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THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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In Re: :
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Regular Meeting. :

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June 10, 2021

PROCEEDINGS OF REMOTE MEETING OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse,
Director Antone White, Deputy Director David Payne,
Board Members Kimberly E. Marinello and Michael
Sexton, on Thursday, June 10, 2021, beginning at
approximately 3:02 p.m., and concluding at
approximately 3:22 p.m.

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ALSO PRESENT:

- Erin Gibbons
- Carla Patton
- Jeff Mackey
- Jeanine Hummer
- Mel Fuhrmann
- Aaron Sellers

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1 Thursday Afternoon Session
2 June 10, 2021
3 2:04 p.m.

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5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: This is
6 David Payne. And I will remind everybody to state
7 your name so that our court reporter knows who --
8 who is speaking.

9 I'll take roll.

10 Kim Marinello?

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

12 Mike Sexton?

13 MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And
15 Doug Priesse?

16 CHARIMAN PRIESSE: Here.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We have a
18 quorum.

19 The first item on the agenda is the
20 approval of minutes from the May 3rd, 2021.

21 Are there any questions, comments,
22 additions, deletions to those minutes?

23 If not, I would entertain a motion
24 to approve those minutes.

25 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman,
Michael Sexton. I would move that the board

1 approve the minutes of May 3rd, 2021, of the
2 Franklin County Board of Elections.

3 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Doug Priesse.
4 Second the motion.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
6 moved and seconded. I'll take roll.

7 Kim Marinello?

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton?

10 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And
12 Doug Priesse?

13 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Yes.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The minutes
15 are approved.

16 The next item on the agenda is the
17 paper ballot allocation for the August 3rd Special
18 Congressional Primary Election.

19 As you recall, we have to do this a
20 number of times prior to our election. I'll ask
21 Carla Patton to walk through the paper ballot
22 allocation.

23 Carla, are you on?

24 CARLA PATTON: Yes. Good afternoon.

25 Sorry.

1 You should have been provided an
2 exhibit, Exhibit A, I believe, would be the initial
3 paper ballot for the primary election, special
4 primary election to be held on August 3rd.

5 This -- For this election, we came
6 up with -- we have 245 ballot styles that will be a
7 part of the election for Franklin County. And
8 before you on Exhibit A is our recommendation on
9 how many ballots are provided as a (inaudible)
10 paper ballot option for voters.

11 We are recommending -- This also
12 includes our provisional ballot allocation, which
13 by law we looked at similar/like elections in the
14 previous like elections the number of provisional
15 ballots cast. I took that number, multiplied it by
16 five percent, and it increased the number of
17 ballots for provisionals by that five percent in
18 addition to what was cast in the previous like
19 election.

20 In regards to for the regular paper
21 voters who just choose to vote a regular ballot
22 using paper, we have taken 15 percent of the
23 registered voters within the local -- within that
24 precinct and added it to the provisional numbers,
25 and then we rounded everything up to the next

1 increment of 25 to provide -- to provide pallets of
2 25 to each and every location for easy auditing
3 purposes.

4 So the allocation you have before
5 you, that would be the number you see by each
6 ballot style would be the recommended for both
7 parties. So for, like, that person's (inaudible)
8 you might say 25. If it's 25, then you would
9 provide 25 Democratic ballots as well as 25
10 Republican ballots for that precinct.

11 I will let you know that these
12 numbers will likely change moving forward, as we
13 are implementing the Poll Print Ballot on Demand
14 system in the locations again in this election.
15 And so that will allow for us to reduce the number
16 of preprinted ballots but provide enough blank
17 ballot stock to make up the difference in what we
18 would do (inaudible).

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: So if that's
20 the -- We would come before the board and bring
21 another allocation formula to them. Is that
22 correct?

23 CARLA PATTON: That would be
24 incorporated on that allocation that's required to
25 be approved within the 30 days prior to the

1 election.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you,
3 Carla.

