



**Board Meeting
11-23-2016**

Attending:

Robert S. Frost, Member
Jeff Hastings, Member
David J. Wondolowski, Member
Anthony W. Perlatti, Deputy Director
Brendan Doyle, Assistant Prosecutor

Linda D. Walker, Clerk to the Board
Anthony Alto, Clerk to the Board

The Board voted unanimously to begin the meeting at 2:10 p.m. via roll call vote:

Board Member Frost: Yes
Board Member Wondolowski: Yes
Board Member Hastings: Yes

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted to excuse Chairwoman Chappell and Director McDonald from the November 23, 2016 board meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Acknowledgement of Secretary of State Directive:

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted to acknowledge the following Secretary of State Directives:

- Directive 2016-48: Cuyahoga County December 6, 2016 Special Election

Agenda Item 2: Acknowledgement of Candidate Resignations and Appointments

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted unanimously to acknowledge the candidate resignations and appointments as presented.

Agenda Item 3: Certification of the Official Results of the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election

Ballot Department Manager, Brian Cleary said that there were a total of 617,350 total absentee ballots, 247,305 absentee ballots requested, 232,555 absentee ballots returned, 231,174 absentee ballots counted, and 2,187 ballots challenged. Cleary then provided a breakdown of rejected provisional votes. He said that 1,660 were not registered, 754 voted in the wrong precinct and wrong location, 183 did not have acceptable identification, 170 voted absentee, 93 had no signature, 83 had a missing or incomplete address, 56 had an invalid address, 56 had a non-matching identification, 47 voted in the incorrect county, 46 had an empty envelope, 27 had a missing date of birth, 43 were challenged, ten (10) had a non-matching signature, seven (7) did not print their name on the envelope, and two (2) were not eligible to vote being 17 years old.

Board Member Hastings asked if the five (5) percent of provisional ballots rejected because voters voted absentee was a high number. Manager Cleary said that five (5) percent is about average for a large election. Board Member Hastings then asked if there was an explanation as to why there would be no ballot in a provisional envelope. Manager Cleary said that it was probably because the voter scanned their ballot. Board Member Hastings then asked if the ballot was in the envelope would it be counted. Registration Assistant Manager Tony Kaloger said it could be, but it depends on the reason.

Board Member Frost asked for a summary of reasons why voters were made to vote provisionally when their ballot was counted. He said that this is a report he would like moving forward.

Manager Cleary then said that there were 10,419 ballot sheets remade. 5,145 were processed during the unofficial canvass while the remaining 5,274 were processed during the official canvass.

Manager Cleary said that there will be one (1) automatic recount, Issue 92 – City of Seven Hills-Proposed Municipal Income Tax (Increase). The recount will be conducted Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The deadline for a requested recount is Monday, November 28, 2016 at 4:30 p.m..

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted to certify, authorize, and acknowledge the following:

- Authorization to remake the optical scan ballots for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election
- Authorization to approve absentee ballots from the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election
- Authorization to approve provisional ballots from the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election
- Acknowledgement of Official District Wide Results of the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election for Ashland, Cuyahoga, Erie, Holmes, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Medina, Ottawa, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, and Wayne Counties.
- Acknowledgement of Write-In Totals from the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election.
- Acknowledgement of the Pre & Post test results of the vote tabulation system from the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election

Agenda Item 4: Acknowledgement of the date, time, and place of the post-election audit for the November 8, 2016 Presidential General Election and random selection of a contest to be included in the audit.

Deputy Director Perlatti said that when a board of elections conducts a recount, the Board has to come back together to certify those results. Since there is at least one (1) automatic recount there will need to be a meeting to certify those results. Deputy Director Perlatti suggested to have a board meeting on Monday, December 5th. If there is a requested recount, then there should be a board meeting on December 8th. Board Members Wondolowski and Frost said that they are available in the afternoon on December 5th. Board Member Hastings said that he is not available.

Board Member Wondolowski randomly selected the following contest for the audit: Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations Division Full Term Commencing January 19, 2017.

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted to acknowledge the date, time, and place of the post-election audit for the November 8, 2016 presidential General Election and random selection of a contest to be included in the audit.

Deputy Director Tony Perlatti said that staff will also be auditing the Presidential race and a statewide race determined by the Secretary of State.

Agenda Item 5: Approval of Vouchers

Business Administration Manager, Sean Webster said that there are several large expenses on the voucher list. One of them is the Cleveland.com advertising package to provide appropriate outreach. The Cleveland Sight Center did some call center work. The VoterNotify service increased to about 11,000 subscribers. He said they are going to spend around \$30,000 on parking from this election. Board Member Hastings asked about the \$66,000 cost of the poll books. Manager Webster said that once the electronic poll books are implemented, there will no longer be a need to spend \$66,000 on paper poll books.

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted to approve the vouchers as presented.

Agenda Item 6: Approval of Personnel Agenda

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted to approve the personnel agenda as presented.

Agenda Item 7: Approval Travel Requests

Board Member Hastings asked how the cost is determined. Manager Webster said that each person is given a per diem for food.

Board Member Wondolowski asked if staff would come back with a decision on which electronic poll books to use. Manager Webster said that is the goal of the trip.

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted to approve the travel requests as presented.

New Business

Deputy Director Perlatti said that all is ready for the East Cleveland Recall Election. He said that there will be a skeleton staff on site for early voting on Friday, November 25th.

He then said that following County Executive Armond Budish's instructions for the holiday, staff will be able leave at 3:00 p.m. today.

Board Members Wondolowski, Frost, and Hastings voted to adjourn at 2:38 p.m.

Certification: I have reviewed the above minutes and certify that they are an accurate summary of the actions taken by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at its meeting held on November 23, 2016.

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman

Robert S. Frost, Member

Jeff Hastings, Member

David J. Wondolowski, Member

Pat McDonald, Director
