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THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Regular Meeting. :

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December 6, 2021

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 and Josh Jaffe, on Monday, December 6, 2021, beginning at approximately 3:03 p.m., and concluding at approximately 3:10 p.m.

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**APPEARANCES:**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**  
Jeanine Hummer, Esquire  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
373 South High Street, 13th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215,

On behalf of the Board.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Erin Gibbons  
Carla Patton

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Monday Afternoon Session  
December 6, 2021  
3:03 p.m.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I'll take  
roll.

Kim Marinello.

MEMBER MARINELLO: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Mike Sexton.  
(No response.)

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Doug  
Preisse.

CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Here.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: And Josh  
Jaffe.

MEMBER JAFFE: Yes.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We have a  
quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the  
certification of candidate of local option  
recounts. I'll turn that over to Carla Patton.

MS. PATTON: Good afternoon.

Last week, on Monday, November 29th,  
we conducted a recount for the local liquor option  
in Columbus Ward 28, Precinct D. And then on  
Tuesday, November 30th, we conducted recounts for

1 the Madison Plains Local School District tax issue  
2 as well as the city council races for the City of  
3 Canal Winchester and the City of Westerville. A  
4 result of those recounts was everything matched  
5 exactly as was certified in the official canvass  
6 with no changes as well as no changes being  
7 reported from Delaware County for the City of  
8 Westerville and Fairfield County for the City of  
9 Canal Winchester.

10 So we would ask that you certify the  
11 results as they appear, which is unchanged from the  
12 official certification results.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: And those numbers  
14 are in Exhibit A of your packet of the recount.

15 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move the  
16 Board certify the unchanged abstract of the results  
17 from the candidate and local options recounts  
18 conducted on Monday, November 29th, and Tuesday,  
19 November 30th, as listed on Exhibit A.

20 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: Second the  
21 motion.

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 Franklin County Premium Pay Program. And I'll turn  
9 that over to our Director Antone White.

10 DIRECTOR WHITE: Good afternoon.

11 In your Board materials for  
12 consideration is to adopt the Franklin County  
13 Premium Pay Program as sponsored by the Franklin  
14 County Board of Commissioners.

15 On November 16th the Board of  
16 Commissioners announced this program to reward  
17 essential workers and incentivize them to continue  
18 their in-person work on behalf of the public. All  
19 county non-board of commissioner agencies can  
20 participate in the program pending leadership  
21 approval.

22 Board of Election employees are  
23 essential workers. Since the beginning of the  
24 pandemic in early 2020 the Board of Election  
25 employees have unselfishly worked in person for

1 long hours to ensure that the voters of Franklin  
2 County can exercise their right to vote. To  
3 qualify for this incentive, eligible employees must  
4 earn less than \$35 per hour and work a minimum of  
5 200 hours in the fiscal office for each eligibility  
6 period. The incentive payment is \$500 and there  
7 are a total of three eligibility periods for a  
8 total incentive of \$1,500. The funds for the  
9 program will be provided through the Board of  
10 Commissioners as part of the Coronavirus Local  
11 Fiscal Recovery Fund as authorized through the  
12 American Rescue Plan Act.

13 Pending any questions, I would ask  
14 that the Board approve the adoption of this  
15 incentive which is for essential Board of Election  
16 employees.

17 MEMBER JAFFE: I have a question.  
18 Understanding that this was something the  
19 Commissioners put together, do you know if there's  
20 a reason the eligibility period starts in the  
21 middle of this year sort of at the tail end of when  
22 the pandemic was most serious, just out of  
23 curiosity?

24 DIRECTOR WHITE: I believe there was  
25 a review.

1 I'd call on Jeanine Hummer, our  
2 prosecutor, to maybe fill in some information on  
3 that, if she has any.

4 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So you're  
5 saying you're looking at the August 16th initiation  
6 period?

7 DIRECTOR WHITE: Yes.

8 I think Mr. Jaffe was asking why the  
9 eligibility started in 2021 moving forward.

10 MR. JAFFE: I just know Board  
11 employees were working in the office throughout  
12 2020, presumably when the situation was more  
13 perilous, and I just out of curiosity --

14 MS. HUMMER: I may be speaking out  
15 of turn in terms of the historical piece, but I  
16 think it was because the initiation of the ARPA  
17 funds, the rescue fund, didn't come forward until  
18 2021. And I think there are requirements with  
19 regard to usage of those funds and events taking  
20 place, and I believe that is why.

21 MR. JAFFE: Makes sense, then.

22 DIRECTOR WHITE: Thank you, Jeanine.

23 MEMBER MARINELLO: I move that the  
24 Board adopt the Franklin County Premium Pay Program  
25 to incentivize essential Board of Elections

1 employees.

2 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: I'll second.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: It's been  
4 properly moved and seconded.

5 All in favor of the motion signify  
6 by saying aye.

7 (Vote taken.)

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed,  
9 same sign.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: Motion  
12 carries.

13 DIRECTOR WHITE: Thank you.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: I don't have  
15 anything else on our agenda unless any of the Board  
16 members do.

17 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: In the rare  
18 example where the Republicans are outvoting the  
19 Democrats two-to-one I'm thinking of moving to do  
20 something nasty, but I won't do it.

21 MEMBER MARINELLO: Appreciate it.

22 CHAIRMAN PREISSE: So move to  
23 adjourn.

24 MEMBER MARINELLO: Second.

25 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All in favor

1 signify by saying aye.

2 (Vote taken.)

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: All opposed.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAYNE: We are  
6 adjourned.

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8 Thereupon, the proceedings were  
9 adjourned at approximately 3:10 p.m.

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THE STATE OF OHIO:

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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;

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 17th day of January, 2022.

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

My Commission Expires: September 29, 2026.

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