

Union County Board of Elections met on August 11, 2020. Those in attendance were Robert Parrott, Chairman; Dean Cook, Board Member; William Steele, Board Member; Rebecca Pokorski, Board Member; Brandon Clay, Director; Tina LaRoche, Deputy Director; Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist; Susie O'Brien, Ohio Secretary of State Liaison; and Ross Bauer, Gordon Flesch.

Chairman Parrott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Temperature Scan Stations

Ross Bauer from the Gordon Flesch company gave a quick presentation for a temperature check screener for the November election. The Board asked staff to purchase one for early voting and handheld temperature scanners for all polling locations in case the coronavirus threat level increased.

July 7 Board Minutes

The Minutes from the July 7th board meeting were presented, and no issues or concerns were raised.

- A motion to approve the minutes was made by Board Member Steele and seconded by Board Member Cook.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review

Deputy LaRoche presented the board with the 2020 budget review. There were no outstanding issues.

Campaign Finance

Campaign finance reports were presented to the board. No issues were brought to their attention.

- A motion to approve Campaign Finance was made by Board Member Pokorski and seconded by Board Member Cook.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Approve bills

Deputy LaRoche presented the bills from last month. There were no new issues to discuss.

- A motion to approve the bills was made by Board Member Pokorski and seconded by Board Member Cook.

Questions and Issues certification

Director Clay presented the questions and issues that are to go on the ballot.

- Board member Steele motions to approve (Darby TWP Public Safety, Jerome TWP Fire, ParisTWP Fire, Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities Renewal, Liberty TWP Fire, Union TWP Fire, Fairbanks LSD income, 1487 Brewery- local liquor option and Sunday sales). Board member Cook seconds.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Parkway Drive-Thru

- Board Member Steele makes motion to invalidate the Part petition 4 due to circulator count being less than the actual count. Board Member Cook seconds.
- The motion passed unanimously.
- Board Member Cook motions to approve ballot language for Parkway Drive-Thru. Board Member Pokorski seconds.
- The motion passed unanimously.

North Union

- Board Member Pokorski makes a motion to approve the North Union emergency renewal levy to form. Board Member Cook seconds.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Cares Act

Deputy Director LaRoche discusses the plan on the spending of Cares Act money set aside for the November election. The office already purchased a new envelope slicer and automatic time stamper to assist with the increased mail that is anticipated due to the pandemic.

Covid19 plan

Deputy LaRoche discussed the plans and strategies for the upcoming November election. What is being purchased and implemented to ensure the safety of the office staff, poll workers and voters.

Poll Workers

Elections Specialist Forrider gave an update on the response to the survey that was sent out to all poll workers. We have about 60% response rate, with about 60% saying they would still work and the split being even between Democrats and Republicans.

Masks

Deputy LaRoche presented the board a mask with a Vote decal on it that Alexis LaRoche made.

- Board Member Pokorski made a motion to have these made for our part time staff and poll workers so they may be easily identified on Election Day. Board Member Cook seconds.
- The motion passed unanimously.

Executive session

- Board Member Cook motions to go into executive session. Board member Steele seconds. Roll call was taken.

Pokorski – Yes
Steele – Yes
Cook – Yes
Parrott – Yes

- Board member Cook motions to come back into session. Board member Steele seconds. Roll call was taken.

Pokorski – Yes
Steele – Yes
Cook – Yes
Parrott – Yes

- Board Member Cook motions for a target date of August 31st to go Full Staff in the office, with safety in mind. Board Member Pokorski seconds.
- The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Pokorski motions to adjourn the meeting at 3:45pm. Board Member Cook seconds.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Michelle L Forrider

Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist

Chairman: 

Robert Parrott, Chairman