

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2012**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. for a regular meeting and to certify the March 6, 2012 Primary Election. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member Judy Shelton, Member Tom Ellis , Member Bruce Carter, Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro, and Sr. Executive Assistant Nancy Piper. Also present was Mr. T.C. Rogers, Candidate for Butler County Commissioner. Absent from the meeting was Director Lynn Edward Kinkaid.

There were no Bills to Approve.

Minutes to be reviewed and approved were from the meetings of March 5,6,7,2012, and March 13, 2012. Member Ellis moved to approve both sets of Minutes, and the motion was seconded by Member Carter, who requested that the Minutes be edited to reflect “moved” rather than “motioned” in several instances. Roll call was taken:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried as amended.

Results of the March 6, 2012 Primary Election were reviewed by the Board.

Deputy Director Bucaro led the discussion of the results which were as follows:

Election Summary Report	03/21/12
MARCH 2012 PRIMARY	16:36:55
Summary For Jurisdiction Wide, All Counters, All Races	
Official Results	
Board Certified	

Registered Voters 231396 - Cards Cast 42689 18.45%	Num. Report Precinct 299 - Num. Reporting 299 100.00%
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DELEGATES AT LARGE-R	REP
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	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	38207	
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Newt Gingrich	6089	15.94%
Jon Huntsman	147	0.38%
Ron Paul	2689	7.04%
Rick Perry	149	0.39%
Mitt Romney	15993	41.86%
Rick Santorum	13140	34.39%

DELEGATES AT LARGE-D	DEM	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	3770/12808	29.4%
Total Votes	3239	
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Barack Obama	3239	100.00%

DISTRICT DELEGATES	REP	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	37619	
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Newt Gingrich	6645	17.66%
Jon Huntsman	195	0.52%
Ron Paul	2919	7.76%
Rick Perry	240	0.64%
Mitt Romney	14974	39.80%
Rick Santorum	12646	33.62%

UNITED STATES SENATOR-R	REP	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	27266	
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David W. Dodt	1593	5.84%
Donna K. Glisman	3894	14.28%
Eric LaMont Gregory	1581	5.80%
Josh Mandel	16728	61.35%
Michael L. Pryce	3316	12.16%
Russell P. Bliss Jr.	21	0.08%
Write-in Votes	133	0.49%

UNITED STATES SENATOR-D	DEM	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	3770/12808	29.4%
Total Votes	3176	

Sherrod Brown	3176	100.00%
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UNITED STATES SENATOR-G	GRE		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted		43/33	130.3%
Total Votes		10	
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Joseph R. DeMare		6	60.00%
Anita Rios		1	10.00%
Write-in Votes		3	30.00%

UNITED STATES SENATOR-L	LIB		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted		184/186	98.9%
Total Votes		38	
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John Fockler		21	55.26%
Write-in Votes		17	44.74%

CONGRESSMAN 8TH DISTRICT-R	REP		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted		38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes		37066	
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John A. Boehner		31075	83.84%
David Lewis		5991	16.16%

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 1/1/13-R	REP		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted		38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes		25210	
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Terrence O'Donnell		25210	100.00%

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 1-1-13-D	DEM		
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted		3770/12808	29.4%
Total Votes		2785	
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Robert W. Price		2785	100.00%

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 1/2/13-R	REP		
		Total	

Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	24025	
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Robert R. Cupp	24025	100.00%

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 1-2-13-D		DEM
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	3770/12808	29.4%
Total Votes	3114	
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Fanon A. Rucker	1051	33.75%
William M. O'Neill	2063	66.25%

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 12-31-14-R		REP
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	24948	
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Sharon L. Kennedy	24948	100.00%

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE 12-31-14 -D		DEM
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	3770/12808	29.4%
Total Votes	2819	
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Yvette McGee Brown	2819	100.00%

COURT OF APPEALS 12TH DISTRICT-R		REP
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	25454	
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Stephen W. Powell	25454	100.00%

