

BEFORE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
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JULY 6, 2020

PROCEEDINGS OF REMOTE MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
VIA ZOOM MEETING

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director Edward Leonard, and Board Members Bradley K. Sinnott, Kimberly E. Marinello, and Michael Sexton, on Monday, July 6, 2020, commencing at approximately 3:00 p.m., and concluding at approximately 3:45 p.m.

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Board, Director, and Deputy Director
Matt Kelly, Manager, Absentee Voting
Mel Fuhrmann, Manager, Voter Services
Carla Patton, Operations manager

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Monday Afternoon Session
July 6, 2020
3:00 p.m.

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4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Ready to move
5 forward. First I want to get the roll call.

6 Chairman Preisse.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sinnott.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Ms. Marinello.

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Mike Sexton.

13 MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

14 DIRECTOR LEONARD: All right. And
15 we do have all the Board members present. And we
16 have a new court reporter. So I just want to
17 remind all the participants that if you do mute
18 yourself at some point, that you make sure that you
19 unmute and that you identify yourself for the court
20 reporter, just to make her job a bit easier.

21 Let's see, first order of business
22 is to approve the minutes from the previous
23 meetings.

24 Antone, do you want to speak to that
25 just momentarily?

1 MR. WHITE: We want to table that
2 for now, Director Leonard. We weren't able to get
3 the Board meeting minutes out to the members of the
4 Board ahead of time, so we can table that until the
5 August meeting.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: Okay.

7 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Okay. Is
8 that -- that's from the 26th of May, it doesn't
9 seem that neither Board meeting minutes were
10 available on time to distribute, so okay. Then
11 we'll table that one and move on.

12 Board members are aware we got the
13 primary election audit and there's some action
14 that's necessary for post audit process. And Carla
15 Patton was heavily involved in that, and since it
16 was very much a vote by mail, Matt Kelly made that
17 happen.

18 So, Matt, do you want to take us
19 through that portion of the agenda relating to the
20 audit of the March 17th primary elections?

21 MR. KELLY: Certainly.

22 Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, included in
23 your packet I did submit a written audit report for
24 the March 17, 2020 extended primary. It is a
25 one-page document, double spaced. If you want me

1 to read it into the record, I can do that at this
2 point. It's up to you. I can give a quick
3 summary, if you'd like that as well.

4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Matt, would you
5 go ahead and read it into the record?

6 MR. KELLY: Sure.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'll attach it
8 as an exhibit.

9 MR. KELLY: Sure. On June 10 and
10 11, 2020, the Franklin County Board of Elections
11 conducted an audit of the 2020 primary election as
12 directed by the Ohio Secretary of State. The
13 selected races for the audit consisted of the
14 democratic contest for presidential delegates, the
15 democratic representative for the 3rd Congressional
16 District, and the countywide Issue 21 questions. A
17 total of 17,627 ballots were used for the audit
18 covering 111 randomly selected precincts.

19 During the hand-count audit, no
20 changes in the results were found in the results
21 for both the democratic contest for president and
22 the countywide Issue 21 question. However, in the
23 democratic representative for the 3rd Congressional
24 District, two ballots in the Columbus precinct 12-E
25 appeared to have been scanned twice by human error

1 on the night of the election as the final ballots
2 were being tabulated. The most likely -- this most
3 likely occurred following a machine jam of the
4 ballots when the operator had to clear the jam and
5 then rescan the jammed ballots. This over-count
6 resulted in one additional vote for candidate Joyce
7 Beatty and one additional vote for candidate Morgan
8 Harper being reported and each race needs to be
9 adjusted down one vote for each candidate. The
10 changed results in candidate Beatty's total moving
11 down in that precinct from 41 to 40 votes and
12 candidate Harper's total moving down from 27 to 26
13 votes in Columbus precinct 12-E.

14 Additionally, in the same race there
15 was one ballot in Columbus precinct 2-E that had a
16 tear in the crease of the ballot and, thus, created
17 a shadow during tabulation scanning, which resulted
18 in an additional vote for candidate Morgan Harper
19 when the blank mark should have been assigned to an
20 under-vote. Therefore, candidate Harper's total
21 results needed to be adjusted down one vote from 78
22 to 77 in Columbus precinct 2-E. And the under-vote
23 for this precinct needs to be increased by one from
24 6 to 7.

