The Union County Board of Elections met on July 11, 2023. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members William Steele; Gary Lee; Barbara Luke; Director Brandon Clay; Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; Election Specialist Renee Error

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

<u>Approve minutes from the June 6, 2023 and June 13, 2023 Board Meeting</u> Board Member Steele moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Lee seconding.

• The motion passed unanimously.

Campaign Finance

Deputy Director Forrider presented Campaign Finance.

- 1. Union County Democratic Party Operating Fund
- 2. Jermaine Ferguson For Marysville
- 3. Citizens for Senior Services, Better Roads and Safer Bridges
- 4. Committee to Elect Robert W Parrott for Municipal Court Judge
- 5. Safer Jerome
- 6. Citizens for Schools Committee

Board Member Steele moved to approve the Campaign Finance with Board Member Lee seconding.

• The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Bills</u>

Deputy Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

- 1. Visa
- 2. Marysville Journal Tribune
- 3. Verizon
- 4. Ohio Secretary of State County Board of Elections Registration 2023 Summer Conference
- 5. Pitney Bowes
- 6. BMF Reporting Company
- 7. Election Systems & Software (ESS&S)
- 8. Postage

Board Member Luke moved to approve the bills with Board Member Lee seconding.

• The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Review

Deputy Director Forrider presented budget overview. There were no questions or concerns.

August Election Update

We had voters waiting to vote when we opened and there has been a steady stream of voters coming to vote. 200 absentee ballots were sent out today with another 50 enter to be mailed. Logic and Accuracy will be done on July 12, 13 and 14th.

Precinct changes

During the precinct change, there was an error where the voters should have stayed in Marysville 12 precinct were moved to Marysville 18 by mistake. It was caught and corrected quickly. Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider informed the board that on future precinct changes a bipartisan team will proof the changes after they are made.

Candidate Petitions

Deputy Director Forrider presented 7 petitions that have been reviewed and staff recommended approval for the November Ballot.

- 1. Joe Craft (Jerome Township Trustee)
- 2. David Huber (Darby Township Trustee)
- 3. Donald Boerger (City Council Ward 4)

- 4. Rochelle Ehert (North Union Local Schools Board of Education)
- 5. Wm. Reddy Brown (Member of Council in Richwood)
- 6. Beverly Low (Dover Township Fiscal Officer)

Board Member Luke motioned to approve the 6 petitions for the November Ballot with Board Member Luke seconding.

• The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Steele motioned to approve Ryan J Lee petition with Board Member Luke seconding.

• The motion passed unanimously, with Board Member Lee abstaining.

Deputy Director Forrider presented 1 Issue to the November Ballot for Board approval.

1. Union County Developmental Disabilities Renewal

Board Member Lee moved to approve the Issue to the November Ballot with Board Member Luke seconding.

• The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Luke informed the Board that due to travel booked prior to joining the board, that she will miss meetings in November.

Miscellaneous

• Deputy Director informed the Board that we would be getting a check from the Secretary of State for \$81,215.00 to help with the cost for the August Special Election.

The next Board meeting will take place on August 8, 2023 at 6:30 a.m.

Board Member Lee moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:48 p.m. with Board Member Luke seconding.

Chairman: Attest:

Renee Error, Election Specialist

Dean Cook, Chairman