

**Butler County Board of Elections
Board Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2016**

The Butler County Board of Elections met on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 9:05 a.m. for a regular meeting. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Frank Cloud, Member Kathy Wyenandt, Member Todd Hall, Member Chris Wunnenberg, Director Diane Noonan, Deputy Director Jocelyn Bucaro, Executive Assistant Donna DeFazio, Executive Assistant Eric Corbin and Secretary of State Regional Liaison Beth Hamad.

Chairman Cloud submitted the minutes of April 4 and April 18, 2016 for approval.

Member Hall moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Wyenandt.

Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Director Noonan acknowledged the Receipt of the following Directives,

Advisories and Memorandum from the Secretary of State:

<u>Directives</u>	None
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Advisory

04/28/2016	2016-01	Polling Locations using Electronic Pollbooks
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<u>Memorandum</u>	None
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Under Election Business, Director Noonan reviewed the Precinct Election Officials March 15, 2016 Primary Election Assessment with the Board. All Precinct Election Officials passed the assessment and may all be rehired.

Director Noonan distributed an early voting report for the June 7, 2016 Special Congressional Election. There have been 126 people vote early for the June Election with a total of 755 ballots issued. Deputy Director Bucaro stated that in

comparison to the May 2015 Special Election there were 477 ballots issued at this point prior to the election.

Director Noonan stated that we have an election on August 2, 2016 in one precinct, Morgan1, for the Southwest School District. Hamilton County is the most populous county. We are discussing having early voting at Morgan Township Administration Building in order to be closer to the voters. Chairman Cloud asked about the procedure if the voters come to the office. Deputy Director Bucaro stated that a paper ballot could be issued for them to take home and vote. Member Wunnenberg stated the voters are used to coming to the Board to vote early and the question would be whether it would make sense to make the changes. Member Hall asked if there would be additional costs and Deputy Director Bucaro stated there are none anticipated. There are about 600 registered voters in the precinct. Chairman Cloud is concerned about the voters being aware of early voting in their area.

Deputy Director Bucaro explained that James Condit, Jr. Green Party candidate for the 8th District was certified for both the March 15th Special Primary and the June 7th Special General Elections. He lives in Hamilton County and he pulled a Republican Party primary ballot in the March 15th election. The Ohio Revised Code states that if a candidate for a political party pulls a different party ballot in the Primary that he forfeits his nomination. In consulting with Prosecuting Attorney Roger Gates, he advised that Mr. Condit did not forfeit his nomination for the June 7, 2016 Special General Election as the Green Party did not have sufficient notice to replace him on the June 7th ballot. Therefore, he will be on the June 7th ballot but will not qualify to be on the November 8th ballot. Member Wunnenberg moved to remove James Condit, Jr. nominee for the Green Party from the November 8th ballot for the 8th Congressional District; seconded by Member Hall. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

Under Old Business, Member Hall asked whether the poll workers have been paid for the March 15, 2016 Primary Election. Director Noonan stated they were paid about two weeks from the election. She stated that all poll workers are paid by direct deposit from the Auditor's Office and we are the only county in Ohio that has that requirement. Member Hall, with agreement from the other Board members, asked that a letter from the Board be written to the Butler County Auditor requesting that direct deposit not be mandatory in Butler County.

Under New Business, Director Noonan stated that for the June 7th Special General Election, two companies, Know Ink and Everyone Counts, will be piloting their electronic poll books on a trial basis at four locations. Deputy Director Bucaro stated we will get the feedback from the Location Supervisors that used the trial electronic poll books.

Under the Director's Report, Director Noonan stated that she and Deputy Director Bucaro returned from the Election Center training classes held in Auburn, Alabama. The classes were informative and gave them additional training toward the certificate they want to earn. It was very interesting to talk with other State staff and discover new ideas.

Deputy Director Bucaro stated she noted that since people like to take selfies at the polls someone suggested to set up a "selfie" station in early voting in November for people to take a picture with their "I voted" sticker instead of their ballot. With Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, people love to display their pictures.

Director Noonan shared that the Poll Worker department has had a lot of illness lately with one having surgery and another one that has an ill mother. We need a minimum of 1,132 poll workers and currently have 1,359, which is a surplus of 237 people. We usually have a lot of poll workers who drop off on Election Day so they are working to continue to add backup poll workers. Deputy Director

Bucaro asked for the political parties and their business networks to be contacted for poll workers.

Director Noonan stated that Train the Trainers for those who train poll workers starts next week. For the June election, training is not mandatory for experienced workers but new workers must have in-person training. May 23rd starts poll worker training which takes about three hours. Open House for poll workers to come to the office to receive extra training on the electronic poll books and TSX machines is available on Thursday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 4th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Under the Deputy Director's Report, Deputy Director Bucaro stated that last week the House subcommittee passed the online voter registration bill with an amendment. It will go to the House for a vote and then to the Senate and then will need to be signed by the Governor. The new bill will not take effect until January 2017.

Deputy Director Bucaro stated in preparing for the November 2016 election, we received a report from the Warehouse Coordinator Erin Clendenin regarding the status of our voter access cards which are used in the TSX units for voting. The cards are old and many do not work properly so we have to order more cards for the June election. They cost \$10.00 each and we may need to order 200-500 more for the November election. We have also experienced a lot of problems with the printers on the machines. We have questioned the vendors about additional printers and canisters being available that we could purchase.

Member Hall asked if we have a service agreement. Deputy Director Bucaro explained that we have a maintenance agreement with the vendor and we send machines to them for repairs after each election. She explained that replacing the printer is not part of the agreement.

Deputy Director Bucaro stated we are planning on hiring at least 20 people to work in the office for the November 2016 election. Some of them will start in July

as we are anticipating statewide petitions. We will start advertising for the remainder of the new hires who would start in August 2016. Director Noonan stated there are five or six previous workers whom we will be re-hiring for the November election.

Deputy Director Bucaro stated that the Election Administration Plan for the November 2016 election will be available for the Board to approve at the June 20th Board Meeting.

Director Noonan stated that Finance Coordinator Belle Quisenberry completed the Tax Budget for the Commissioners and included \$3.5 million for new voting equipment in the budget. Deputy Director Bucaro stated there are leasing options available from some of the vendors.

With no further business, Member Hall moved to adjourn; seconded by Member

Wyenandt. Roll call:

Chairman Cloud	yea
Member Wyenandt	yea
Member Hall	yea
Member Wunnenberg	yea

All in favor; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m.

Frank Cloud, Chairman

Diane Noonan, Director

Todd Hall, Member

Chris Wunnenberg, III Member

Kathleen Wyenandt, Member