

The Portage County Board of Elections met in Regular Session Friday, February 11, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., Board Office, County Administration Building, Ravenna, Ohio to **certify candidates and issues to the May 3, 2022 Primary ballot, review ballot bids for 2022, approve November 2, 2021 chargebacks, discuss community outreach and campaign finance referrals, and other regular business.**

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Denise L. Smith, Chair – present
Ms. Randi Clites, Member – present
Ms. Doria Daniels, Member – present
Ms. Amanda Suffecool, Member – present

Ms. Faith Lyon, Director, present
Ms. Theresa Nielsen, Deputy Director, present

Also present: Jane Preston Rose, League of Women Voters of Kent
ShoMore' DeNiro, Regional Liaison for the Secretary of State's office
Elayne Cross arrived at 9:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ms. Clites moved to approve board minutes from the January 22, 2022 meeting. Second by Ms. Daniels.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels – yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Ms. Suffecool moved to approve vouchers 7146 through 7157. Second by Ms. Clites.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels – yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Smith welcomed the visitors. Jane Preston Rose introduced herself. Discussion regarding the state wide petitions and the lack of response by the Secretary of State. Ms. DeNiro said she would look into it.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Certify Candidates to the May 3, 2022 Primary Election

There are a few candidate petitions for the Board to review. Brad Cromes, who filed petitions for Auditor, put the commencement date down as 3/14/23 and it should have been 3/13/23. This error has been previously ruled to be acceptable when there is no unexpired term. Ms. Clites moved to accept Brad Cromes' petitions for Auditor. Second by Ms. Daniels.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Kristy Elliot did not put her last name in the candidacy section of one of her part petitions. In the past the Board had ruled that when the entire name is missing in the candidacy section, the part petition is acceptable. Ms. Suffecool moved to accept Kristy Elliot's petitions for Auditor. Second by Ms. Clites.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Deborah Mann, who file petitions for Auditor put the word republican in the unexpired term line. Ms. Suffecool moved to accept Debbie Mann's part petitions for Auditor. Second by Ms. Daniels.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Wesley Buchanan, on one of his part petitions failed to date his signing of the part petition. A previous ruling allowed this error. Ms. Suffecool moved to accept Wesley Buchanan's part petitions for Common Pleas judge. Second by Ms. Clites.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Bonnie Graham, a Democratic Central Committee candidate put the wrong election date on her form. Ms. Clites moved to accept Bonnie Graham's Declaration of Candidacy for Democratic Central Committee. Second by Ms. Suffecool.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Samantha Stephens, a Democratic Central Committee candidate forgot to put her zip code on the form. Ms. Clites moved to accept Samantha Stephens' Declaration of Candidacy for Democratic Central Committee. Second by Ms. Suffecool.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels – yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Tamara Lyons, a Democratic Central Committee candidate put Ohio on the zip code line. Ms. Clites moved to accept Tamara Lyons' Declaration of Candidacy for Democratic Central Committee. Second by Ms. Daniels.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels – yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Thomas Collins who filed a Declaration of Candidacy for Democratic Central Committee passed away after the declaration was filed. Ms. Daniels moved to not place Thomas Collins on the ballot. Second by Ms. Clites.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels – yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Ms. Clites moved to certify the candidate petitions for the balance of the candidates who submitted for the May 3, 2022 Primary Election. Second by Ms. Daniels.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels – yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Certify Issue to the May 3, 2022 Primary Election

Staff presented ten issues for the May 3, 2022 ballot. All paperwork is in order. Ms. Clites moved to certify all 10 issues to the May 3, 2022 ballot. Second by Ms. Suffecool.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels – yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Ballot Bid

We are required to go to bid for ballots for 2022. The ballot bid ad was placed in the Record Courier. Two responses to the bid request were received, one from ES&S and the other from IVS.

ES&S's bid was in order. The prices were for black and white ballots: 14" ballot - \$.24; 17" ballot - \$.24; and 19" ballot - \$.30. For color ballots: 14" ballot - \$.26; 17" ballot - \$.26; and 19" ballot - \$.32. There is a bar code generation fee of \$750.

IVS's prices for black and white ballots: 14" ballot - \$.23; 17" ballot - \$.23; and 19" ballot - \$.29. For color ballots: 14" ballots - \$.25; 17" ballots - \$.25; and 19" ballots - \$.30. All fees included in the price of the ballots. Although required in the bid specs to get ballot paper from ES&S, they indicated they would meet the specs of ES&S paper. This does not meet the bid requirements.

A discussion occurred regarding the problems we had with Midwest and the paper they printed the ballots on. Also discussed the warnings we have received regarding paper supply issues. Ms. Daniels moved to accept the ES&S ballot bid as it was the only bid received that complied with all the requirements. Second by Ms. Clites.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

November 2, 2021 Chargebacks

Staff explained the chargeback preparation process. Ms. Clites moved to approve the November 2, 2021 chargebacks. Second by Ms. Daniels.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Ms. Daniels moved to submit a resolution to the Commissioners to put \$136,754.27 of the November 2, 2021 chargebacks into the Election Revenue Fund. Second by Ms. Clites.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Community Outreach

In the past the Board has given permission for the use of non-machine election equipment for their Voter Girl program. This year, Voter Girl is scheduled to November 12, 2022 which is the Saturday after the General Election and staff will likely not be available to attend. League of Women Voters of Kent would like to use our voting carrels. They would be responsible to pick them up and return them to the Board of Elections office. Ms. Clites moved to allow the League of Women Voters of Kent to use voting carrels for their Voter Girl program in November, 2022. Second by Ms. Suffecool.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Smith - yes
Ms. Clites - yes
Ms. Daniels - yes
Ms. Suffecool - yes

Board Approved

Motion Carried

Campaign Finance Referrals

Staff went over the listing of campaigns that were referred to the Ohio Elections Commission for non-filing and late filing of the annual report. This is informational only, as the campaigns have already been referred.

Ms. Clites indicated that she will not be present at the September 21, 2022 meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Daniels moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Clites
Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Attest:



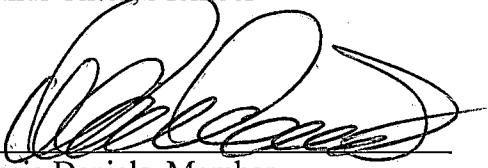
Faith Lyon, Director



Denise L. Smith, Chair



Randi Clites, Member



Doria Daniels, Member



Amanda Suffecool, Member