25 Aside from these changes, there were

1 no other changes in other precincts in the audit of
2 these races.

3 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Carla, do you
4 want to speak to any additional information to add?

5 MS. PATTON: No, I think he did a
6 pretty good job of it. There's nothing new that I
7 need to add to that.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And do we need
9 to provide the Board with any additional
10 information before they make the motion to amend
11 final?

12 MS. PATTON: We have -- we have
13 made the amendments on a report to reflect those
14 changes in be in red that we'll post on the
15 website. There was also an amendment made to the
16 republican delegate for president based on an audit
17 from Muskingum County that reflects on the most
18 populous report. It was a ballot change in
19 Muskingum County for 12 congressional and that
20 change is reflected on the most populous report for
21 the republican presidential delegate and republican
22 congress.

23 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Any Board
24 members have any questions for Carla or Matt?

25 MEMBER MARINELLO: No, I don't.

1 MEMBER SEXTON: No.

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Ask for a motion
3 with regard to the amending final vote, special
4 canvass votes for the March 17th primary?

5 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, this
6 is Michael Sexton. My motion is: Following the
7 March 17th Primary Election Audit, I move that the
8 Board amend and declare as final the official
9 canvass of the votes cast at the March 17th Primary
10 Election as submitted by staff.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug
12 Preisse. I will second the motion.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Having a motion
14 and second, I'll call the roll call of the vote.
15 Kim Marinello.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mike Sexton.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Brad Sinnott.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Doug Preisse.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The motion is
24 approved.

25 The next item on the agenda is to

1 address the voter registration challenge that was
2 filed by a Marcia Harvey of 2699 Deming Avenue,
3 Columbus against an individual by the name of James
4 Andrew Halk, also registered at 2699 Deming Avenue
5 in Columbus.

6 And I know Mel Fuhrmann, manager of
7 the Voter Services division, is available and there
8 are documents in the packet previously provided to
9 Board members.

10 Mel, do you want to take us through
11 that?

12 MS. FUHRMANN: Sure. This is Mel
13 Fuhrmann with Voter Services. You should have in
14 your packet a voting history for Marcia Harvey, who
15 filed the voter challenge. She lives at 2699
16 Deming Avenue. And her voting records show that
17 she had been a regular voter at that address for
18 quite some time.

19 You also have a copy of a
20 Provisional Ballot Affirmation, which served as her
21 registration document.

22 Let's see. You have another
23 document in your packet which verifies her
24 signature.

25 Then we have for James Andrew Halk,

1 who was also, at least according to our records, at
2 2699 Deming. And his records show that he does
3 have some voter history, but he has not been at
4 that address for very long.

5 There is an Integrity record in the
6 packet that shows -- let's see -- in March of '19,
7 per the address file, that he moved from East
8 Duncan Street to 2699 Deming, at least according to
9 the National Change of Address file.

10 Both challenger and challengee were
11 served by certified mail. And Antone can tell us
12 if that certified mail was successful or not.

13 MR. WHITE: Yes, it was. This is
14 Antone White.

15 MS. FUHRMANN: Okay. So we did not
16 receive any response that I'm aware of from James
17 Andrew Halk.

18 MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Brad
19 Sinnott. Let me interrupt. I didn't understand
20 Antone's answer to Mel's question.

21 When we say that the certified mail
22 was successful, are you saying that it was
23 successfully delivered and signed for when both the
24 challenger and challengee had mail sent to 2699
25 Deming Avenue? That seems unlikely.

1 MR. WHITE: It wasn't signed for.
2 It was -- we sent it certified, so there's tracking
3 on it on the mail piece so we know when it was --
4 when it reached the destination. But there wasn't
5 a signature attached to that.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: It didn't
7 require a signature?

8 This is Kim Marinello.

9 MR. WHITE: No, that's correct.

10 MEMBER MARINELLO: Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So certified
12 mail, is that returned to sender? This is Doug.

