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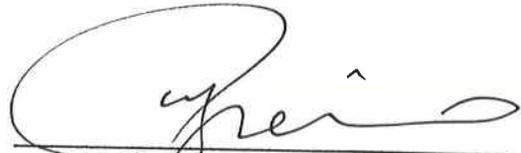
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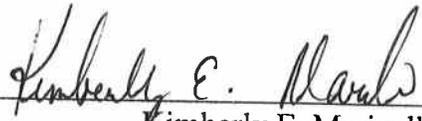
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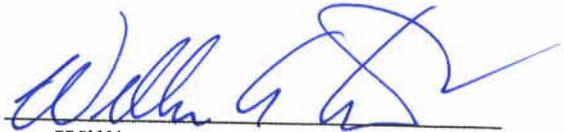


Kimberly E. Marinello



Zachary Manifold

ATTEST:



William A. Anthony, Jr., Director



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ATTENDEES

Ms. Suzanne Brown, Executive Assistant,  
Franklin County Board of Elections

Ms. Karen Cotton, Operations Manager,  
Franklin County Board of Elections

Mr. Ben Piscitelli,  
Public Information Officer

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P R O C E E D I N G S  
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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I'd like to call the Franklin County Board of Elections meeting to order, and I will do the roll call.

Kimberly Marinello?

MS. MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

MR. MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Michael Colley?

MR. COLLEY: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are all here, Mr. Chairman. The first item on the agenda is to approve the minutes of the November 7th and November 19th Board meetings.

MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the minutes of the November 7th and November 19th Board meetings.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

MR. COLLEY: Second.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor

1 say aye.

2 THE BOARD: Aye.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.  
4 I'll pass it around for everybody to sign it.

5 As you know, we have to certify the  
6 recounts from the recount -- what was it?

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Gahanna 2.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Gahanna 2. You  
9 have those recounts in front of you. If you  
10 have got any corrections, Ms. Cotton is here.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: We also had a  
12 Groveport mayor. The candidate that was behind  
13 paid for a recount because it wasn't in the  
14 automatic margin, and so we conducted both of  
15 those last Wednesday.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Was there any  
17 change?

18 MS. COTTON: There were a few minor  
19 changes in absentee counts, but the outcome was  
20 the same.

21 MS. MARINELLO: What did it cost to do  
22 the recount for the guy that had to pay for it?

23 MS. COTTON: \$275.

24 MS. MARINELLO: Oh, that's a deal.

1 MS. COTTON: Five precincts; the  
2 absentee and four Groveport precincts.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: It's a per  
4 precinct cost; right? What is the --

5 MS. COTTON: \$55.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: \$55 per  
7 precinct.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: So unless you're in  
9 a county-wide, it's pretty affordable.

10 MS. MARINELLO: Yeah, it is.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Are there any  
12 questions? Any more questions for --

13 MR. MANIFOLD: I don't think so.

14 Mr. Chairman, I move that the results  
15 of the recount conducted for Gahanna Ward 2  
16 Council and for Groveport mayor be officially  
17 certified and submitted.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

19 MR. COLLEY: Second.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor  
21 say aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

24 The next item on the agenda, there

1 always seems to be a confusion as to when the  
2 start date is for House seats. The statute says  
3 what -- I forgot what the statute says.

4           Anyway, what we would like to do is --  
5 some folks feel the start date to be January  
6 1st, 2013 and some folks may put the start date  
7 to be January the 7th, 2013, the day that they  
8 get sworn in.

9           So we decided that we would just do a  
10 motion that we would accept either date on the  
11 petitions as they come in. So that's what this  
12 motion is about. And I've had some inquiries  
13 from folks who pull petitions regarding this.

14           DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: I've had  
15 inquiries as well. And I've talked to Matt at  
16 the Secretary of State's Office about it, and he  
17 told me that it really doesn't matter what you  
18 put for that line, in terms of legislative  
19 offices, so we just want to make it clear that  
20 either date is acceptable.

21           Like Bill said, I think that people  
22 have filed with both; but from the Secretary of  
23 State's point of view, it really doesn't matter.  
24 He even said you could leave it blank and it

1 wouldn't really matter.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What is the origin  
3 of the confusion?

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Do you put, as  
5 a legislative candidate, New Year's Day as your  
6 term commencing day or do you put the first day  
7 that the House and Senate would technically be  
8 in session as the term commencing date? And the  
9 answer I got was it doesn't matter what you put,  
10 from the Secretary of State's Office.

11 And so we just want to make it clear  
12 to -- because we have had some candidates who  
13 have filed who have called and said, "Uh-oh.  
14 Did I screw up?" We just want to make it  
15 crystal clear that it's fine either way.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

17 MR. MANIFOLD: All right.

18 Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board accept the  
19 state legislative petitions that either January  
20 1st, 2013 or January 7th, 2013 as the full  
21 commencement -- full term commencing date.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

23 MR. COLLEY: Second.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor

1 say aye.

2 THE BOARD: Aye.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

4 Next item on the agenda would be an  
5 extension to our lease on Gay Street there.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Article 8 of  
7 the lease we signed earlier this year allowed us  
8 to extend into 2012. This does not bind us to  
9 stay there through all of 2012. We have a  
10 clause in the lease that will allow us to give  
11 90 days notice any time we may want to leave.

