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PROCEEDINGS OF

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

before Chairman Douglas J. Preisse, Director Antone White, Deputy Director David Payne, and Board Members Kimberly E. Marinello, Michael Sexton, and Josh Jaffe, on Monday, November 1, 2021, beginning at approximately 3:04 p.m., and concluding at approximately 3:38 p.m.

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Erin Gibbons  
Jeff Mackey  
Carla Patton

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Monday Afternoon Session  
November 1, 2021  
3:04 p.m.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All right.

It looks like we have a quorum. I'll go ahead and  
take roll.

Kim Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.

MEMBER SEXTON: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug

Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Josh

Jaffe.

MEMBER JAFFE: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We have a

quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the  
approval of the September 7th and the October 4th  
meetings of the Franklin County Board of Elections.  
I think those were all sent out to everyone. Are  
there any additions or deletions or corrections?

MR. JAFFE: Not here.

DIRECTOR WHITE: I'm sorry. May I

1 ask a question? I thought we had three meeting  
2 minutes.

3 MS. GIBBONS: We do.

4 DIRECTOR WHITE: So is there an  
5 August?

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And August  
7 16th.

8 MS. GIBBONS: Yeah. August 16th.

9 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the  
10 Board approve the minutes from the September 7th  
11 and October 4th meetings of the Franklin County  
12 Board of Elections as submitted and amend the  
13 motion on page 49 of the minutes of the August 16th  
14 meeting from "those candidates listed in Exhibit B"  
15 to "those local options listed in Exhibit E."

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
18 properly moved and seconded.

19 All those in favor of the motion  
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Vote taken.)

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
23 same sign.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion

1 carries.

2 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the  
3 Board approve the minutes from the August 16th  
4 meeting of the Franklin County Board of Elections  
5 as amended.

6 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
8 properly moved and seconded.

9 All those in favor of the motion  
10 signify by saying aye.

11 (Vote taken.)

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
13 same sign.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
16 carries.

17 The next item on the agenda is the  
18 ballot allocation for the November 2nd General  
19 Election. And I'll turn that over to Carla Patton  
20 for an explanation.

21 MS. PATTON: Good afternoon.

22 Before you is Exhibit A, the  
23 preprinted paper ballot allocation for the November  
24 2nd election tomorrow. There is no changes to  
25 report on this from the last -- from the initial

1 reading that was done in the October meeting. So  
2 just to recap, this number that is in front of you  
3 represents the number of provisionals cast in the  
4 last like election plus an additional five percent  
5 as required by the Secretary of State's office as  
6 well as taking 10 percent of the last election's  
7 votes for each precinct in the like election and  
8 adding that in with no less than 25 ballots being  
9 provided for any ballot style.

10 We ask that you would approve the  
11 report as it appears in front of you.

12 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Will you -- After  
13 the election let's -- give us a report on how many  
14 were used and --

15 MS. PATTON: I most certainly will.

16 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the ballot  
17 styles, since they change they all have to be  
18 discarded, don't they?

19 MS. PATTON: We have to retain those  
20 for the retention period. So for this election  
21 they'll be retained for 22 months at a minimum.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Yeah. I  
23 think it will be interesting to see at the end of  
24 the day how much abundance of caution we're  
25 engaging in and how much waste.

1 MS. PATTON: We'll be able to give  
2 you that report when we certify results.

3 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thanks very much.

4 MR. JAFFE: I move that the Board  
5 adopt the paper ballot formula in Exhibit A  
6 compiled by the Board staff for the November 2nd,  
7 2021 General Election.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Is there a  
9 second?

10 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

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

13 All those in favor of the motion  
14 signify by saying aye.

15 (Vote taken.)

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
17 same sign.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
20 carries.

21 The next item on the agenda is also  
22 for Carla Patton to discuss the voting machine and  
23 e-pollbook allocation.

24 MS. PATTON: On Exhibit B is the  
25 election -- the equipment allocation for tomorrow's

1 election, November 2nd. You have a couple of  
2 different categories there. The main one that we  
3 allocate based on voters is the markers, and we  
4 have those allocated at one per 300 voters in each  
5 location. And then for every 11 markers, I believe  
6 it is, that we allocate a DS200, which is the  
7 ballot counter that tabulates the votes. There are  
8 no less than three ballot markers in any location  
9 with one of those being an ADA accessible marker.  
10 The poll pads are based on one for every hundred --  
11 or every 850 voters with no less than three poll  
12 pads going to those locations.