13 MR. WHITE: I'm sorry, will you
14 repeat your question, Chairman Preisse?

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So if it wasn't
16 signed for, was it returned to the Board?

17 MR. WHITE: We did not get the --
18 the piece for Mr. Halk has not, to my knowledge,
19 come back. I have not seen it. But I do know that
20 it reached its destination.

21 Typically, what will happen is in
22 previous attempts of this nature, usually the
23 person that lives at that address will write
24 "return to sender" and send it back to us. That
25 did not happen in this case, so -- from the person

1 who lives at that address.

2 So what we do know is that it
3 reached the destination, but we did not get a
4 return piece back for Mr. Halk. Probably because
5 the voter, Ms. Harvey, who lives there, didn't
6 return it back to us.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: Antone, did we
8 secure a signed receipt of acceptance from
9 Ms. Harvey? This is Brad Sinnott, thank you.

10 MR. WHITE: No, we did not.

11 MEMBER SINNOTT: Again, Brad
12 Sinnott. So what we know is that we sent a piece
13 of certified mail, return receipt requested to both
14 Ms. Harvey and Mr. Halk at 2699 Deming Avenue. We
15 believe there was an attempt at delivery, but we do
16 not have a signed return receipt from either
17 individual. Did I say that correctly?

18 MR. WHITE: That is correct.

19 MEMBER SINNOTT: Again, Brad
20 Sinnott. So, Mel, you have a statement from
21 Ms. Harvey, who has long been registered at 2699
22 Deming Avenue, reporting that James Halk does not
23 live at 2699 Deming Avenue, correct?

24 MS. FUHRMANN: That is correct.

25 MEMBER SINNOTT: What do we know

1 about the device by which Mr. Halk came to be
2 registered at the Deming Avenue address in March of
3 2019?

4 MS. FUHRMANN: We receive a
5 National Change of Address file every year that is
6 put together by the Postal Service and that file
7 contains records of voters in Franklin County that
8 have moved within the preceding calendar year,
9 either within Franklin County or have moved out of
10 Franklin County.

11 The Secretary of State then directs
12 us to send essentially a notice to everyone on that
13 list asking them to either confirm that yes, in
14 fact, this is their new address that they've moved
15 to or to send us a corrected version saying, no,
16 that's not my address, but here's where I live now.

17 So presumably that address of 2699
18 Deming Avenue was matched through the National
19 Change of Address file from the Postal Service, was
20 matched with James Andrew Halk in some capacity,
21 and then it made its way to us from the Postal
22 Service, then to the Secretary of State, then to us
23 in March of '19.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Brad Sinnott
25 again. But we at the Franklin County Board of

1 Elections are not in possession of any indication
2 directly from Mr. Halk that he wanted to be
3 registered to vote at the Deming Avenue address,
4 correct?

5 MS. FUHRMANN: That is correct.
6 There was no signed registration saying this is
7 where I live from Mr. Halk.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug.
9 Am I reading the record correctly that he voted in
10 a special general election in 2018 from the Deming
11 address?

12 MS. FUHRMANN: He voted in 2018.
13 Yes, he did vote in the special, but because the
14 National Change of Address didn't happen moving him
15 to Deming, that didn't happen until '19. So
16 presumably he voted in '18 at the East Duncan
17 Street address.

18 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The records
19 on -- this is Director Leonard. The records on
20 Integrity reflect that 2018 he voted at the 2699
21 East Duncan Street address?

22 MS. FUHRMANN: Correct.

23 MEMBER SEXTON: This is Michael
24 Sexton. Do we have any time that he's ever voted
25 at 2699 Deming Avenue?

1 MS. FUHRMANN: No.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: So he's never voted
3 there. And Ms. Harvey, who's lived there for 30
4 years, has voted pretty much regularly is stating
5 that he's never lived there as well?

6 MS. FUHRMANN: Correct.

7 MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Brad
8 Sinnott. Unless a Board member has a question or
9 comment, I'm prepared to make a motion.

10 Hearing nothing, this is my motion:
11 That the Board approve the challenge of right to
12 vote filed by Marcia Harvey at 2699 Deming Avenue,
13 Columbus, Ohio against James Andrew Halk of 2699
14 Deming Avenue, Columbus, Ohio and order that James
15 Andrew Halk's registration be removed from Franklin
16 County voter file.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Is there a
18 second to that motion? This is Director Leonard.

