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Thursday Afternoon Session,  
December 6, 2012.

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DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Good afternoon,  
everyone. I would like to call the Franklin County  
Board of Elections meeting to order, and I will do  
the roll.

Kimberly Marinello?

BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Zachary Manifold?

BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Douglas Preisse?

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Brad Sinnott?

BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Here.

DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are all accounted  
for, Mr. Chairman.

The first item on the agenda is  
provisional ballots. The staff found 33 ballots that  
were not previously approved by the Board, and we  
need to have them in the official count. They were  
found in a couple of boxes unopened. Pretty much a  
staff error. They were just overlooked.

So, you know, after an election, there is

1 always -- we try to look everywhere to make sure we  
2 have all the ballots, and we had 33 of these  
3 provisional ballots that were not part of the  
4 official counts so we need you guys to make them part  
5 of the official count at this time so.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Any questions?

7 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I  
8 move that the Board accept the staff recommendation  
9 for validation of an additional 33 provisional  
10 ballots not previously approved by the Board.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

12 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes.

13 HEARING OFFICER: All those in favor say  
14 aye.

15 And the next is that we also found 14  
16 additional election day paper ballots that weren't  
17 provisional ballots. Again, it was a clerical error  
18 on our part. Staff just overlooked them and didn't  
19 find them, and we need to include those in the  
20 official count as well.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: All right.

22 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
23 move the Board count 14 days -- 14 election day paper  
24 ballots not previously counted by the Board.

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

2 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And, now, we need --

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: We need a vote.

5 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say  
6 aye.

7 Motion carries, Mr. Chairman.

8 Now, we need to recess so that Todd and  
9 them can process them.

10 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: We are talking 47  
11 ballots out of roughly how many?

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: 570,000.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Actually if you turn  
14 the next page.

15 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the  
16 Board temporarily recess for the counting of the  
17 approved provisional and election day paper ballots.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

20 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

21 Approve recess and they will take care of  
22 that and be here in a few minutes.

23 (Recess taken.)

24 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I move the Board

1 come out of recess and reconvene.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

3 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We are out of recess.  
5 Todd.

6 MR. WEDEKIND: We have three ballots to  
7 remake out of the provisionals.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Provisionals?  
9 None of the election day paper ballots, okay.

10 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We need a motion to  
11 remake those three ballots.

12 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
13 move that staff remake the three provisional ballots  
14 discussed earlier, authorize the staff to remake the  
15 three provisional ballots not previously counted by  
16 the Board.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: And to include them in  
18 the official amended tabulation?

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: To include them  
20 in the official amended results.

21 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor.

23 MR. WEDEKIND: We'll be back.

24 MS. DePAOLA: Can I approach?

1 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, you can.

2 MS. DePAOLA: Can I say something?

3 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: You have to ask the  
4 Chairman.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You want to remain in?

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We're still in session  
7 so.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We're in session. Do  
9 we have to be in session? Might as well.

10 Go ahead, please.

11 MS. DePAOLA: I was up at the early vote.

12 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Why don't you tell her  
13 your name.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Yeah.

15 MS. DePAOLA: Oh, Carole DePaola,  
16 C-A-R-O-L-E D-e-P-A-O-L-A, looks like Paola. What  
17 else do you need?

18 I was volunteering up at the early vote  
19 center, and I got acquainted with some of the people  
20 at the early vote place, got to see how it was  
21 working. And I want to tell you I am so proud of our  
22 Board of Elections. You were all wonderful,  
23 everybody. Don and Fred, Bill would come out, and  
24 they would just calm the voters down, and it was such

1 good public relations.

2 And I would ask people when they came out  
3 did you have a good experience. Every single time it  
4 was a positive response so I just -- you all should  
5 be very proud of yourselves, and I am going to write  
6 the Commissioners and let them know what I observed.  
7 And as a citizen, thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Well, Carole, you are  
9 among the most familiar faces around here for many  
10 years which is nice so you are about the best  
11 informed voter that isn't an employee of the Board of  
12 Elections, and we appreciate your comments. I know  
13 the rest of my colleagues and the Board and staff  
14 certainly would and do. We had a good substantive  
15 conversation about what we thought we could do better  
16 next time so your --

17 MS. DePAOLA: Make suggestions.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: A lot of your comments  
19 are appreciated but what did you see --

20 MS. DePAOLA: Parking --

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: -- you thought --  
22 parking we talked about.

