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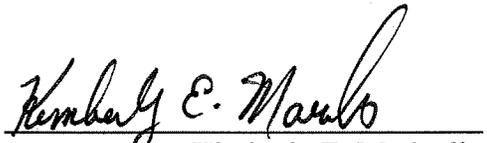
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1 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

2 MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. STINZIANO: I will be
4 circulating the signature sheets for both.

5 The next item is we have a challenge
6 of Right to Vote and Correction of
7 Registration List.

8 The challenge is filed by Shirley W.
9 Freeman against Norwood Trent Freeman. They
10 are a divorced couple. Mr. Norwood Freeman
11 has been maintaining that address which is
12 2881 Castlewood Road since the divorce is our
13 understanding, and he has been voting using
14 that address all the way up to the most
15 recent special election. However, we did
16 receive a 2007 NCOA mailing that gave us a
17 new mailing address and a confirmation card
18 also came back as undeliverable.

19 So it is our staff's recommendation
20 that we remove Mr. Freeman -- we remove
21 Mr. Freeman's registration from that address.

22 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
23 that the Board grant the Challenge of Right
24 to Vote and Correction of Registration List

1 filed by Mrs. Shirley W. Freeman of 2881
2 Castlewood Road, Columbus, against Norwood
3 Trent Freeman of 2881 Castlewood Road,
4 Columbus, and order that Norwood Trent
5 Freeman's registration be immediately
6 canceled in Franklin County and her name --

7 MR. COLLEY: His name.

8 MS. MARINELLO: -- his name stricken
9 from the Registration List.

10 MR. COLLEY: Second.

11 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

12 MEMBERS: Aye.

13 MR. STINZIANO: Next, as you are all
14 aware, we did apply again for Secretary of
15 State grant monies for polling place
16 accessibility. That grant was approved. And
17 so we need the board to sign and approve the
18 adoption of that grant.

19 MR. MAS: Michael, I have a
20 question. Did they modify it any as far as
21 the amount or --

22 MR. STINZIANO: There was still some
23 questions about what we were seeking, and
24 whether or not we were asking for the

1 appropriate amount of cones or for signage,
2 but it all got worked through. Tim Adams out
3 at the warehouse has done a great job being
4 our ADA coordinator out from the Board of
5 Elections side.

6 And so for tomorrow, we are in, to
7 our best knowledge and belief, full
8 compliance.

9 MR. MAS: I see also Matt nodding.

10 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes.

11 MR. MAS: In that case,
12 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt, as
13 submitted, the grant agreements drafted by
14 the Ohio Secretary of State office for
15 polling places accessibility.

16 MR. COLLEY: Second.

17 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

18 MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. STINZIANO: I'll be circulating
20 that grant as well.

21 The fourth item is the referral of
22 possible fraud cases to the prosecuting
23 attorney. As you are all aware, similar to
24 what happened in Hamilton County, we have

1 seen instances of potential fraud. We have
2 been working with the prosecutor's office to
3 address those instances and to get as much
4 verification in writing that the applications
5 that were submitted to us were not the
6 individuals who's named on the applications,
7 but we have yet to formally, as a Board, have
8 the referrals. So that is our recommendation
9 that the Board formally do it in motion.

10 MS. MARINELLO: I move that the
11 Board, per the recommendation of the Director
12 and Deputy Director, refer to the Prosecuting
13 Attorney for additional investigation and
14 possible criminal prosecution, three
15 individuals who allegedly submitted false
16 absentee ballot applications for the November
17 3rd, 2009, General Election.

18 MR. MAS: Second.

19 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

20 MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. STINZIANO: Next is the Public
22 Transportation Benefit Program. Last year,
23 the Board of Commissioners implemented this
24 program, and it is up again for approval. It

1 is our recommendation that the Board adopt
2 it. We are only aware of two staff members
3 who took advantage, but we do think there is
4 a benefit that they get the reimbursement and
5 subsidized use of using Cota. And so we
6 recommend that the Board again adopt the
7 Board of Commissioners Resolution.

8 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that the Board adopt the Franklin County
10 Board of Commissioner's resolution extending
11 the Public Transportation Benefit Program to
12 the Board of Election employees per the terms
13 of the resolution's language.

14 MR. COLLEY: Second.

15 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

16 MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. STINZIANO: I'll next draw your
18 attention to the supplemental sheet that came
19 in late, David Nabors and Berna Umstadter
20 attended a PERS meeting and -- discussing the
21 resolution that our Board passed at the last
22 meeting regarding the portion of health
23 insurance benefits, and they are not able to
24 adapt the program to what the Board had

1 approved, so this is our recommendation so
2 that we are compliant with what the Auditor's
3 office system can handle and what is in the
4 best interest of our employees.

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: At the last
6 meeting, we took the recommended amount where
7 the Commissioners expanded it out to 12
8 months divided it by 26 pays so that it would
9 be an equal amount each pay, but the system
10 is only set up to do two, the first two
11 withdrawals per month, so now we have it
12 divided by 12 pays. That's what this
13 reflects. The same annual amount, different
14 amount per pay.

15 MR. STINZIANO: The system could not
16 handle the previous resolution.

17 MR. DAMSCHRODER: \$3 difference.

18 MR. MAS: Mr. Chairman, I move that
19 the Board amend the employee portion of
20 health insurance benefits for 2010 as
21 follows: \$27.50 and \$67.50 per pay for the
22 first two pays of each month as opposed to
23 the previously adopted withholding schedule.

24 MR. COLLEY: Second.

1 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor.