13           You also see a column on there for  
14 poll prints. That is allocated based on a  
15 combination of ballot styles available in a  
16 location as well as the number of poll pads  
17 allocated to the location. The purpose of the poll  
18 prints is to provide a ballot-on-demand system for  
19 voters choosing to select a paper ballot and to  
20 reduce the potential of getting a wrong ballot  
21 style to that voter.

22           And then you also see a column in  
23 there for ballot cards and blank ballot stock. The  
24 ballot cards and the blank ballot stock will get us  
25 to the requirement of making sure we have ballots

1 available for every voter that would come in to  
2 vote.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you,  
4 Carla.

5 MEMBER SEXTON: I move that the  
6 Board adopt the voting machine and e-pollbook  
7 allocation formula in Exhibit B compiled by the  
8 Board staff for the November 2nd, 2021 General  
9 Election.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second the  
11 motion.

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

14 All those in favor of the motion  
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Vote taken.)

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
18 same sign.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
21 carries.

22 The next item on the agenda is for  
23 Jeff Mackey and that's a candidate withdraw.

24 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Thanks, Carla.

25 MR. MACKEY: On October 14th we

1 received written notice from candidate Rick Vilardo  
2 for Westerville City Schools Board of Education  
3 that he intended to withdraw his name from the  
4 ballot. Everything was in order. His name could  
5 not be physically removed from the ballot because  
6 it was past the deadline to do that, but we've  
7 posted notice in 12 voting locations and with all  
8 the absentee ballots that he has withdrawn and that  
9 votes for him will not be counted.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move the Board  
12 accept the withdrawal of Rick Vilardo as a  
13 candidate for Westerville Board of Education on the  
14 November 2nd, 2021 General Election ballot.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second the  
16 motion.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
18 properly moved and seconded.

19 All those in favor of the motion  
20 signify by saying aye.

21 (Vote taken.)

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
23 same sign.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion

1 carries.

2 The next item on the agenda is a  
3 voter registration challenge. And I thought maybe  
4 the person that was doing the challenge was going  
5 to be here, but I don't see her. But I'm going to  
6 turn it over to Mel Fuhrmann to go through the  
7 voter challenge.

8 MS. FUHRMANN: Good afternoon. Mel  
9 Fuhrmann for Voter Services.

10 On October 2nd, 2021, we received a  
11 voter challenge filed by Sharon Kay Rothermel of  
12 6842 Silverrock Drive, New Albany, Ohio,  
13 challenging the right to vote of an Erin Nicole  
14 Mills.

15 And the challenge document -- which  
16 you have those documents, I believe, in your  
17 packet -- the challenge document states that  
18 Miss Erin Nicole Mills is on the registration form  
19 but the address belongs to Sharon Kay Rothermel.  
20 Miss Rothermel asserts that Erin Nicole Mills does  
21 not currently live at 6842 Silverrock, New Albany  
22 and has never lived there.

23 You will also see a piece of return  
24 mail that we received that was addressed to Erin  
25 Nicole Mills at 6842 Silverrock. I've enclosed

1 both voter registration documents for Sharon  
2 Rothermel and also Erin Nicole Mills. One of the  
3 registrations for Miss Mills has her at 1685  
4 Fallhaven, and that was from August 20th of 2019;  
5 and then a more recent voter registration document  
6 from 7-31 of 2021, signed by Erin Mills, putting  
7 her at 6842 Silverrock Drive. I've also included  
8 the voter histories for Sharon Kay Rothermel and  
9 also Erin Nicole Mills.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: These voter  
11 histories that we're looking at for Miss Rothermel  
12 and Miss Mills are both 6842 Silverrock Drive?

13 MS. FUHRMANN: That's correct.

14 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So our records  
15 are showing two people voting from the same  
16 address?

17 MS. FUHRMANN: That's correct.

18 Miss Rothermel --

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That's not  
20 correct.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: What am I looking  
22 at here?

23 MS. FUHRMANN: I'm sorry. Your  
24 question was?

25 MR. JAFFE: They're registered at

1 the same address. It doesn't look like Erin Mills  
2 has voted from that address.

3 DIRECTOR WHITE: She has not voted  
4 from that address, but she filled out the  
5 registration to change her voting address to the  
6 Silverrock address. She hasn't voted from that  
7 address.

