

The Union County Board of Elections met on August 2, 2022. Those in attendance were Chairman William Steele; Board Members Gary Lee, Dean Cook, and Rebecca Pokorski; Director Michelle Forrider; Deputy Director Brandon Clay; Election Specialist Gretchen Kinney; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thayne Gray.
*****ELECTION DAY*****

Chairman Steele called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m.

Chairman Steele declared the Polls Open.

Approve minutes from July 6, 2022 meeting

Board Member Lee moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Pokorski seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Election Update

Director Forrider explained that all polling locations were opened with ease. Director Forrider and Deputy Director Clay stated that the new moving company, Outside the Box Moving, did an excellent job with moving the equipment to each polling location, including having 6 movers assisting and individually wrapping each FVT cart for protection.

Deputy Clay reported the Absentee numbers as of 6:45 a.m. to the Board. Deputy Clay handed out a copy of these numbers to the Board Members.

Approve Campaign Finance reports

Director Forrider stated that her and Deputy Director Clay have been training Election Specialist Kinney in Campaign Finance.

1. Citizens for Senior Services, Better Roads and Safer Bridges
2. Citizens for Schools Committee
3. Committee to Elect Kim Zacharias County Commissioner
4. Committee to Elect Robert W Parrott for Municipal Court Judge
5. Davis for Trustee
6. Fairbanks Levy Committee
7. Friends of Jamie Patton for Sheriff
8. Friends to Elect Keith Conroy
9. Friends of Tony Eufinger
10. Lori Lacella for Allen Township Fiscal Officer Committee
11. North Union Levy Committee
12. Residents for Jerome Township
13. Safer Jerome
14. Scott Hunter for Marysville
15. Sullivan for Union County Clerk of Courts
16. Support Your Library Levy Committee
17. Union County Democratic Party-Restricted Fund
18. Union County Republican Party-Restricted Fund
19. Woodring, Bochkor, and Yoder for School Board

Board Member Cook moved to approve the Campaign Finance reports with Board Member Pokorski seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

2022 YTD budget summary

Director Forrider presented the YTD budget. There were no questions or concerns.

Director Forrider stated that a portion of the August grant money was being used on Part Time salary, lowering the PT salary year to date to 35% from 68%. Director Forrider and Deputy Director Clay mentioned that the August grant money can be spent on materials that are utilized in the August election.

Director Forrider also stated that there is the HAVA grant that needs to be used on the security directive.

Approve Bills

Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. Intab
2. RBM Consulting, LLC
3. Shred Direct
4. Visa

Board Member Cook motioned to approve with Board Member Lee seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Changing names on Credit Card

Director Forrider stated that Richwood Bank needs approval to remove Tina LaRoche's name and add Michelle Forrider and Brandon Clay to the credit card.

Board Member Pokorski motioned to remove Tina LaRoche's name from the credit card and replace with Director Forrider and Deputy Director Clay. Board Member Lee seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Absentee Vote by Mail

Deputy Director Clay stated that the SOS requires Board approval for a printing/mailing ballot vendor. Deputy Director Clay requested Midwest for approval with Chairman Steele noting Midwest's responsiveness and success with the printing/mailing of ballots. Board Member Lee motioned to approve with Board Member Pokorski seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Public Records request

Director Forrider and Deputy Clay stated that on 07/18/2022 they received a public records request with six additional requests thereafter. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gray mentioned that many of the Ohio BOE are receiving these requests. He also mentioned that under the Public Records Law the requester absolves the labor and material costs.

Chairman Steele questioned the SOS investigating these public record requests and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Gray stated that the SOS is referring to local prosecutor to manage.

Chairman Steele requested copies of all the requests be given to each Board Member.

Board Member Cook motioned to table discussion until the cost of these requests are calculated, with Chairman Steele seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Recess

At 7:15 a.m. Chairman Steele discussed going into recess. A motion was made by Board Member Cook to go into recess until 7:00 p.m. and seconded by Board Member Pokorski.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Unofficial Canvas

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the unofficial canvass. Board Member Cook motioned to remake the torn ballot from Marysville High School polling location, Board Member Pokorski seconded motion.

- The motion passes unanimously.

Board Member Lee motioned to remake the 17 year old ballot with Pokorski seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

All ballots from Election day were counted, the Board signed and Certified the Unofficial Canvas results.

Misc

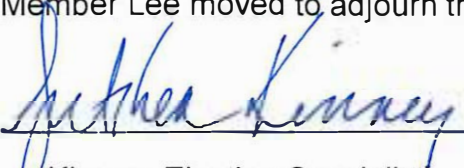
Board Member Lee motioned to purchase two generators for polling locations, Board Member Pokorski seconded.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Lee thanked all election staff for a successful election.

Board Member Lee moved to adjourn the meeting with Board Member Pokorski seconding.

Attest:



Gretchen Kinney, Election Specialist

Chairman:



William Steele, Chairman