2 MEMBERS: Aye.

3 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Michael, I would
4 note for the Board that today starts open
5 enrollment for health insurance benefits for
6 next year. I think it is for the next 10
7 days or two weeks. You all should have
8 received a letter at your home with the pass
9 code information, I think each of you have
10 the spotlight, but just as a reminder, that
11 needs to be taken care of.

12 MR. STINZIANO: Everyone has to do
13 it. It is not automatic this year.

14 Any questions? Okay. We have --
15 and we will follow-up with additional e-mails
16 to remind both the Board and the staff as the
17 deadline approaches.

18 We have three procurement policy
19 matters. The first is the purchase of voting
20 machine carts. That's what is used to
21 transport the voting machines and store them
22 in a secure place while they are at the
23 voting location, prior to election day and
24 till our staff picks them back up.

1 Since we have new machines, we need
2 new machine carts. So it is our
3 recommendation to open a purchase order for
4 \$25,000. We don't have a final quote yet,
5 but we know it will be less than 25. It is
6 just the best time to open it.

7 MR. MAS: Mr. Chairman, I move that
8 the Board authorize the Director and the
9 Deputy Director to open a purchase order for
10 the purchase of voting machine carts with SST
11 Systems for \$25,000.

12 MR. COLLEY: Second.

13 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

14 MEMBERS: Aye.

15 MR. STINZIANO: The next item is
16 there are two software upgrades of the
17 ReliaVote System that would cost \$57,000. I
18 don't know if Matt wants to talk about what
19 the upgrades are a little better in terms of
20 currently what we have and what we would be
21 getting?

22 MR. DAMSCHRODER: I am sorry?

23 MR. STINZIANO: The upgrades.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: Yes. Two software

1 upgrades. One for the inserter, one for the
2 sorter. Both are required with the new
3 tracking code that is being implemented by
4 USPS. The second upgrade -- or the other
5 upgrade for the sorter side also will allow
6 us to do outbound mail in one pass as opposed
7 to two.

8 Right now, the way the system is set
9 up is we do -- once the envelopes are stuffed
10 in the inserter, they are taken over to the
11 sorter. It does one pass to pick up the bar
12 code to verify they got all the mail that the
13 inserter inserted and then it does a second
14 pass for the sort down to zip code. So the
15 software upgrade will also allow it to do
16 that in just one pass saving us a tremendous
17 amount of time.

18 Last year on day one of absentee,
19 when we mailed out about 80,000 absentee
20 ballots in one day, that two-pass process
21 took about six hours. So now we will be able
22 to do it in about three for that volume of
23 mail. So it will be a little bit of an
24 offset for staff time as well.

1 MR. MAS: Very well. Mr. Chairman,
2 I move that the Board authorize the Director
3 and Deputy Director to open a purchase order
4 for two software upgrades of the ReliaVote
5 System with Pitney Bowes for \$57,000.

6 MR. COLLEY: Second.

7 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

8 MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. STINZIANO: And the last
10 procurement item is the purchase of a slicer
11 and extractor machine. We -- again, would be
12 about a \$3,000 offset of staff that we
13 currently use to slice open and pull out the
14 ballots. We took a tour of the machine --
15 saw the machine in action over at the Bureau
16 of Motor Vehicles.

17 We think that it would be a benefit
18 to bring that to our system and would save us
19 a significant amount of time and staff
20 resources for extracting and pulling of the
21 ballots.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Has it -- well,
23 if you have seen it, where, at the Motor
24 Vehicles.

1 MR. STINZIANO: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Opening mail,
3 but -- how do know it will work with what is
4 coming in?

5 MR. DAMSCHRODER: What we have isn't
6 much different than what the DMV has coming
7 back. What they have are the checks and the
8 info stub. The only difference would be the
9 size of what is going through and it can
10 handle the size difference.

11 As Michael explained, we use it
12 twice. The first time it will extract the ID
13 envelope from the carrier envelope. Then we
14 will run those through ReliaVote, scan them,
15 do all the signature verification. And then
16 it will -- when we run the ballots back
17 through, it will extract the ballot from the
18 envelope.

19 MS. MARINELLO: Gosh, I would love
20 to see that work.

21 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It is pretty
22 slick.

23 MS. MARINELLO: Man.

24 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It is on state

1 term schedule, so we won't have to do a bid
2 process.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Hope it works.

4 MR. DAMSCHRODER: It will work
5 great.

6 MS. MARINELLO: Awesome. Sounds so
7 exciting.

8 I move that the Board authorize the
9 Director and Deputy Director to open a
10 purchase order for a state term schedule
11 slicer and extractor machine with OPEX
12 Corporation for \$149,000.

13 MR. COLLEY: Second.

14 MR. STINZIANO: All in favor?

15 MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. STINZIANO: Next item is we
17 would like to move into executive session to
18 consider the appointment, employment, and/or
19 compensation of a public employee.

20 MR. MAS: Mr. Chairman, I move that
21 the Board move into executive session to
22 consider the appointment, employment, and/or
23 compensation of a public employee.

24 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

1 MR. STINZIANO: Roll call vote.
2 Mr. Colley?
3 MR. COLLEY: Yes.
4 MR. STINZIANO: Chairman Preisse?
5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.
6 MR. STINZIANO: Mr. Mas?
7 MR. MAS: Yes.
8 MR. STINZIANO: Ms. Marinello?
9 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.
10 MR. STINZIANO: We are in executive
11 session.

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13 Thereupon, the Board entered into
14 Executive session and proceedings were
15 Concluded at 4:20 o'clock p.m.

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