19 MEMBER SEXTON: This is Michael
20 Sexton. I will second.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Motion has been
22 seconded. Let's call the roll.

23 Mr. Sinnott.

24 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sexton.

1 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Ms. Marinello.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Chairman

5 Preisse.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Then the motion
8 is approved.

9 And the next item on the agenda is
10 the approval of the 2020 General Election
11 Administration Plan. Per the requirements of the
12 Ohio Secretary of State, each Board of Elections in
13 the 88 counties has to approve a -- adopt a General
14 Election Administration Plan. And what's been
15 provided to the Board prior to this meeting is the
16 update to that plan. The updates from the primary
17 plan that create the 2020 General Election
18 Administration Plan. Covering that are some
19 highlights in terms of the machine and paper ballot
20 allocations that are changing as a result as well
21 as the absentee ballot expectations. The Secretary
22 of State is -- per the direction of Secretary of
23 State, our absentee department is projecting and
24 planning for up to 75 percent turnout of absentee
25 ballot by mail. And those projections are

1 reflected in the 2020 General Election
2 Administrative Plan (audio disruption) our effort
3 to acquire personal protective equipment and then
4 the outreach and education activities of the Board
5 of Elections. In that plan there is no allocation,
6 budget allocation for advertising in the EAP. So
7 the Board members -- those highlights have been
8 provide to the Board previously.

9 Unless there are any questions for
10 staff, I'd ask for a motion to approve the 2020
11 General Election Administration Plan.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: I hear no
13 responses or questions, so I move that the Board
14 accept the 2020 General Election Administration
15 Plan and authorize the staff to send it to the
16 Secretary of State. This is Kim Marinello.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Second to that
18 motion?

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug
20 Preisse. Second.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I have a motion
22 and a second. And call roll for the vote.

23 Mr. Sexton.

24 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Ms. Marinello.

1 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

2 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sinnott.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Chairman

5 Preisse.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR LEONARD: All right. The
8 motion is approved. So thank you very much. We'll
9 move forward with that.

10 The next item on the agenda is the
11 contract with one of our vendors, BlueCrest, which
12 is one of the -- remember them, they formerly went
13 by the name Pitney Bowes. They are the vendor that
14 provides us services for our Relia-Vote equipment,
15 which is the high-speed or high-production mail
16 processing equipment that the Board maintains.

17 And so, Matt, do you want to -- Matt
18 Kelly, the manager of the absentee department, do
19 you want to speak to the resolution?

20 MR. KELLY: Sure. This is Matt
21 Kelly. And we have -- this is one of those good
22 news/bad news situations.

23 In previous years, we have
24 contracted with BlueCrest and entered into a
25 service agreement annually for prepaid hours for

1 their technicians to be on call and service the
2 machine and service our inserting sorter machines
3 both. This extended primary caused us to go into
4 the year with a balance of about 161 hours. And
5 then using those hours, the extended primary went
6 over that by 112 additional hours. So we're
7 currently out of hours with our technicians. So we
8 need to order more technician hours for the
9 upcoming general.

10 Because of the extended primary, we
11 were allowed to submit reimbursement for hours that
12 the technician served us from 3/25 till April 25th
13 when we stopped mailing out ballots. That amount
14 is \$18,432. So that's money that we will be
15 reimbursed because of the extended primary;
16 however, as part of this contract, we need to
17 include those hours that we've already used and
18 that's included in the \$101,000.

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Again, these are
20 necessary (audio disruption) that we need from
21 BlueCrest, particularly given what we anticipate
22 for the upcoming election. So it is a critical
23 item, but because of its dollar value, it does
24 require the approval of the Board.

25 So, with that, I'd ask for a motion

1 to approve or authorize the deputy director and the
2 director to enter into a service agreement.

3 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, this
4 is Michael Sexton. I move that the Board authorize
5 the director and deputy director to enter into an
6 annual service contract July '20 -- July 2020
7 through June 2021 with BlueCrest in the amount of
8 \$101,000 for technician support hours and equipment
9 parts as part of preventive maintenance to our
10 Relia-Vote inserter, sorter, printer, server and
11 PCs.