4 MEMBER MARINELLO: Thanks, Carla.

5 Mr. Chairman, I would move that the
6 board adopt the paper ballot application in Exhibit
7 A compiled by the Board staff of the office for the
8 special election.

9 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Doug Priesse
10 seconds the motion after Kim Marinello.

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: Kim Marinello.
12 Thank you.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
14 seconded.

15 I'll take roll.

16 Kim Marinello?

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug -- or
19 Mike Sexton?

20 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And
22 Doug Priesse?

23 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Yes.

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
25 carries.

1 The next item is the voting machine
2 of an electronic pollbook allocation for the
3 August 3rd Special Congressional Primary Election,
4 and then I'll call on Carla Patton to walk us
5 through this.

6 CARLA PATTON: I'm going to defer.
7 I believe Beth's having an issue.

8 ERIN GIBBONS: Hi, everyone. Just
9 really quickly. If you're not speaking, if you
10 could mute yourself. We're getting a lot of
11 feedback, and I'm not really sure who it is.

12 THE STENOGRAPHIC REPORTER: Yes. I
13 can't hear what you guys are saying. So there's a
14 whole bunch of feedback, and it -- it won't be a
15 good record if it stays like that. So just letting
16 you know.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All right.
18 Do we think we can provide proceed, then?

19 Is that better, Beth?

20 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Every -- So I'll
21 mute, everybody mute, and see what happens.
22 Everybody mute except who is speaking.

23 ERIN GIBBONS: Yes. Thank you,
24 Doug.

25 CARLA PATTON: Carla Patton again.

1 You would have been provided
2 Exhibit B, which is the equipment allocation for
3 the August 3rd Special Congressional Primary
4 Election. In this allocation, it's done a little
5 differently, as it's based on locations, on the
6 total number of voters in a location versus
7 precincts. So all the allocations here are -- are
8 location based.

9 The allocations presented within
10 this -- this report are the -- for the
11 ballot-marking devices, the ExpressVotes, the
12 ballot scanners with counters, DS200s; and the
13 roster poll pads that they use to check in the
14 voters with on election day at the polls. And then
15 also included are the Poll Print printers that
16 we're going to be providing to provide the Ballot
17 on Demand system to locations with three or more
18 ballot styles. And then also included
19 in -- in this is something other than equipment.
20 It's the blank ballot card stock that is used on
21 the ballot markers.

22 And so as we work through the
23 columns, the ballot markers are based on one
24 vote -- one ballot marker for every 243 voters
25 within the location. And this is standard, as

1 we've been using that -- that number across the
2 board since -- since last year. The ballot
3 counters are based off of that. For every ten --
4 ten ballot markers, they will have a -- a second --
5 a -- a ballot counter. So if they have 11 or more
6 ballot markers, then they'll have two ballot
7 counters. The Poll Pads are based on one Poll Pad
8 for every 750 active voters in the location, with
9 no less than three being assigned to each one of
10 those locations.

11 Again, the Poll Prints are the
12 printers for the Ballot on Demand for locations
13 with three or more available ballot styles this
14 election. We are providing a Poll Print for them
15 to easily print the exact ballot needed for each
16 voter with minimal errors being potential.

17 In the ballot -- The blank ballot
18 cards, I will say that is based on -- it's
19 75 percent of the registered voters in the
20 location; and, again, it's rounded up to the next
21 increment of 25 in which we pack our -- our ballot
22 cards in. So those are the number of blank ballot
23 cards for the ballot markers we are suggesting be
24 sent to each location as well.

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you,

1 Carla.

2 Are there any questions for Carla
3 regarding the allocations?

4 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Yeah.

5 Describe -- I'm just looking at Exhibit B again.

6 But the Poll Print, describe the allocation of Poll
7 Print again and how it is --

8 If I'm reading this correctly, there
9 are some -- there are some places where we don't
10 have any. Is that correct?

11 CARLA PATTON: Correct.

12 So locations that do not have any
13 are locations that only have one or two ballot
14 styles available for the election. And so the
15 chances of an error early in those locations are
16 much lesser than the locations where there are
17 three or more ballot styles. So that's how we
18 allocated.

