

Union County Board of Elections met on January 12th, 2021. 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; Renee Error, new Election Specialist.

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

November 16th, 2020 Board Minutes

The Minutes from the November 16th, Official Canvass were presented to the board and no issues or concerns were raised.

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

New Election Specialist

Director Clay introduced Renee Error to the Board. Renee has been interviewed and selected as the top choice to replace Theresa Hook effective Feb. 1, 2021. Theresa Hook will retire effective Jan. 31, 2021.

- A motion was made by Board Member Steele to hire Renee part-time for training until her first official day Feb 1, 2021. At this time Renee will become our newest team member. Board Member Pokorski seconds the motion.
- The motion was passed unanimously.

Budget Review

Deputy LaRoche presented the board with the 2021 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 that was initialed by both parties and to wait for approval when the rest came in completely, 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 Steele and seconded by Board Member Cook.
- The motion passed unanimously.

2021 Board meeting schedule

Director Clay and Deputy LaRoche presented the 2021 Board Meeting schedule. Deputy LaRoche informed the Board that we would need to add an additional meeting for board reorganization. Reorganization needs to occur between March 2nd thru March 6th.

- Board Member Pokorski motions to add March 2nd to 2021 schedule for reorganization. Board Member Cook seconds the motion.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

March Special Election

Director Clay goes over the Plain City Charter. Board Member Steele will set up a zoom meeting to open polls on March 9th. The Board agrees to be on call if we should need any help that day.

Covid Plan

The staff asked the board to remain on split shift through the election. The Board agreed with staff that we should remain split.

Physical Security

Deputy LaRoche and Director Clay went over the three quotes for enclosing the front counter. They recommended using Goodwin services.

- Board Member Cook motions to use Goodwin Services and to ask them to get quote on steel doors for the back warehouse. Board Member Pokorski seconds.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

Misc

Retirement lunch for Theresa Hook will be January 29th.

There is a growing concern about the recall of a city council member.

Board Member Cook motions to close the meeting at 2:14pm. Board Member Pokorski seconds.

Attest: Michelle L Forrider Chairman: William Steele
Michelle Forrider, Election Specialist William Steele, Chairman