



COLUMBIANA COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Kim Fusco, Director
Bryce A. Miner, Deputy Director

Board Members:
David W. Johnson, Chair
Patty Colian, Vice Chair
Larry Bowersock
Victor W. Maroscher

Board Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Continuation from Recess – November 7, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

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The Columbiana County Board of Elections met in special session at the Board Office located at 7989 Dickey Dr., Suite 3, Lisbon, Ohio on November 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Johnson at 10:00 a.m.

Members present as shown by roll call:

Mr. Bowersock	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Colian	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnson	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Maroscher	<u>Yes</u>

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Reflection

1. Approve Agenda

Moved by Mr. Bowersock and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to approve the agenda as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES:

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to accept the minutes of the special meeting which was held September 13, 2023, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES:

3. Approval of the Bills

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to approve the payment of bills totaling \$118,755.01 for the months of September and October 2023 as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Sept. \$77,605.16 Oct. \$41,149.85 Director Fusco noted that the bills were standard with the exception of a three pay month in September, costs from the August Election and postage towards the November Election. Director Fusco discussed the October bills with supplies for the November Election and receiving full outstanding reimbursement from the SOS for the August Election totalling \$4,222.85 and 100% payment from the cost of the election.

4. Voting Machine Allocation

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to allocate one DS200 optical scanner and one ExpressVote per polling location for the November 7, 2023 General Election.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco explained this is standard procedure for each election and 54 DS200s and 54 ExpressVotes will be used on election day. Mr. Johnson asked what the ExpressVote was utilized for and Director Fusco noted generally it is the ADA handicap accessible marking device, but all voters can use it as a universal voting device if they choose to do so.

5. Election Day Ballot Allocation

Moved by Mr. Bowersock and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to allocate printed ballots totaling at least 5% more than the percentage of voter turnout in the last like election per precinct for the November 7, 2023 General Election.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco noted in the past we used 1% over the voter registration total, but we now use at least 5% more than the last like election totalling a 75% of the voter registration total in the county.

6. Provisional Ballot Policy

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Ms. Colian to permit board staff to work in bipartisan teams and examine provisional ballot envelopes categorizing them for board review for the November 7, 2023 General Election.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco explained this is routine for every election and the staff processes the provisional ballots prior to final board approval.

7. Absentee ballot review – ballots needing voter intent determined, including but not limited to, write-ins, erasures, overvotes, errant marks etc.

Moved by Ms. Colian and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to: remake or reflect the voter’s intent on the 20 presented ballots.

1. 4 - Over Vote
2. 1 - Blank Ballot
3. 3 - Problem Scans
4. 12 - Voter Intent

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco presented 20 ballots to the board for review. Mr. Johnson asked how the overvote ballots are counted and Director Fusco noted all other contests will count, but overvoted contests will not be counted. The board reviewed all 20 ballots individually and unanimously agreed to the over voted ballots, blank ballots, problem scans, and voter intent ballots. The board asked the directors to reflect the voter’s intent and remake the ballots as needed.

8. Recess

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to go into recess.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened by Ms. Colian at 10:32 PM on Election Day.
Members present as shown by roll call:

Mr. Bowersock	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Colian	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnson	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Maroscher	<u>Yes</u>

9. Absentee Ballot Review – if needed

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u> </u> ;	Ms. Colian,	<u> </u> ;
Mr. Johnson,	<u> </u> ;	Mr. Maroscher,	<u> </u> ;

Motion _____.

NOTES: Item not needed.

10. Certify the Unofficial Results

Moved by Mr. Bowersock and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to certify the unofficial results of the November 7, 2023 General Election for all local contests presented in the election summary, a copy of which will remain on file in the board office.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: The board and directors discussed the results and approved the results. Everyone expressed their thanks and appreciation for the staff and poll workers.

Director's Report:

Director Fusco and Deputy Director Miner reviewed the in-office absentee and vote by mail totals with the board. Deputy Director Miner explained outstanding absentees need to be post marked by November 6th if mailed or received in the office by 7:30 PM on November 7th in order to be counted. Deputy Director Miner revealed this was the second time in county history the in-office early vote surpassed vote by mail totals and the 2nd highest in-office total in county history, 2nd to the 2020 presidential election. Director Fusco thanked all of the extra staff for operating the early vote period during busy times including some 3-5 minute lines and discussed the process with the board. The directors discussed projected turnout and it was predicted at 50%. Mr. Johnson would like to see comparisons of Columbiana County turnout compared to other counties. Mr. Johnson asked if all of the moved polling locations affected voters were notified and requested that we have a sign placed at the Salem High School to assist voters with the move, and the Directors discussed resources for voters to determine the polling location. Deputy Director Miner reviewed the electronic pollbook funding process for the county and asked the board to act on a decision at the next meeting. Deputy Director Miner also discussed replacing a voter access sign at the Salem Memorial Building and revealed that the county has been awarded \$10,000 as a part of the SOS Security Directive 2023-16.

Items From the Board:

Next Meeting: November 15 at 4:30 PM (Provisional) and November 28 at 1:30 PM (Official Certification)

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to adjourn.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>yes;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.