8 MS. FUHRMANN: Right. I'm sorry. I  
9 thought Mr. Preisse's question was that the  
10 documents show Miss Mills and Miss Rothermel both  
11 registered at 6842 Silverrock, which it does show  
12 that.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

14 MS. FUHRMANN: But it does not show  
15 Miss Mills voting at 6842 Silverrock.

16 DIRECTOR WHITE: That's correct.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Gotcha.

18 MS. HUMMER: Chairman Preisse and  
19 members of the Board, if I may at least give you a  
20 procedural piece to address.

21 Since the individual who is  
22 challenging is not here to authenticate or indicate  
23 whether or not the document she has completed is  
24 actually -- or testified under oath this  
25 information we would ask that you -- that this

1 item, this document, is not going to be evidentiary  
2 sufficient for your consideration. However, the  
3 information that has been presented to you with  
4 regard to the public records we have may be  
5 considered; but this document, since she is not  
6 here to present the testimony or authenticate it,  
7 is something that we would stress that you not  
8 consider as sufficient evidence because she can't  
9 be cross-examined or asked questions or  
10 authenticate her -- this document as being her  
11 submitting this information.

12 MEMBER MARINELLO: Has the person  
13 always been here?

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: No. And I  
15 think it is worth noting that we indicate to the  
16 individuals in a letter that they do not need to be  
17 here for this proceeding, but -- either one of  
18 them, but --

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let me make sure  
20 I understand. The challenge of right to vote and  
21 correction of registration listed we have filled  
22 out apparently by -- and signed by Sharon Kay  
23 Rothermel, we shouldn't be looking at it or we  
24 shouldn't be --

25 MS. HUMMER: I am telling you that

1 if you are going to make an administrative judicial  
2 hearing based on this submittal without the person  
3 being here to testify under oath, then I think that  
4 it is an issue for you to rule in favor of her  
5 challenge based on the submittal without her being  
6 here to testify to this under oath.

7 MEMBER MARINELLO: If Miss Mills  
8 were here, would that be sufficient, -- but she's  
9 not here, either -- that would be against the  
10 protest?

11 MS. HUMMER: That would be verbal  
12 and under her testimony.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: You're saying the  
14 Board can make a determination based on the public  
15 record?

16 MS. HUMMER: Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And the public  
18 record that we have are two registration records as  
19 well as the return --

20 Did I hear there was a piece of  
21 return mail here?

22 MS. FUHRMANN: That's right. The  
23 acknowledgment notice, which it says -- actually,  
24 in your packet it says, Web ID, OH0021340417. That  
25 is the back of a piece of -- it's the back of a

1 piece -- it's an acknowledgment notice that was  
2 returned to us and it was addressed to Erin Nicole  
3 Mills, 6842 Silverrock Drive. That's the back of  
4 the acknowledgment notice. I have the original, if  
5 you would like to see it.

6 MR. JAFFE: I would like to see it.

7 MS. FUHRMANN: Of course.

8 MS. GIBBONS: Might I also add that  
9 I spoke with Miss Rothermel over the telephone not  
10 under oath and she asserts that Erin Nicole Mills  
11 does not live at her address.

12 DIRECTOR WHITE: That's not -- Yeah.

13 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So what am I  
14 looking at here, Mel?

15 MS. FUHRMANN: Chairman, that's a  
16 piece of returned mail that acknowledgment notice  
17 was sent to Erin Nicole Mills at the Silverrock  
18 address and it was returned to us as undeliverable.

19 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Oh. This is just  
20 the returned piece of mail?

21 MS. FUHRMANN: Yes, sir. Your  
22 packet includes the back of that letter, sir.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

24 MEMBER SEXTON: So besides that  
25 return piece of mail, do we have any other evidence

1 that she doesn't live there or any voting history  
2 that --

3 MS. FUHRMANN: Sure.

4 So if you look at the voting history  
5 for Erin Mills, which I've included in your packet,  
6 you'll see that she voted absentee in November of  
7 2020; but that was from her old address, which is  
8 1685 Fallhaven Drive.

9 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Mel, I'm sorry to  
10 continue to be confused, but I don't see where  
11 you're pointing to. Are we looking at this  
12 document, her voting --

13 MS. FUHRMANN: Yes. Erin Nicole  
14 Mills. It says active, 6842 Silverrock Drive in  
15 New Albany. If you look you will see that 11-3 of  
16 2020, which was the General Election, that she  
17 voted absentee.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

19 MS. FUHRMANN: But that was from her  
20 old address, which --

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: How can you tell  
22 that?

