

The Union County Board of Elections met on November 18, 2024. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members Jeff Robinson, Barbara Luke, and William Steele; Director Brandon Clay, Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; Election Specialist Vicki Flanders; Public; Barbara Phillips and Kathy Young.

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Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2024, meeting

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

- Motion passed unanimously.

Election Review

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider were both pleased with the election. Voter turnout was at an all-time high. They received positive feedback from the community that the lines moved smoothly and efficiently. Director Forrider praised the staff for their excellent job.

Rule on Provisionals and Absentees

Director Clay presented the provisional ballots to the Board.

Board Member Steele made a motion to accept 529 provisional ballots that included in county address changes, absentee ballots sent but not returned, name change, both name and address change, no identification but corrected, undeliverable acknowledgement sent and cast provisional. Board member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Pending Board Decision

Board Member Luke motioned to remake two ballots that were voted in the right polling location but wrong precinct. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Luke motioned to accept the second ballot of a voter who voted absentee provisional with no valid ID, but also went to their polling location on election day and voted provisionally with a valid ID but a change of address. It was felt that since the original ballot would not count due to not being cured, the second one should be counted. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Steele motioned to accept the ballot of identical twin brothers in which the poll worker checked in and voted the wrong brother. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Steele motioned to accept the provisional of a voter who tried to register a hotel as his address. His registration was not accepted because this address was mistakenly looked at as a business and not a residence. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Cook motioned to accept the ballot of a voter who is currently homeless but used the Board of Elections address as his residence. Board Member Luke seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Recommended to Reject

Board Member Steele motioned to reject 179 provisional ballots. These ballots included 138 who were not registered in the state of Ohio, 2 wrong polling location and precinct, 9 failures to complete the identification envelope, 4 who voted absentee in-office, and 25 with no valid ID. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Rule on Absentee

Board Member Luke motioned to accept 55 absentee ballots that were postmarked on time. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Luke motioned to reject 36 absentee ballots. 15 were postmarked late, 1 had no postmark, 4 arrived late, 8 were returned undeliverable or missing identification information, 3 signatures did not match, 4 identification mismatches, and 1 was missing the ballot stub. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Remakes

Board Member Luke motioned to remake a Paris ballot that was ripped and a Marysville 15 ballot that had glue on it. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Steele motioned to remake a Dublin City 2 ballot with glue on it and a Washington and Marysville 12 ballot that would not scan due to crooked markings. Board Member Luke seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Steele motioned to remake 22 ballots with hesitation marks. These included one for Marysville 5, Marysville 9, Marysville 17, Marysville 15, Marysville 11, Marysville 18, Marysville 13, Marysville 1, Dublin City 2, Claiborne, Plain City, Liberty 1, two for Marysville 4 and Marysville 6, and three for Marysville 3 and Marysville 12. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Steele motioned to rerun 4 overvote ballots from Dover 1, Jerome 6, Dublin City 1, and Jerome 4 with the overvote turned off. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Audit

The 2024 General Election audit is set for December 3rd at 9am. The precincts drawn for the audit included Marysville 13, Darby 1, and Millcreek. Deputy Director explained they are looking to audit 1,866 votes. The races for audit set forth by the Secretary of State include the presidential race, and the senate. Board Member Robinson motioned to include the Union Co Board of Developmental Disabilities with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented the bills to the board for approval.

1. Knowink
2. Verizon
3. Triad-ballot box camera
4. Midwest Direct
5. Union Co Sheriff's Office
6. Marysville Journal-Tribune
7. Triad-election worker portal
8. Outside the Box Moving
9. Pitney Bowes
10. Trithium Solutions
11. Quill
12. Staff Travel Expense Report
13. Visa

14. RBM

Board Member Luke motioned to approve the bills with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Campagne Finance

Deputy Director Forrider presented champagne finance for the boards approval.

1. Citizens Committee for People with Developmental Disabilities
2. Citizens to Elect Michael Justice Sheriff

Board Member Luke motioned to approve champagne finance with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

2024 YTD Budget Summary

Deputy Director Forrider presented an update on the YTD budget. There were no questions or concerns.

Miscellaneous

The Board of Elections received two petitions on November 8th. Those petitions have been completed and scanned.

The Board of Elections would like to plan a Poll worker Appreciation event to thank the poll workers for all their hard work.

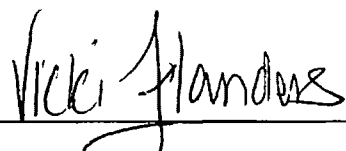
Board member Steele motioned to give the Board of Elections staff an extended Thanksgiving holiday. He proposed that the office close at noon on November 27th and reopen the following Monday for normal business hours. Board Member Robinson seconded the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously

Board Member Steele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:38am with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

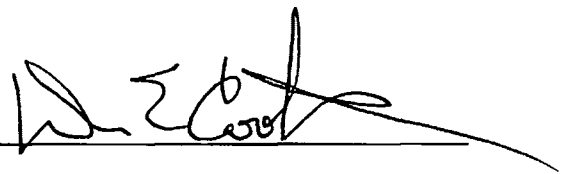
- Motion passed unanimously

Attest:



Vicki Flanders, Election Specialist

Chairman:



Dean Cook, Chairman