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEMOCRAT - MAN 4TH DISTRICT		DEM
	Total	
Number of Precincts	287	
Precincts Reporting	287	100.0%
Times Counted	3576/12181	29.4%
Total Votes	2544	
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Ronnie Wardrup	2544	100.00%

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPUBLICAN - MAN 4TH DISTRICT		REP		
		Total		
Number of Precincts		287		
Precincts Reporting		287	100.0%	
Times Counted		37866/33683	112.4%	
Total Votes		26351		
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Richard L. Alderson		12377	46.97%	
Tim Evans		13974	53.03%	

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE LIBERTARIAN - MAN 8TH DISTRICT		LIB		
		Total		
Number of Precincts		299		
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%	
Times Counted		184/186	98.9%	
Total Votes		131		
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Daryl R. Olthaus		131	100.00%	

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEMOCRAT - MAN 7TH DISTRICT		DEM		
		Total		
Number of Precincts		12		
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0%	
Times Counted		194/627	30.9%	
Total Votes		161		
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Peter L. Cassady		122	75.78%	
Keir Holeman		39	24.22%	

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPUBLICAN - MAN 7TH DISTRICT		REP		
		Total		
Number of Precincts		12		
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0%	
Times Counted		759/728	104.3%	
Total Votes		574		
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Michael O. Eshleman		109	18.99%	
Bob McEwen		465	81.01%	

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE GREEN-3RD DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION		GRE		
		Total		
Number of Precincts		299		
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%	
Times Counted		43/33	130.3%	
Total Votes		37		
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Timothy M. Bruce		37	100.00%	

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEMOCRAT - WOMAN 4TH DISTRICT		DEM	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		287	
Precincts Reporting		287	100.0%
Times Counted	3576/12181		29.4%
Total Votes		2708	
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Jocelyn Bucaro		2708	100.00%

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPUBLICAN - WOMAN 4TH DISTRICT		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		287	
Precincts Reporting		287	100.0%
Times Counted	37866/33683		112.4%
Total Votes		26859	
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Patricia F. Alderson		16478	61.35%
Bea Lyons		10381	38.65%

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DEMOCRAT - WOMAN 7TH DISTRICT		DEM	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		12	
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0%
Times Counted	194/627		30.9%
Total Votes		157	
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Jennifer O'Donnell		157	100.00%

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REPUBLICAN - WOMAN 7TH DISTRICT		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		12	
Precincts Reporting		12	100.0%
Times Counted	759/728		104.3%
Total Votes		594	
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Maggi Cook		95	15.99%
Rebecca Heimlich		380	63.97%
Jean Raga		49	8.25%
Lori Viars		70	11.78%

STATE SENATE 4TH DISTRICT-R		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		287	
Precincts Reporting		287	100.0%
Times Counted	37866/33683		112.4%
Total Votes		24017	
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Bill Coley		24017	100.00%

STATE HOUSE REP 53RD DISTRICT-R		REP	
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	Total		
Number of Precincts	102		
Precincts Reporting	102	100.0%	
Times Counted	10935/9368	116.7%	
Total Votes	7545		
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Timothy Derickson	7545	100.00%	

STATE HOUSE REP 53RD DISTRICT-D	DEM		
	Total		
Number of Precincts	102		
Precincts Reporting	102	100.0%	
Times Counted	1319/4568	28.9%	
Total Votes	999		
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Suzi Rubin	999	100.00%	

STATE HOUSE REP 54TH DISTRICT-R	REP		
	Total		
Number of Precincts	12		
Precincts Reporting	12	100.0%	
Times Counted	759/728	104.3%	
Total Votes	505		
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Peter Beck	505	100.00%	

STATE HOUSE REP 54TH DISTRICT-D	DEM		
	Total		
Number of Precincts	12		
Precincts Reporting	12	100.0%	
Times Counted	194/627	30.9%	
Total Votes	151		
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Donna C. Chilcote	151	100.00%	