12 As you know, there is an RFP out  
13 currently for a permanent facility. If  
14 something were to develop quickly, we could  
15 leave the 340 East Gay office on three months  
16 notice. That was the agreement we worked out  
17 last year with Walker.

18 And so all that we have to do is just  
19 have a motion made and have the Board chairman  
20 and Bill and I sign a written notice saying that  
21 we do wish to take advantage of that extension.

22 I know the PEO staff has enjoyed it  
23 and they like having their own place. And with  
24 the current setup with two primaries next year,

1 it's not going to be very long before they have  
2 to bring all their seasonals back. In fact,  
3 they will be doing it here very quickly. And so  
4 we would like to keep that office at our  
5 disposal, if we can.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And, plus, the  
7 space that they moved out of is getting ready to  
8 get filled up too. We're getting ready to bring  
9 a lot of seasonals in to start doing some  
10 checking and a bunch of other activities in that  
11 area.

12 MR. MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move  
13 that the Board extend the lease of office space  
14 at 340 through 342 East Gay Street, under the  
15 terms specified in the lease agreement between  
16 RWRES, LLC and the Franklin County Board of  
17 Elections.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

19 MR. COLLEY: Second.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor  
21 say aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Motion carries.

24 At this time we would like a motion to

1 go into executive session to discuss personnel  
2 matters. We need a motion.

3 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
4 that we move into executive session to discuss  
5 personnel matters.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And it's a roll  
7 call vote.

8 Kimberly Marinello?

9 MS. MARINELLO: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

11 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Michael Colley?

15 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

16 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now in  
17 executive session.

18 (Board goes into executive session.)

19 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We need to have a  
20 motion to come out of executive session. Is  
21 there a motion --

22 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
23 that we come out of executive session. No votes  
24 were taken; no decisions made.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 MR. COLLEY: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Roll call.

4 Kimberly Marinello?

5 MS. MARINELLO: Here.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: No, yes.

7 MS. MARINELLO: Yes. Yes, I'm here.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

9 MR. MANIFOLD: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And Michael Colley?

13 MR. COLLEY: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are now out of  
15 executive session.

16 The next item on the agenda would be  
17 that Jim Byer is currently -- he had his leg  
18 amputated twice -- not twice, but chopped off  
19 below the knee and then amputated above the  
20 knee. I guess I should be a little more -- bad  
21 use of language here.

22 Anyway, he has sent me a letter  
23 requesting to go on leave without pay for an  
24 extended time as we discussed. I agree that we

1 could give -- he's also looking at going out on  
2 disability retirement or full-fledged  
3 retirement, but he needs some time to make his  
4 mind up.

5           Meanwhile, we would like to -- he  
6 would like to be able to at least pay for his  
7 share of his health insurance. He's currently  
8 in a convalescence home. He has requested  
9 six -- nine months, but I agree to give him  
10 three months of leave and that should give him  
11 enough time to make his mind up.

12           If there's a motion --

13           MR. MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I move  
14 that the Board approve three months of  
15 disability leave without pay for Jim Byer.

16           DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

17           MR. COLLEY: Second.

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

20           THE BOARD: Aye.

21           DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Okay.

22           DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Last item on  
23 the agenda is a very modest pay increase for one  
24 of our PEO employees, and that is Deborah

1 Cotner. When we moved Aaron Sellers out of the  
2 PEO department and into fiscal, it increased  
3 Deb's workload by, I think, more than I had  
4 realized it was going to do.

5 She has been an incredibly effective  
6 employee; she's been a very humble employee.  
7 She deserves a raise, but she doesn't push it.  
8 And I feel like a very modest increase is in  
9 order.

10 We're proposing 19.32 an hour. Right  
11 now she's a little less than 19 an hour. So  
12 it's not a lot of money, but I think that she's  
13 deserving of it. I think that it will recognize  
14 her good work.

15 She also manages our Youth at the  
16 Booth program, that department. And we just  
17 really had a pretty exhausting general election,  
18 and she's going to start right up in the  
19 primary, so I would suggest that.

20 This also will not put her above her  
21 democratic counterpart on the pay scale. I've  
22 spoken to him, and he's fine with what we're  
23 doing here today. So I would appreciate a  
24 motion to raise her rate of pay to \$19.32 an

1 hour.

2 Any questions about that?

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That sounds good.  
4 What do you think, Michael?

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR BURD: Mr. Colley?

6 MR. COLLEY: Fine.

7 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If you make that  
8 motion, that would be great, on Deborah.

9 MR. COLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
10 Deborah Cotner's rate of pay be increased to  
11 \$19.32 per hour, effective Monday,  
12 December 12th, 2011.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

14 MS. MARINELLO: Second.

15 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor  
16 say aye.

17 THE BOARD: Aye.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: That's all I had.  
19 Did you have anything else? Motion to adjourn?

20 MS. MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
21 to adjourn.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

23 MR. MANIFOLD: Second.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We stand adjourned.

1 Thank you.

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3 Thereupon, the proceedings were

4 concluded at 4:02 o'clock p.m.

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