared in
2 The Dispatch yesterday that a fellow by the name of
3 William Good wrote and pointed out that a public
4 service announcement by definition is an instance
5 where there's a broadcasting company or other
6 source of advertisement that donates time for the
7 issuance of some sort of socially beneficial
8 message. And the writer's suggestion was that we
9 look carefully at the opportunities for true public
10 service announcements.

11 Will that be a part of the
12 communication plan?

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think
14 Aaron has actually already reached out to some
15 media. The answer is yes.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: So the answer is
17 yes. Good.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The effort will
19 be made to try and secure public service
20 announcements.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, I noticed
22 when traveling around the state last fall that
23 there seemed to be a large billboard company that
24 was donating time for a get-out-the-vote message.
25 I saw those signs in Cincinnati, I saw them in

1 Columbus. I think this is entirely feasible. I
2 don't know why this would be any more difficult to
3 sell on a public service announcement pitch than,
4 say, avoiding forest fires or not smoking. So I
5 think we ought to be looking at that very carefully
6 as a part of your communication plan.

7 MEMBER SEXTON: I would just ask,
8 too, that any communication plan that we come up
9 with have both an earned media and a paid media
10 component so that we have options, you know, what
11 we can look at going into the May primary with
12 these acquisitions of the new voting machines.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Right. That's --
14 That is currently the plan, Mike, for us to
15 consider.

16 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, I'm glad
17 you're working on a bona fide comprehensive and
18 holistic communication plan.

19 Well, turning now to the subject of
20 a cost of living adjustment for the county board of
21 elections employees, I believe that the county
22 workers who do not work for the Board of Elections
23 have now received a two percent cost of living
24 adjustment for the year 2019. It is, of course,
25 the responsibility and the exclusive province of

1 the Board of Elections to administer the election
2 process in the county if there is no elected
3 official who is tasked under law with doing that.
4 That is our responsibility and our responsibility
5 alone. We have an outstanding staff here at the
6 Board of Elections. And what was in many ways a
7 record-breaking turnout election, our staff did a
8 marvelous job administering a fair and correct
9 election in Franklin County in 2018. They're
10 absolutely deserving of a cost of living adjustment
11 of no less than other county employees are
12 receiving.

13 For that reason, I move that the
14 Board approve a two percent cost of living pay
15 increase to all full-time Board of Elections staff
16 retroactive to December 24th and that this increase
17 stands as a one-time increase specific to the
18 upcoming pay period as we are presently constrained
19 by month-to-month budgeting.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

21 MEMBER SEXTON: And I also would say
22 that I think we have an outstanding staff and
23 certainly our staff deserves what every other
24 county employee should get at the same time. Just
25 to echo what Brad said about how hard they've

1 worked here in 2018 with three major elections.
2 And I would support this motion.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Was there a
4 second?

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in
7 favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

8 (Vote taken.)

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
10 same sign.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
13 carries.

14 On behalf of the Board, I'd like to
15 thank the Board for the cost of living increase.
16 Thank you very much.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, you're good
18 until February.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The final
20 thing on the agenda is update on the voter
21 registration software, and I'll turn to Jo Campbell
22 for that. She's our project manager. You're
23 probably really familiar with the acquisition of
24 our voting machines which she handled and took care
25 of, but you're probably less familiar with the

1 voter registration software program that she's
2 working on.

3 DIRECTOR LEONARD: If the Board
4 members recall, there was a time period where we
5 were -- we had been looking to an outside vendor to
6 bring out current voter registration software into
7 the modern age and kind of think that we would keep
8 our database but that we would retrofit the front
9 end to bring the front end into a newer software
10 language. After conversation with the
11 commissioners, they're preparing to fund an
12 actually whole new system as opposed to simply
13 upgrading the current system. And so that really
14 kind of brought a change to our -- And what I --
15 the reason I mention that is because that's where I
16 think we left the conversation with all of you was
17 to -- was the fact that we were looking at
18 retrofitting our existing system and wanted to let
19 you know that we are moving on that -- we are
20 continuing to move on that path for the
21 implementation of an entire new software system.
22 So Jo.