STATE HOUSE REP 51ST DISTRICT-R	REP		
	Total		
Number of Precincts	92		
Precincts Reporting	92	100.0%	
Times Counted	10863/7755	140.1%	
Total Votes	6620		
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Wes Retherford	6620	100.00%	

STATE HOUSE REP 51ST DISTRICT-D	DEM		
	Total		
Number of Precincts	92		
Precincts Reporting	92	100.0%	
Times Counted	1240/2990	41.5%	
Total Votes	982		
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Mark N. Hardig	982	100.00%	

STATE HOUSE REP 52ND	REP		
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DISTRICT-R		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	94	
Precincts Reporting	94	100.0%
Times Counted	16068/16560	97.0%
Total Votes	10546	
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Margaret Conditt	10546	100.00%

STATE HOUSE REP 52ND DISTRICT-D		DEM
	Total	
Number of Precincts	94	
Precincts Reporting	94	100.0%
Times Counted	1017/4623	22.0%
Total Votes	115	
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Cynthia Hines	104	90.43%
Write-in Votes	11	9.57%

STATE HOUSE REP 52ND DISTRICT-L		LIB
	Total	
Number of Precincts	94	
Precincts Reporting	94	100.0%
Times Counted	59/86	68.6%
Total Votes	51	
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Robert C. Coogan	51	100.00%

COMMON PLEAS COURT-R 1/1		REP
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	26403	
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Keith M. Spaeth	26403	100.00%

COMMON PLEAS COURT-R 1/2		REP
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	24208	
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Noah E. Powers II	24208	100.00%

COMMON PLEAS COURT-R 1/3		REP
	Total	
Number of Precincts	299	
Precincts Reporting	299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411	112.2%
Total Votes	24276	
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Craig D. Hedric	24276	100.00%

COUNTY COMMISSIONER- R 1/2		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		32521	
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Courtney E. Combs		11559	35.54%
Chuck Furmon		9392	28.88%
T.C. Rogers		11570	35.58%

COUNTY COMMISSIONER- D 1/2		DEM	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	3770/12808		29.4%
Total Votes		2993	
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Jodi Billerman		2993	100.00%

COUNTY COMMISSIONER- L 1/2		LIB	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	184/186		98.9%
Total Votes		138	
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Daryl R. Olthaus		138	100.00%

COUNTY COMMISSIONER- R 1/3		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		24301	
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Don Dixon		24301	100.00%

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY-R		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		25397	
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Mike Gmoser		25397	100.00%

CLERK OF COURTS-R		REP	
		Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		32084	
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Mary Swain		19502	60.78%

Jeff Wyrick	12582	39.22%
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SHERIFF-R	REP	Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		29768	
Richard K. Jones		29768	100.00%

COUNTY RECORDER-R	REP	Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		25833	
Danny N. Crank		25833	100.00%

COUNTY TREASURER-R	REP	Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		27281	
Nancy Nix		27281	100.00%

COUNTY ENGINEER-R	REP	Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		25759	
Gregory J. Wilkens		25759	100.00%

CORONER-R	REP	Total	
Number of Precincts		299	
Precincts Reporting		299	100.0%
Times Counted	38625/34411		112.2%
Total Votes		25900	
Lisa K. Mannix		25900	100.00%

LIB CENTRAL COMMITTEE-HAM2WD3	LIB	Total	
Number of Precincts		1	
Precincts Reporting		1	100.0%
Times Counted	2/2		100.0%
Total Votes		2	
Andrew A. Peelman		2	100.00%

LIB CENTRAL	LIB
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COMMMITTEE-HAM9WD1		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%
Times Counted	4/2	200.0%
Total Votes	2	
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Edward T. Fowler	2	100.00%

LIB CENTRAL COMMITEE-LIBERTY26		
	LIB	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%
Times Counted	3/4	75.0%
Total Votes	3	
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Robert C. Coogan	3	100.00%

LIB CENTRAL COMMITTEE-MILFORD3		
	LIB	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%
Times Counted	1/3	33.3%
Total Votes	1	
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Daryl R. Olthaus	1	100.00%