23 MS. FUHRMANN: Well, because her  
24 more recent registration is dated 7-31 of 2021. So  
25 she registered at 6842 Silverrock Drive on 7-31 of

1 '21 and then previous to that she was registered at  
2 1685 Fallhaven Drive and that registration is dated  
3 7-20 of '19. So you could reasonably infer that if  
4 she voted in November of 2020, we don't know for  
5 sure that she was living at 6842 Silverrock at that  
6 time because she didn't update her address with us  
7 until July of 2021.

8 MEMBER MARINELLO: Okay.

9 MS. FUHRMANN: So it's up to the  
10 Board if they want to make that leap.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We also had  
12 a phone number for Erin Mills. And I left her a  
13 message telling her why we wanted to talk to her,  
14 and I didn't get a response.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Mel, do you have  
16 any theory as to how this even came to pass that  
17 Erin Mills would be registered at this other  
18 address?

19 MS. FUHRMANN: Chairman, I do not.  
20 I do find that it is curious that if you look at  
21 the signature on her registration of 7-20 of '19  
22 that that signature is very similar to the  
23 signature on the registration of 7-31 of 2021. So  
24 that gives me some pause. It certainly looks like  
25 the signature of that voter. However, I'm at a

1 loss to explain why she would list 6842 Silverrock  
2 as her address. And I've had no contact with this  
3 voter.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And the one  
5 thing we wanted to make sure was that it wasn't  
6 someone -- there wasn't a dispute of some sort that  
7 caused one of these people to say that this person  
8 no longer lives here. So when Erin talked to her,  
9 we asked, do you know this person, I mean, have you  
10 ever -- There is -- They didn't know them. They  
11 had never heard of them until she got the mail at  
12 her house.

13 MS. HUMMER: I just want to be  
14 careful on the matter of hearsay that we're  
15 providing that she said this. And that's why I  
16 said that without the person here to present sworn  
17 testimony, to rely on that type of information is  
18 not fair to Erin Mills who would have to have -- at  
19 least have someone under oath testifying that she's  
20 erroneously filed a --

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I was  
22 just -- He asked if we had any theories.

23 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: We're allowed to  
24 engage in hearsay, we're just not necessarily  
25 allowed to make our decision --

1 MS. HUMMER: The one item on your  
2 public record that I think is important is that you  
3 do have a history with Erin Mills of having  
4 substantial voting history. So it's not someone  
5 who has just one-time voted and now is shifting,  
6 that there is substantial voting history of a  
7 person. We don't know which address she was  
8 voting, but you do have somebody who has been  
9 voting on a regular basis.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I mean,  
11 actually, we do know what address she was voting  
12 from.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: We would because we  
14 have a registration.

15 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's previous --

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Yeah. We  
17 know where she voted from.

18 MR. JAFFE: We're only having this  
19 conversation because Sharon Kay Rothermel filed  
20 this challenge of right to vote, she signed under  
21 penalty of election falsification that the  
22 statements were true. I understand that she's not  
23 here under oath making that same affirmation. But  
24 I guess I don't understand. If we can't pay any  
25 attention to the challenge, why are we talking

1 about whether to accept the challenge if we're not  
2 allowed to?

3 MS. HUMMER: Because it's an  
4 administrative action that rests with you when the  
5 Board receives this.

6 MEMBER SEXTON: Right. But there's  
7 nothing here -- What I don't understand is Sharon  
8 Kay Rothermel is saying she doesn't live there.  
9 Okay? Although, we're not supposed to take this  
10 into consideration?

11 MEMBER MARINELLO: Not without her  
12 here. Right?

13 MS. HUMMER: She's not here to  
14 testify to it, to provide you -- This is an  
15 administrative hearing that requires sworn  
16 testimony for purposes of making a determination of  
17 whether or not someone should not be able to vote,  
18 the most important aspect of the election process.  
19 And the person -- you're relying on information,  
20 not being able to address any questions to the  
21 person or present sworn testimony to it.

22 MEMBER SEXTON: But we have two --  
23 the two pieces of information here on Erin Mills  
24 saying that she's a registered voter at another  
25 address, 1665 Fallhaven on 7-20-19; and then we

1 have another one saying that -- and this must be  
2 with some contention -- that she moved apparently  
3 to this address, 6842 Silverrock, on 7-31-2021,  
4 which is very recently. So with the document here  
5 that -- I still question whether this is evidence  
6 or not. And then we have a document here saying  
7 she just moved here and the person is saying she  
8 hasn't; but because she's not here, is not --

9 MS. HUMMER: Here is why -- I want  
10 us to take a step back and let's remove ourselves  
11 from these facts. Do you want to remove the right  
12 to vote based on someone merely submitting a  
13 document without someone standing before you under  
14 oath saying this person is not here, doesn't live  
15 here? And what evidence do you want to rely on to  
16 take away someone's right to vote from the address  
17 they submitted in their registration.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Uh-huh.

