



**Board Meeting
11-19-2018**

Attending:

Inajo Davis Chappell, Chairwoman
David J. Wondolowski, Member
Robert S. Frost, Member
Jeff Hastings, Member
Pat McDonald, Director
Anthony Perlatti, Deputy Director
Brendan Doyle, Assistant Prosecutor, Cuyahoga County

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

The Board Meeting began via roll call at 9:44 a.m.

Chairwoman Chappell: Present
Board Member Wondolowski: Present
Board Member Hastings: Present

Agenda Item 1: Approval of minutes from the October 17, 2018 Board Meeting

Chairwoman Chappell and Board Members Wondolowski and Hastings voted to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2018 Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Acknowledgement of the following Secretary of State Directives and Memorandum

Chairwoman Chappell and Board Members Wondolowski and Hastings voted to acknowledge the following Secretary of State Directives:

- Directive 2018-33: Post-Election Cure Period
- Directive 2018-34: Mandatory Review of Directives
- Directive 2018-35: Provisional Ballots Cast by Voters Cancelled Since 2011
- Directive 2018-38: Official Canvass of the November 6, 2018 General Election
- Memorandum 2018-04: Special Powers and Responsibilities of Sheriffs

Agenda Item 3: Determination of the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the November 6, 2018 General Election

Board Member Hastings asked why there were some wrong-precinct-wrong-location provisionals while we were using the electronic poll books. Registration Department Assistant Manager Tony Kaloger stated that electronic poll books are not used for provisional voting, but they will be in the future.

Chairwoman Chappell and Board Members Wondolowski and Hastings voted to approve the validity of provisional ballots and authorization to count provisional ballots from the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Agenda Item 4: Acknowledgement of death in office, resignation from, and appointments to elected office

Chairwoman Chappell and Board Members Wondolowski and Hastings voted to acknowledge the death in office, resignation from, and appointments to elected office as listed.

The Board acknowledged that Board Member Frost arrived at 10:02 a.m.

New Business:

Election Overview

Director McDonald stated that the election was a success, especially the e-poll books. There was a 55% turnout. In total there were 199,000 vote by mail ballots requested. Eighty-eight percent were returned. Staff received many compliments on in house voting. There were over 19,000 voters who came to vote early. There is a concern with parking moving forward. Lots have become less available and staff is looking into alternatives. Board Member Wondolowski asked if it is possible to find another location with more parking for early voting. Director McDonald replied that the alternatives are either building a new building or finding a new location. Director Wondolowski suggested a large high school that might accommodate us, but Director McDonald replied that the problem with that is the Board can only have one (1) early voting location. It would be difficult for a school to accommodate early voting every day. Staff looked into the Wolstein Center previously, but there was a conflict with available dates. Board Member Wondolowski asked if there was a large charge to use the Wolstein Center. Director McDonald replied that there was a charge, but it was manageable. Board Member Wondolowski asked if the warehouse was a possibility. Director McDonald stated that the problem with having early voting at the warehouse is the lack of parking and bus lines. Staff looked into the Masonic Temple but it turned out to be cost-prohibitive. Deputy Director Tony Perlatti stated that a particular problem is finding places with adequate electrical infrastructure. Chairwoman Chappell asked that staff keep the Board updated on the search. Finally, Director McDonald stated there might not be any races that require an automatic recount. There were no cyber security attacks.

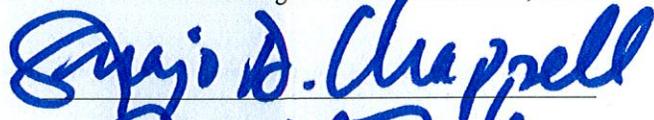
Training and Compliance Administrator Shantiel Soeder stated that Election Day ran very smoothly. The average check in time throughout the county was down by about 10 seconds. There were no reports of long lines at polling locations. The final absentee file was sent electronically, instead of uploading each poll book manually. There were some minor connectivity issues with a few of the e-poll books, but it did not impede voting in any way. Some voters had problems signing with the stylus. This may be due to the soft tip of the stylus, as opposed to the hard tip of more common styli. Staff is looking into solutions.

Manager Henry Curtis stated that all locations were adequately staffed, poll workers performed their jobs well, and that this was one of the smoothest elections he has experienced. There was a report of some minor issues, but there were no substantial problems or anything that affected voting.

The Board voted unanimously to recess at 10:32 a.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 19, 2018.

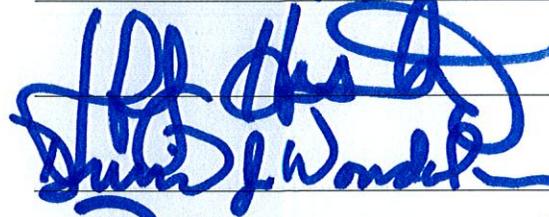
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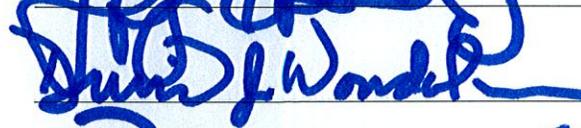
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