LIB CENTRAL COMMITEE-MONROE5		
	LIB	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%
Times Counted	2/1	200.0%
Total Votes	1	
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Bonnie Kelly	1	100.00%

LIB CENTRAL COMMITTEE-WAYNE3		
	LIB	
	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%
Times Counted	1/1	100.0%
Total Votes	1	
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John Young	1	100.00%

Issue 1 Midd5wd4 LO		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%
Times Counted	77/726	10.6%
Total Votes	74	
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YES	50	67.57%
NO	24	32.43%

Issue 2 Stclair3 LO		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	1	
Precincts Reporting	1	100.0%
Times Counted	98/466	21.0%
Total Votes	98	
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YES	59	60.20%
NO	39	39.80%

Issue 3 Princeton City Schools		
	Total	
Number of Precincts	3	
Precincts Reporting	3	100.0%
Times Counted	493/1677	29.4%
Total Votes	489	
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FOR THE TAX LEVY	273	55.83%
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY	216	44.17%

Deputy Director Bucaro informed the Board that the Official Run was conducted the previous day, March 20, 2012, and added to the unofficial tabulation were 343 Provisional Ballots as well as 90 absentee ballots. The results were as expected and balanced perfectly.

Member Carter moved to certify the March 6, 2012 Primary Election. Member Shelton seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and roll call was taken:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The County Commissioner race between candidates Courtney Combs and T.C. Rogers resulted in a difference of less than ½ of 1% margin which requires that an automatic recount be ordered by the Board, Deputy Director Bucaro explained. Member Ellis questioned the Chairman whether this item should be under New Business, and Chairman Cloud agreed.

Member Shelton stated that she was very pleased to see that 5,133 absentee ballots were returned of the 5,370 issued. Member Carter added that the number of invalid absentee ballots was very low – only 41 out of 5,100 returned.

Deputy Director Bucaro reviewed the following Memorandum from the Secretary of State's Office with the Board:

03/20/2012

Refers to Directive 2012-12 Post-Election Audits – SOS Selection of Statewide Office for Post-Election Audit

The contested Ohio Supreme Court contest for the Democratic nomination is the office selected for the post election audit. Also, we are to use the At- Large race for Republican Presidential Delegates as the "top of the ticket." In addition, the Board must also select at least one other contest to be included, and must determine whether it will conduct its audit by precinct, by polling place, or by individual voting machine.* (*This selection must take place at today's meeting.)

Deputy Director Bucaro further explained that because our county has multi-precinct polling locations, the smallest unit which we may audit is by polling location. The Board agreed to address determining the unit of audit, the selection of a county-wide contested race to be audited, and randomly select precincts whose vote total must be at least 5% of the total votes cast in the County under New Business later in the meeting.

Further Memoranda from the Secretary of State were reviewed as follows:

03/12/12

Tie Vote on March 6, 2012 Regarding Appointment of Director (Jon Husted)

Breaks tie vote of 3/6/2012 Reorganization Meeting, appointing Lynn Kinkaid to serve as Director.

03/13/12

ADA Publications Distribution Update (Laura Pietenpol)

Voter Access Guide and Options for Voting will begin shipping on 3/14/2012.

03/14/12

Tie Vote on March 13, 2012 Regarding Appointment of Deputy Director (Jon Husted)

Breaks tie vote appointing Jocelyn Bucaro as Deputy Director.

03/15/12

Reimbursement Form Paper Ballots (Pat Wolfe)

Reporting expenses of providing backup paper ballots per Directive 2012-04. We are awaiting invoices and will submit by deadline of 4/6/12.

Deputy Director Bucaro reviewed with the Board the following "Other Communications,"

03/05/12

Submitted Petition for Initiated Constitutional Amendment – Freedom to Marriage and Religious Freedom Amendment (Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General)

There were 2 valid part-petitions, 1 invalid part-petition, 2 valid signatures and 1 invalid signature.

