

***The Union County Board of Elections met on October 3, 2023. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members Gary Lee, William Steele, and Barbara Luke; Director Brandon Clay; Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; Susie O'Brien SOS Liaison, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thayne Gray, Election Specialist Renee Error***

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

Approve minutes from August 21, 2023, and August 23, 2023 meetings.

Board Member Steele moved to approve the minutes from August 21 and August 23 with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Approve Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. BMF Reporting Company
2. KNOWiNK
3. Midwest Direct
4. ES&S
5. Marysville Journal – Tribune (color ad)
6. Quill
7. Marysville Journal – Tribune (subscription)
8. Verizon
9. ComDoc
10. Visa
11. CurrentWare

Board Member Steele motioned to approve the bills with Board Member Lee seconding the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

#### Campaign Finance

Deputy Director Forrider presented Campaign Finance to the Board

- Committee to Elect Andrea Weaver
- Jerome Township Property Owners PAC
- Bordner For Marysville
- Union County Republican Party – Restricted Fund
- Verbus for Office
- The Friends of the Union County Health Department Levy Committee
- Citizens to Re-Elect David Phillips Prosecutor
- Union County 911 Committee
- Union County Republican Party – Scholarship Fund
- Union County Republican Party – General Fund

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

- The motion passed unanimously.

### Referendum

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thayne Gray gave an update that all briefs were filed and waiting to hear back from the Ohio Supreme Court.

### 2023 YTD budget summary

Deputy Director Forrider presented to the Board the YTD budget summary and there were no concerns or questions.

### 2024 Budget

Deputy Director Forrider presented to the Board the 2024 budget summary and there were no concerns or questions.

The Board Member Steele propose an 8.4% increase in staff salary to stay competitive with other County Board of Elections. Board Member Steele made a motion to approve the budget with an 8.4% increase in staff salary, with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

### Election Update

Director Clay updated the Board on the status of the November Election. The first file for the vote by mail has been sent to MidWest for the absentee mailing.

We currently have 115 confirmed poll workers for November's election. A motion was made by Board Member Lee to approve the minimum of 2 poll workers per precinct with 1 democrat and 1 republican, with Board member Luke seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

### Upcoming meetings

Director Clay informed the board that there has been a change in the law. We can now conduct the official canvass as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the election. So, we could move our official canvass to November 15, 2023. Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider recommend keeping the official on November 20, 2023, and canceling November 15, 2023. Board Member Steele made a motion to cancel the November 15, 2023, meeting with Board Member Luke seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay informed the board that because of the March Primary filing deadline we need to have a meeting before January 2, 2024. Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider recommend December 22, 2023. Board member Steele made a motion to have a candidates certification meeting on December 22, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

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#### Holidays

Director Clay informed the board that Veteran's Day falls during the cure period. Board Member Steele made a motion to use Veteran's Day holiday the Wednesday before Thanksgiving for staff and have a part time worker cover the office until noon with Board Member Luke seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Luke made a motion to make November 24, 2023, an alternative holiday with Board Member Lee seconding.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Steele made the motioned to adjourn at 2:16 pm with Board Member Lee seconded the motion.

- The motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Renee Error, Election Specialist

Chairman:



Dean Cook, Chairman