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Do I have a
13 second to that motion?

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug
15 Preisse. I second the motion.

16 DIRECTOR LEONARD: This is Director
17 Leonard. We have a motion and a second. I'll call
18 a roll.

19 Ms. Marinello.

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sinnott.

22 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

23 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sexton.

24 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Chairman

1 Preisse.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

3 DIRECTOR LEONARD: All right. Then
4 the motion is approved. Thank you very much.

5 The next item on the agenda is we
6 need -- it's regarding the purchase of 20,000
7 plastic voting machine security seals. Again, this
8 is just something that we -- it's a routine item,
9 but in the run-up to the 2020 general election,
10 we're going to need an additional amount of these
11 security seals and the dollar value of the purchase
12 exceeds \$10,000 and, therefore, requires approval
13 of the Board.

14 So I'd ask for a motion to authorize
15 the purchase of the 20,000 voting machine security
16 seals.

17 MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Brad
18 Sinnott. This is straightforward. I move that the
19 Board authorize the purchase of 20,000 voting
20 machine security seals in the amount of \$19,272.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Second to that
22 motion?

23 MEMBER MARINELLO: I second. This
24 is Kim.

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: This is Director

1 Leonard. The motion has been moved, seconded. I
2 will call the roll.

3 Ms. Marinello.

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

5 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sexton.

6 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

7 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sinnott?

8 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Chairman
10 Preisse.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The motion is
13 approved.

14 The next item is to approve the
15 purchase of some scanning upgrades for the absentee
16 department.

17 Matt, do you want to speak to that?

18 It is something that's definitely going to be
19 needed in the run-up to the 2020 election with the
20 additional utilization of absentee ballots.

21 MR. KELLY: Sure. As you know,
22 this primary was a long one, and the second half of
23 the primary, after we started mailing or the
24 ballot -- I'm sorry. The election went to an all
25 mail-in ballot election. We saw a spike in our

1 absentee applications. And during that period we
2 had over 130,000 new applications come in that
3 needed to be scanned into our system. We made due
4 with the scanners that we had on-site. We have one
5 over in our IT department that we use. We have one
6 in the absentee department and we have one scanner
7 in Voter Services that we use. And those three
8 scanners alone got us through the election barely.

9 But knowing that the volume of this
10 election is going to be two and a half to three
11 times the amount, we're bound in the position where
12 we know we need at least additional -- two
13 additional scanners to deal with that volume.
14 Those scanners are, at least, I believe, through
15 the Gordon Flesch Company and the \$17,000 listed
16 here is for the AnyDoc scanning system software.
17 We need to buy licenses for two additional scanners
18 for those machines. So that's what this
19 represents.

20 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And this
21 software is kind of unique and, therefore, it's
22 scanning software, which explains why it's
23 particularly expensive, but it is necessary for us
24 to be able to process applications efficiently in
25 the run-up to the elections.

1 So with that, I'd ask for a motion
2 to authorize the purchase of this upgrade.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
4 move the Board authorize the purchase of an upgrade
5 to our absentee ballot department scanning system
6 (AnyDoc) in the amount of \$17,000. This is Kim
7 Marinello.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Do I have a
9 second to that motion?

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug
11 Preisse. I second the motion.

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Have a motion
13 and a second. This is Director Leonard. I'll call
14 the roll.

15 Ms. Marinello.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sexton.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sinnott.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Chairman
22 Preisse.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR LEONARD: All right. And
25 then this resolution is approved. Next --

1 MEMBER SEXTON: I'm not sure I
2 voted on that. This is Michael Sexton.

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: This is Brad
4 Sinnott. Michael, I apologize, I think I voted
5 your place. Sexton and Sinnott are just too much
6 alike, but I apologize, friend.

7 MEMBER SEXTON: No problem.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sexton.

9 MEMBER SEXTON: I move, yes.

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: All right. Now
11 we have all Board members voting in the
12 affirmative. Thank you very much.