**03/15 –
03/20/12**

Misc Correspondence – Aaron Ockerman
Regarding SB284, SB295, HB194, HB 430.

Under Old Business, the Board reviewed the Service Agreement from Advanced Ballot Solutions, LLC, and Chairman Cloud asked if the Commissioners had approved the agreement. Deputy Director Bucaro stated that both the Board and the Commissioners have approved the bid, and the contract before the Board today has been reviewed and approved by Roger Gates of the County Prosecutor's Office. To summarize, Deputy Director Bucaro advised the Board that Advanced Ballot Solutions, not ES&S, will be designated as the second party of the contract. Also, ABS provides us with a written guarantee that if our equipment fails, they will bring us a machine within 24 hours for our use. The final change was under *Termination of the Agreement*. The equipment itself shall be purchased by the County and will belong to the County. In other words, should our software license expire or is terminated, the County will still own the equipment. When the contract is executed, we are prepared to pay the invoice amount of \$40,686 (purchase price of \$53,586.00 less the \$11,900 paid for use of the equipment thus far). Within ten days of the contract being executed, ABS will submit a Performance Bond to the County as required by the bid. Member Shelton moved to accept the contract, seconded by Member Cloud. Roll call was taken:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	abstain
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Under New Business, Deputy Director Bucaro reminded the Board that the results of the Commissioner's race from the March 6, Primary Election between Courtney Combs and T.C. Rogers falls within the one-half of 1% threshold which requires an automatic recount to be ordered by the Board today. Member Carter moved to order the Recount, Member Shelton seconded. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member Carter yea
Member Shelton yea
Member Ellis yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Deputy Director Bucaro advised the Board that we must give the candidates at least five days notice of the Recount, so the earliest we could conduct the Recount would be Monday, March 26th. The Recount has been tentatively scheduled to take place on that date beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Directive 2012-11 states that “the board will randomly select precincts whose vote totals for the race or issue to be hand-counted equal at least 5% of the total vote in the race to be recounted,” which would be 1,627 in this race. Both candidates have agreed in writing to waive the twenty-four hour notice required to notify them when the drawing of the precincts to be hand-counted will take place. The waiver has been approved by the Secretary of State, and the drawing of the precincts may take place at the next Board Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Member Ellis moved to randomly select the precincts to be included in the Recount at that meeting. The motion was seconded by Member Carter. Roll call was taken:

Chairman Cloud yea
Member Carter yea
Member Shelton yea
Member Ellis yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The Board discussed whether it was necessary to finish the Recount in the same day as begun, in order to cut down on possible overtime by the staff. Member Carter suggested that the Secretary of State be consulted as to whether we may break up a Recount. Our legal counsel at the Secretary of State was called, and a message was left. (Note: although there was no reply during the meeting, we have since been told that while it is not recommended, a Recount does not have to be completed in one day.) The Board also agreed that the start of the Recount begin at 8:30 a.m. Member Carter moved to schedule the Recount for Monday,

March 26, 2012 to begin at 8:30 a.m. The motion was seconded by Member

Shelton. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The next order of business was in regard to the Audit. The Board must set a unit for the audit, randomly select a contested, county-wide race to be included in the audit, and draw the polling locations whose total to be hand-counted shall equal at least 5% of the total number of votes cast for the county (countywide voter turnout), a figure of 2,135 - 5% of total cards cast which was of 42,689. Member Ellis moved that for the post-election audit, the unit will be polling places. The motion was seconded by Chairman Cloud. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

A coin toss was selected in order to randomly select the race to be audited: the Clerk of Courts race was to be represented by heads, and the Commission race represented by tails. The Commissioner's race was selected.

Member Carter moved that the Board go into a brief recess while the Board employees prepare for the random selection of polling locations. Member Shelton seconded the motion. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried. The Board recessed.

Following recess, the Board proceeded to randomly draw the polling locations for the audit. The random drawing sufficiently met the number of required votes cast according to Directive 2012-12.

There was no other New Business.

Due to the absence of the Director, there was no Director's Report.