19 MEMBER SEXTON: Does this seem to be  
20 a qualified affidavit?

21 MS. HUMMER: It's not notarized.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: It's not  
23 notarized.

24 What are the implications of  
25 postponing the decision?

1                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: That  
2 potentially she would have -- I mean, I'll speak.  
3 I think she could vote tomorrow at the election. I  
4 mean, we have her flagged. She's going to vote  
5 provisionally.

6                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE: That was my next  
7 question. Why did we have her flagged?

8                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Because we  
9 were having this and we've had early vote for 28  
10 days, we wanted to make sure that she's flagged,  
11 that if she came in to vote we would allow her to  
12 vote but it would be provisional. If, of course,  
13 the Board doesn't rule and she votes, then that  
14 vote would count.

15                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we have an  
16 opportunity to reexamine the provisional vote after  
17 tomorrow if she votes provisionally?

18                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: If we had a  
19 special meeting.

20                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Do we have  
21 another meeting before certification of the vote?

22                   DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We would  
23 have to do after -- have to do it at our  
24 certification meeting.

25                   CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I think that

1 might be a good idea under the circumstances,  
2 unless I'm missing something.

3 MR. JAFFE: Are we in the same  
4 situation where all we have to go on is the  
5 statement from the woman who is also registered  
6 here?

7 DIRECTOR WHITE: Unless we would  
8 subpoena the person that's challenging and we  
9 subpoena and bring her in here and swear her in and  
10 then she can testify under oath.

11 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Let me ask  
12 another question of counsel.

13 Or if this -- if the next generation  
14 of this were notarized, would that carry more  
15 weight?

16 MS. HUMMER: It would definitely  
17 carry more weight.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. I think we  
19 should pass on this subject. I don't think we can  
20 take any action -- My suggestion is we take no  
21 action on it and we don't have to do anything other  
22 than just go to the next item.

23 MS. HUMMER: To your next meeting  
24 for purposes --

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I guess, for the

1 record, I would say because we brought it up, this  
2 is of particular interest, let us watch, monitor,  
3 and address the issue with internal communications  
4 and if necessary Board action or consideration at  
5 the certification.

6 DIRECTOR WHITE: Is there -- Do we  
7 need to make a motion on that?

8 MS. HUMMER: I think you should  
9 postpone it to your next meeting, which would be  
10 your certification meeting.

11 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, I  
12 would move that we would postpone the voter  
13 registration challenge of the right to vote filed  
14 by Sharon Kay Rothermel of 6482 in New Albany  
15 against Erin Nicole Mills until the next meeting of  
16 the Board of Elections.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: And I'll second  
18 it.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
20 properly moved and seconded.

21 All those in favor of the motion  
22 signify by saying aye.

23 (Vote taken.)

24 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
25 same sign.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
3 carries.

4 The next item on the agenda is  
5 holiday hours, and we -- the next holiday coming up  
6 is Veterans Day. That's on November 11th. The  
7 Board of Elections is scheduled to work that day  
8 because we have to be here in order to update any  
9 folks that voted that didn't supply their ID or  
10 something. They have that 10 days to come in here  
11 and rectify that. So we have to be here. So what  
12 we would suggest is that we replace the Veterans  
13 Day holiday with December 23rd and give the staff  
14 off on December 23rd. Is that --

15 DIRECTOR WHITE: That's correct.

16 MEMBER JAFFE: I move that the Board  
17 approve Thursday, December 23rd, as a replacement  
18 for the Veterans Day holiday, Thursday, November  
19 11th, in which full-time Franklin County BOE  
20 employees are required to work.

21 MEMBER SEXTON: Second.

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

24 All those in favor of the motion  
25 signify by saying aye.

1 (Vote taken.)

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
3 same sign.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
6 carries.

7 The next item on the agenda is the  
8 blank ballot card stock.

9 Carla, I think you referenced that a  
10 little bit, but do you want to mention that just  
11 again?

12 MS. PATTON: Yeah.

13 So as we were packing for the  
14 election we were running just a little -- not  
15 short, but we were running out of supply back here  
16 in our office to make sure we had enough for  
17 training, early voting, and the election day in the  
18 event that we did some more eventually somehow. So  
19 in order to make sure we had enough on hand we had  
20 ordered I believe it was 70,000 pieces of ballot --  
21 the skinny ballot card stock for the markers which  
22 we have had to -- we've got into with all the  
23 additional training we've had to do at PMP as well.  
24 So that's why you have a purchase order for 70,000  
25 pieces of ballot stock.