19 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Gotcha.

20 Understood. Thank you very much.

21 CARLA PATTON: Uh-huh.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Are there
23 any other questions for -- for Carla?

24 If not, I would entertain a motion
25 to accept the allocation as presented.

1 MEMBER SEXTON: David, I think I was
2 muted, but I just had a quick question for Carla.

3 Carla, how many -- how many voting
4 locations are open in the special in Franklin
5 County?

6 CARLA PATTON: We will be utilizing
7 92 voting locations this election.

8 MEMBER SEXTON: 92?

9 CARLA PATTON: Correct.

10 MEMBER SEXTON: And it's my
11 understanding that's about 28 percent of the -- the
12 county will be open?

13 CARLA PATTON: Yes. Just under a
14 third of the county will be open.

15 MEMBER SEXTON: Okay.

16 Mr. Chairman, Michael Sexton. I
17 move that the Board adopt the voting machine
18 allocation formula in Exhibit B compiled by the
19 board staff for the August 3rd, 2021, Special
20 Congressional Primary Election.

21 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Thank you.

22 Doug Priesse. Second the motion.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
24 moved and seconded.

25 I will take roll.

1 Kim Marinello?

2 You may be muted, Kim.

3 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yeah. Yes.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Okay.

5 Mike Sexton?

6 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And

8 Doug Priesse?

9 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Yes.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
11 carries.

12 The next item on the agenda is a
13 candidate withdrawal; and I'll call upon
14 Jeff Mackey, our manager of petitions and filings.

15 Are you on, Jeff? Jeff Mackey, are
16 you on? You may be muted.

17 JEFF MACKEY: This is Jeff Mackey.

18 On June 8th, we received notice from Brian Stewart
19 that he was withdrawing from the Republican primary
20 as a candidate for representative to Congress in
21 the 15th District for the unexpired term
22 January 3rd, 2023. Because it's after the deadline
23 to be removed from the ballot, we'll have to post
24 notices in the voting locations and include those
25 with our absentee ballots that he has withdrawn and

1 votes for him will not be counted.

2 MEMBER SEXTON: Okay. Mr. Chairman,
3 if there's not any questions, I, Michael Sexton, I
4 would move that the Board accept the withdrawal of
5 Brian S. Stewart from the 15th Congress- -- 15th
6 District Special Congressional Republican Primary,
7 and that any votes cast for Brian S. Stewart not be
8 counted.

9 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Doug Priesse.
10 Second the motion.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
12 properly moved and seconded.

13 I will take roll.

14 Kim Marinello?

15 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton?

17 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And
19 Doug Priesse?

20 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Yes.

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
22 carries.

23 I'll call on Jeff again for an
24 additional candidate withdrawal.

25 JEFF MACKEY: On May 27th, we also

1 received a written notice from Judge David Tyack
2 that he was withdrawing as a candidate for judge of
3 the Franklin County Municipal Court, full term
4 commencing January 9th, 2022.

5 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman, I
6 move that the Board -- This is Kim Marinello. I
7 move that the Board accept the withdrawal of
8 David B. Tyack as a candidate for Franklin County
9 Municipal Court and that any votes cast for
10 David B. Tyack not be counted.

11 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Doug Priesse.
12 Second the motion.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
14 properly moved and seconded.

15 I will take roll.

16 Kim Marinello?

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

19 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE:

21 Doug Priesse.

22 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Yes.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion
24 carries.

25 The next item on the agenda is the

1 TMH Solutions contract. And I'll call on our
2 director, Antone White, to walk us through that.

3 DIRECTOR WHITE: Good afternoon,
4 Board Members. This is Director White.

5 As part of your packet, there is a
6 contract for TMH Solutions. As the Board is aware,
7 we have been contracting with TMH Solutions.
8 Specifically, we've hired a project manager,
9 Jo Campbell, to manage the implementation of our
10 new voter registration software known as Tenex.