23 MS. CAMPBELL: Good afternoon. I
24 would echo all of your sentiments that the people
25 that work here are pretty amazing. We're throwing

1 a lot of changes at them now with the voting
2 equipment as well as now a database change, and
3 everybody has been responsive, has jumped in,
4 worked the hours to make these things work. So
5 kudos to the team here.

6 As Ed said, we originally had
7 intended to rewrite our current system just on the
8 front end. After speaking with the county and
9 their CIO, he recommended that we look for a vendor
10 that specializes in the election world and voter
11 registration databases specifically, that they
12 would bring an expertise to the table that would be
13 stronger than us simply rewriting what we had with
14 a local company.

15 After working with them, we are
16 following the purchasing process of the RFP,
17 request for proposals. We worked very hard to get
18 all of the requirements together to ship that out
19 for bid. We did successfully do that. Kudos to
20 Carolyn for an incredible amount of work. And
21 we've gotten four responses from four different
22 vendors. Currently, we're just now diving into the
23 details of that. We have our staff actually
24 scoring the different sections of their expertise.
25 We have a very detailed scoring spreadsheet that

1 has weights and so forth for everything coming back
2 and purchasing is pretty strict and it's a good
3 thing, the process that they have us under. We
4 currently have 12 reference emails out on the four
5 vendors that they've provided us, and the next step
6 will be to invite them all in for oral
7 presentations. And the thought process is that in
8 the month of February we would have the winner
9 based on the scoring spreadsheet that we've set up.
10 The goal would be to have a winner, so to speak, or
11 award a contract in the February time frame with
12 the goal of still having an implementation in 2019.
13 However, I say that without seeing any
14 implementation plan from a specific vendor.

15 DIRECTOR LEONARD: This would be a
16 contract that the Board would award, not -- With
17 the voting machine contract, the contract is
18 between the county board of commissioners and the
19 vendor. For the voting registration software, it
20 would be a contract that the Board itself would be
21 entering into. I've discussed that with Zach on
22 the budget, the OMV manager. That would be the
23 process.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Plainly stated,
25 what would be the difference between what we have

1 now and what we're looking to buy?

2 MS. CAMPBELL: Well, what we have
3 now is over 12 years old. The technology, the way
4 the database calls to the data, all that has been
5 tremendously improved over the years. Our response
6 time and the security, the efficiency would be
7 increased.

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: It sounds like
9 we're looking to update software that's now
10 12 years old?

11 MS. CAMPBELL: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The technology
13 was older than that. If I remember correctly, the
14 front end -- the copyright for the -- the original
15 copyright for our software, the Integrity software,
16 is 1998. So this is --

17 MS. CAMPBELL: It's served its
18 purpose well and the functionality has been good,
19 but it's at a point where it needs to be updated.

20 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And really that
21 was why from a functionality standpoint we were
22 proposing the concept of keeping the database and
23 simply rewriting the front end of it. Because what
24 it does from a functional standpoint, it does a lot
25 of the things that we need to do. I mean, so many

1 facets in petitions and campaign finance and PEOs
2 and petition checking, I mean, all these aspects
3 that Integrity does for us. But, again, the need
4 to upgrade to a new system really is there because
5 of the age of the system. And as Jo mentioned,
6 having the expertise of a larger elections
7 registration database company versus having a local
8 vendor who doesn't have that election expertise
9 simply upgrading an existing piece of software.

10 MS. CAMPBELL: I think it would also
11 increase our response times at heavy usage times
12 around the election time frame.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: So we wanted to
14 make sure we gave you an update since we hadn't
15 really talked a lot about voter registration
16 software in a while. So when we do have to come to
17 you, it's not something you haven't heard about.
18 So that was the purpose of the update.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Well, that sounds
20 good and proper.

21 MEMBER SINNOTT: I move we adjourn.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
23 second?

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All those in

1 favor of adjournment signify by saying aye.

2 (Vote taken.)

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,
4 same sign.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
7 carries.

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9 Thereupon, the proceedings were
10 recessed at approximately 3:41 p.m.

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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

I, Carla D. Castle, a Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete written transcript of the proceedings in this matter;

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That the foregoing occurred at the aforementioned time and place;

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/s/Carla D. Castle
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