1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I think it's  
2 200,000.

3 MS. PATTON: Or 200. Okay. Sorry.  
4 That was a different order.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay.

6 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the  
7 Board authorize the purchase of 200,000 sheets of  
8 blank ballot card stock from Election Systems &  
9 Software at a total cost of \$19,313.32.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I second the  
11 motion.

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

14 All those in favor of the motion  
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Vote taken.)

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
18 same sign.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
21 carries.

22 Carla, while I have you there, can  
23 you just show -- I think at the last Board meeting  
24 the Board purchased Cradlepoint, and I just thought  
25 since Carla is here she could show you.

1 MS. PATTON: They're sealed up now.  
2 There's nothing in here. This is the poll connect  
3 case. There's a black power cord that goes out  
4 that's in this. There's a Cradlepoint that's built  
5 into this case. So basically the poll worker just  
6 has to take the power cord out and it plugs into  
7 the back of the case here and then there's vent  
8 holes on the side to allow air flow through the  
9 case. They're new, so they're a bit tough to open.  
10 And this is what provides -- then you plug it into  
11 the wall and it turns on. This is what provides  
12 the connectivity to the poll pads for us to be able  
13 to update them with the supplemental data from all  
14 the early vote over the weekend.

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And we used  
16 something similar to this, just not as powerful,  
17 last election.

18 MS. PATTON: Right. So in the last  
19 few elections we've piloted the Cradlepoint 900s.  
20 They weren't in the case. It was just the actual  
21 device itself. And so the case provides the  
22 housing for the Cradlepoint as well as a booster to  
23 that antenna. So it provides a little stronger  
24 signal than what we had experienced. And so -- and  
25 we had no issues before with those signals. We

1 just wanted to make sure we were good wherever we  
2 were and we were going to get a strong signal. We  
3 have tested them out off site to make sure. We ran  
4 a couple of different tests a couple of times to  
5 make sure that the poll pads did pull that update  
6 down, and they both were successful one hundred  
7 percent.

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Thank you,  
9 Carla.

10 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Sounds good.

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: The next  
12 item on the agenda is the opening of the polls for  
13 tomorrow's General Election.

14 MR. JAFFE: Well, I move that the  
15 polls be declared open on Tuesday, November 2nd,  
16 2021, for the General Election beginning at  
17 6:30 a.m. and closing at 7:30 p.m., and that in  
18 accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 3501.32,  
19 any voter in line prior to the close of polls at  
20 7:30 p.m. shall be permitted to vote.

21 MEMBER SEXTON: I will second.

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

24 All those in favor --

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Just one

1 question. Do we normally send a poll worker out to  
2 monitor the line? Now we've got outside  
3 volunteering, too. Right?

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We do.

5 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Which is an  
6 additional role. So who -- But is it a fully  
7 empowered, you know --

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's usually  
9 the voting location manager that is ultimately  
10 responsible for either going out or assigning  
11 someone to go out. In a lot of cases it's the  
12 voting location manager themselves, but in other  
13 cases it's the person that's assigned to outside  
14 duties or it could be somebody else; but there's  
15 always somebody. Like today Antone and I went out  
16 at 2:00 and anybody that was in line could vote,  
17 but anybody after that we had to tell them that  
18 they weren't able to vote. So that should be done  
19 at all 323 polling locations throughout Franklin  
20 County.

21 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Okay. Thanks for  
22 that.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Yeah. You  
24 bet.

25 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: You were about to

1 call the vote.

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I was.

3 All those in favor of the motion  
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Vote taken.)

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
7 same sign.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
10 carries.

11 And I think the remaining thing  
12 would be to recess the Board.

13 MEMBER SEXTON: Mr. Chairman, I move  
14 that the Board recess this meeting of the Board of  
15 Elections subject to recall by the Chair until  
16 after the close of the election being held on  
17 Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021.

18 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second.

19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
20 properly moved and seconded. We are in recess.

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22 Thereupon, the proceedings were  
23 adjourned at approximately 3:38 p.m.

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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN:

I, Carla D. Castle, 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;

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That the foregoing occurred at the aforementioned time and place;

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/s/Carla D. Castle  
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires: September 29, 2026.

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