13 Next item on the agenda is the
14 hiring of Mr. Dan McKay for the -- to serve as the
15 precinct election official department supervisor of
16 training. And, again, this is a role that we need
17 to fill as we begin to prepare for the voter 2020
18 election. Dan started with us on the 29th and so
19 this is kind of a retroactive. Dan has a lot of
20 experience training individuals, a lot of volunteer
21 training experience, and as well as some very solid
22 technical experience that we'll need as well to be
23 able to do digital videos online, type of training
24 session online, that sort of stuff. And so I've
25 got to think Dan will be -- he'll be a great asset

1 to the organization.

2 With that, if there's any questions,
3 otherwise I'm entertaining a motion to --

4 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, this
5 is Michael Sexton. I move that the Franklin County
6 Board of Elections hire Dan McKay as the precinct
7 election official department supervisor (full-time
8 position) beginning June 29, 2020 at a rate of
9 \$25.24 per hour.

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: So I have a
11 motion. And a second?

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I'll call the
14 roll.

15 Ms. Marinello.

16 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

17 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sexton.

18 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sinnott.

20 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

21 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Chairman
22 Preisse.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR LEONARD: All right.

25 Thank you very much, Board members.

1 The last item on the agenda is to
2 assign voters to Fairfield County for the upcoming
3 August 4th special election in Lithopolis.

4 I'll let Carla Patton speak to that,
5 if you would.

6 MS. PATTON: So, Matt, the precinct
7 Madison-A in the southeastern corner of the county,
8 we have 32 registered voters that are part of the
9 Village of Lithopolis. Lithopolis filed for an
10 income tax issue for the August 4th special
11 election. The Ohio Revised Code does permit for
12 counties with less than 200 voters to reassign
13 those voters in that special election to the most
14 populous county.

15 We have spoken with Fairfield County
16 and they are willing and able to take on our 32
17 voters to eliminate us having to hold an election
18 for that few voters.

19 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And since today
20 is the deadline for registration for the August 4th
21 special, there is a potential that it might be 33
22 voters or 34 voters. Somebody shows up today to
23 register on the deadline from the Franklin County
24 portion of Lithopolis.

25 MS. PATTON: I did just check. It

1 is still at 32 voters. We do know that's not a
2 very transient area. I believe they have been
3 stuck at 32 for quite some time, but, yes, there's
4 always potential we have a new registered voter
5 from there that registers by 9:00 p.m. tonight.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: This is Doug
7 Preisse. Question. What is the practical debate
8 for these voters, what happens?

9 MS. PATTON: So we will notify them
10 that their polling location -- actually, their
11 polling location voting from Fairfield would be
12 closer to them than what it would be if we opened
13 up their polling location. So they'll just be
14 temporarily reassigned to a different voting
15 location.

16 If they want to vote early, we will
17 provide them with an application for an absentee
18 ballot in which Fairfield will execute that process
19 for us as well.

20 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
21 move that the Franklin County Board of Elections
22 assign all Lithopolis voters in Franklin County to
23 vote in Fairfield County for the August 4th special
24 election. This is Kim Marinello.

25 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Do I have a

1 second?

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Doug Preisse.

3 Second.

4 DIRECTOR LEONARD: I have a motion.

5 This is Director Leonard. I have a motion and a

6 second. I'll call the roll.

7 Ms. Marinello.

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

9 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sexton.

10 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sinnott.

12 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

13 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Chairman

14 Preisse.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

16 DIRECTOR LEONARD: The motion is
17 approved and the voters -- Lithopolis voters in
18 Franklin County will be assigned to Fairfield
19 County for the purposes of the August 4th special
20 election.

21 Any other business to come before
22 the Board today? Otherwise, I'd entertain a motion
23 to adjourn.

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
25 move that we adjourn. This is Kim Marinello.

1 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Second to that
2 motion?

3 MEMBER SINNOTT: Brad Sinnott.
4 There is.

5 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Mr. Sexton, how
6 do you vote?

7 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Sinnott.

9 MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Ms. Marinello.

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR LEONARD: And Chairman
13 Preisse.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes, please.

15 DIRECTOR LEONARD: Then the motion
16 is approved. We are adjourned. Thank you all very
17 much.

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