23 MS. DePAOLA: -- control because we  
24 were -- we were also traffic cops up there. There

1 was only one accident that we observed, you know,  
2 where two cars came together but there were almost  
3 people hit, et cetera, and we would be shouting at  
4 them and saying stop but that was the one.

5 The aisles were too narrow for the size  
6 of the cars and also having some of the -- it was  
7 very emotional and stressful up there.

8 MR. WALCH: And at times that was an  
9 understatement, Carole, for sure.

10 MS. DePAOLA: But that was one thing, how  
11 the traffic was flowing.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We faced the age old  
13 question of how to accommodate free speech and  
14 expression with safety and traffic and foot and  
15 vehicle traffic.

16 MS. DePAOLA: I am all for free speech,  
17 but sometimes when it goes overboard, it can hurt  
18 somebody so, but.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: If that's your only  
20 complaint, we are going to say hoorah, but we  
21 recognize that too.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Yeah, absolutely.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And thank you very  
24 much.

1 MS. DePAOLA: Thank you.

2 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Thank you,  
3 Carole.

4 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I am still working on  
5 that report. It was really long, the good and the  
6 bad. Every time I sit down to write it something  
7 happens so I got it all written out now.

8 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Which report?

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I did an after action  
10 meeting.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: The meeting we  
12 had about the vote center.

13 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: About the vote center.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: What went right,  
15 what we could do better in the future. Most was  
16 good.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Parking was one of the  
18 things that was an issue, reconfigure the parking if  
19 we could up there. And we had a couple of other ones  
20 too so.

21 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: I thought the  
22 sheriff's office, whoever the liaison was at the  
23 early vote center, he had a lot of great ideas how  
24 you can improve traffic and parking. It was a great

1 meeting.

2 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: I never thought we  
3 would shut down Morse Road though.

4 MR. ANDERSON: That was not a comfortable  
5 day in my office.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: Bill, while we  
7 are still in session, before we recess again, we  
8 could amend the provisional ballot.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Yes, we could, Dana.  
10 And you have before you an amended official  
11 certification for provisional ballots and that  
12 includes the -- everything we just discussed.

13 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Mr. Chairman, I  
14 move the Board approve the amended official  
15 certification of provisional ballots report to the  
16 Secretary of State compiled by the staff which shows  
17 the counting of 23,744 provisional ballots and the  
18 rejection of 6,096 provisional ballots and that all  
19 provisional ballots deemed valid will be counted,  
20 included in the amended official canvass results for  
21 the 2012 general election.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

23 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: Yes, there is.

24 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say

1 aye.

2 Now, we probably should go into recess  
3 now again while they go and do the official  
4 tabulation.

5 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: I move that the  
6 Board temporarily recess for the staff to include the  
7 ballots approved at today's meeting in the amended  
8 official canvass.

9 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

10 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

11 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say  
12 aye.

13 (Discussion off the record.)

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: We need a motion to  
15 come out of recess.

16 BOARD MEMBER SINNOTT: So moved.

17 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

18 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

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

22 Before you is the amended certification  
23 of the November 6 general election results. We need  
24 a motion to accept.

1 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
2 move that the Board certify and declare as final the  
3 amended official canvass of votes cast at the  
4 November 6, 2012, general election as submitted by  
5 staff.

6 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Is there a second?

7 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

8 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: All those in favor say  
9 aye. And then we need -- motion carries. We need to  
10 get this signed.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WALCH: And there still  
12 is nothing that falls within a recount or certainly  
13 there were no changes to any results or anything.

14 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: If everybody signs it,  
15 is that all we have before us?

16 MR. WALCH: That's it.

17 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: After the signing, we  
18 need a motion to adjourn.

19 BOARD MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I  
20 move to adjourn.

21 BOARD MEMBER MANIFOLD: Second.

22 DIRECTOR ANTHONY: Second. All in favor.  
23 We stand adjourned.

24 (Thereupon, the meeting was adjourned at

1 4:49 p.m.)

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3 CERTIFICATE

4 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
5 a true and correct transcript of the proceedings  
6 taken by me in this matter on Thursday, December 6,  
7 \, and carefully compared with my original  
8 stenographic notes.

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11 Karen Sue Gibson, Registered  
12 Merit Reporter.

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