11 Back in January of this year, the
12 Board approved a six-month extension of that
13 contract with the anticipation that we would be
14 going live on that new software this month;
15 however, with the Special Congressional Election
16 Primary, that was hit -- or that was placed upon
17 the Board for August. Also we've had to extend
18 some of our testing with the SOS. So right now
19 we're currently testing the -- the back-end
20 environment, the transmission of records, the
21 logistics of that testing. It took a little bit
22 longer than we anticipated. So we are currently
23 scheduled to go live on that software
24 September 7th.

25 So what we would like to do is

1 extend Jo's contract with the Board for another six
2 months to get us through to September 7th go-live
3 date; and if there are any subsequent project
4 management work that may -- that may occur prior to
5 go-live or post go-live.

6 MEMBER SEXTON: Director, this is
7 Michael Sexton. This question is just -- this is
8 just an extension of the contract that we currently
9 have?

10 DIRECTOR WHITE: This is an
11 extension. It's the same contractual agreement
12 with the exception of the cost-per-hour rate
13 increased from \$115 an hour to \$120 per hour.
14 Everything else remains the same with the -- with
15 the contract.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Are there
17 any other questions for Antone regarding this
18 contract?

19 MEMBER SEXTON: Seeing none,
20 Mr. Chairman, Michael Sexton, I move that the Board
21 extend the contract of TMH Solutions for the
22 services of Jo Campbell as project manager for the
23 migration from the Integrity Voting Registration
24 System to Tenex at a rate of \$120 per hour, and
25 maximum hours shall not exceed 1,000 hours. The

1 contract extension will be from July 1, 2021,
2 through December 31st, 2021.

3 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Doug Priesse.
4 Second the motion.

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
6 properly moved and seconded.

7 I will take roll.

8 Kim Marinello?

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton?

11 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And

13 Doug Priesse?

14 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Yes.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion
16 carries.

17 The next item on the agenda involves
18 holiday hours. The County Commissioners last year
19 made Juneteenth a county holiday in place of
20 Columbus Day. Juneteenth, the holiday this year,
21 would be on Friday, June 18th; but because of the
22 Special Congressional Election, our staff is going
23 to need to be here. And the suggestion would be to
24 substitute Friday, June 18th, with Friday,
25 November 26th, as a replacement for staff.

1 November 26th would be the Friday following the
2 Thursday Thanksgiving.

3 And if the Board would see fit to do
4 that, I would entertain a -- a motion.

5 MEMBER MARINELLO: Chairman, this is
6 Kim Marinello. I move that the Board use Friday,
7 November 26th, as a replacement for the Juneteenth
8 Day holiday, Friday, June 18th, in which full-time
9 Franklin County Board of Elections employees will
10 be required to work.

11 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Doug Priesse.
12 Second the motion.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been
14 properly moved and seconded.

15 I will take roll.

16 Kim Marinello?

17 MEMBER MARINELLO: Yes.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton?

19 MEMBER SEXTON: Yes.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And

21 Doug Priesse?

22 Chairman Priesse: Yes.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The motion
24 carries.

25 There are no other items listed on

1 the agenda.

2 Are there any other items that need
3 to come before the Board?

4 If not, I think we could probably
5 adjourn.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: Mr. Chairman,
7 Kim Marinello. I move to adjourn.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a
9 second?

10 CHAIRMAN PRIESSE: Second.

11 Thank you everybody.

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13 Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at
14 3:22 p.m.

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THE STATE OF OHIO:

SS:

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

I, Beth A. Higgins, a Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete written transcript of the proceedings in this matter;

That the foregoing was taken by me stenographically and transcribed by me with computer-aided transcription;

That the foregoing occurred at the aforementioned time and place;

That I am not an attorney for or relative of any of the parties and have no interest whatsoever in the event of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal of office at Columbus, Ohio, this 2nd day of July, 2021.

/s/Beth A. Higgins _____
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires: July 16, 2025.

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