

***The Union County Board of Elections met on September 3, 2024. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members Jeff Robinson, Barbara Luke, and William Steele; Director Brandon Clay, Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; and Election Specialist Vicki Flanders.***

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

#### **Approval of Minutes from August 13, 2024, meeting**

Board Member Luke moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Campaign Finance**

Deputy Director Forrider presented semiannual campaign finance reports.

1. Union County Republican Party General Fund
2. Union County Republican Party Restricted Fund
3. Union County Republican Party Scholarship Fund
4. Citizens Committee for People with Developmental Disabilities
5. Designation of Treasurer PAC William A. Bogardus
  - Board Member Cook questioned whether the DOT needed a PAC name other than his legal name. Follow up will be made with the campaign finance administrator Gretchen Kinney on this issue.

Board Member Steele motioned to approve the campaign finance with Board Member Cook seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Bills**

Deputy Director Forrider presented the August bills for board approval.

1. Triad
2. Trithium Solutions
3. Southern Computer Warehouse
4. Travel Expense Report
5. Visa

Board Member Robinson motioned to approve the bills with Board Member Steele seconding.

- Motion passed unanimously.

#### **2024 YTD Budget Summary**

Deputy Director Forrider presented an update on the YTD budget. The budget is on track for the upcoming election. There were no questions or concerns.

### **Absentee Outsourcing**

The Board of Elections would like to use Midwest Direct to print and mail the absentee ballots for the November General Election.

Board member Steele motioned to approve the use of Midwest Direct with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. Some of our poll workers voted opposite of their party affiliation in the Primary Election. Thus, changing their party affiliation in the computer system. The question was brought to the board's attention whether these poll workers could still be used with their previous party affiliation. It was determined by the board that the party affiliation reflected in the computer system is in fact the party that must be used when assigning poll workers on election day.
2. A rough draft of the November ballot has been completed. Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider were able to fit the entire ballot on one page using 17-inch ballot stock, reduced spacing, and 10-point font. This is significant as a two-page ballot could create several complications when processing ballots. The ballot still requires some editing and proofreading before board approval.
3. Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider will be going to Marysville High School on September 4<sup>th</sup> for a senior assembly to discuss the process of voter registration and voting. They will also visit the Marysville Early College High School on September 6<sup>th</sup> to teach government classes and run a mock election.

Board Member Luke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 pm with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Vicki Flanders Chairman: Dean E. Cook  
Vicki Flanders, Election Specialist Dean Cook, Chairman