Ms. Bucaro proceeded with the Deputy Director's Report and began by informing the Board that the Poll Worker Department has completed their payroll for election workers, and that the March, 2012, election expenses were approximately \$5,000 less than the same line items as November, 2012 expenses. She presented the Board with a breakdown as follows:

Election Workers Salaries	\$196,997.78
Election Workers Reimbursements and Mileage	<u>\$ 4,213.00</u>
Total Election Workers Cost	\$ 201,210.78
Polling Place Rentals	<u>910.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL MARCH	\$ 202,120.78

In the November, 2011 General Election, expenses were as follows:

Election Workers Salaries	\$ 201,701.79
Election Workers Reimbursements and Mileage (Higher mileage due to Rover Mileage)	<u>\$ 5,564.23</u>
	\$ 207,275.02
Polling Place Rentals	<u>910.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL NOVEMBER	\$ 208,185.02

Deputy Director Bucaro stated that we were very happy to be able to save the County roughly \$6,000.

Ms. Bucaro reported to the Board the following information:

- The Board of Elections website is still under design, and we hope to launch the new site by the end of April.
- She and Director Kinkaid are meeting with individual departments and conducting post-election assessments.
- Changes implemented in Candidates and Ballot Services have improved in that area significantly.
- Polling place issues during the March 2012 Election included some problems encountered with the Manchester School (Banquet Hall), mainly regarding directional signage. This problem was addressed on Election Day. The reason we originally utilized the Manchester School was due to accessibility problems encountered at Miami University in Middletown, the

former location for those precincts. Middletown High School officials refused to meet with our staff, therefore the staff reached out to the Events Coordinator and the Superintendent for assistance. At this time, we were near the deadline to secure a location and the Manchester School was offered for our use. The Manchester School did not meet accessibility requirements, however, and we were advised by the Secretary of State that grant money would most likely not be available due to the High School being so close. Middletown Schools did offer to bring the Banquet Hall into compliance with accessibility requirements, and we did utilize that space for March. However, if we may not use Middletown High School for the November Presidential Election, we will find a private location and will *not* return to Manchester Banquet Hall due to multiple problems with this location. Ms. Bucaro explained that the school did not want our voters there while school is in session, however, it was her understanding that Middletown Schools will be closed on Election Day in November, so it may not be a problem to secure the high school as a polling location. Ms. Bucaro stated that by Statute, the school must provide the space and we simply need to provide Notice to that school. Member Ellis stated that we simply must plan to utilize this space continuously.

Deputy Director Bucaro continued to address the Board and commented on the current Poll Worker Training Program, especially addressing the Electronic Poll Books. Overall, the training went very well. The problems we saw on Election Day with our Provisional table were due to poll workers not being adequately trained on processing Provisional Voters on the Electronic Poll Books. Last-Minute-Instructions were provided to election workers, however, in some cases it was evident that they were not read. Therefore, Mr. Kinkaid and Ms. Bucaro plan to work closely with poll worker training on this subject. The Board discussed methods to streamline this process and better train the poll workers on sending voters to the correct Provisional table and providing appropriate ballots to the voters. The suggestion was made to place an additional person at the Provisional Table to guide voters to the correct provisional ballot precinct poll worker. Ms.

Bucaro assured the Board that we have sufficient election workers to staff a Provisional Table, and that this was a very good suggestion. Ms. Bucaro also informed the Board that during the opening of the polls, there was some confusion regarding hooking up the signature pad. This issue will be addressed for the November Election, and she added that more time is needed for hands-on training of processes involved when a voter is not a “regular voter.”

Member Shelton then moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel under O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1). Member Ellis seconded the motion. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

After Executive Session, Member Shelton moved to return to Regular Session, seconded by Member Ellis. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Member Shelton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Cloud.

Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Carter	yea
Member Shelton	yea
Member Ellis	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Absent

Lynn Edward Kinkaid, Director

Thomas W. Ellis, Member

Judith A. Shelton, Member

Bruce Carter, Member