



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 – August 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m. Continuation from Recess – August 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

I. ROUTINE ITEMS:

1. Approve Agenda
2. Acceptance of Minutes
3. Approval of the Bills

II. ACTION ITEMS:

4. Voting Machine Allocation
5. Election Day Ballot Allocation
6. Absentee Ballot Review
7. Approve Chargebacks from the May 2, 2023 Special Election
8. Recess
9. Absentee Ballot Review (if needed)
10. Certify the Unofficial Results of the August 8, 2023 Special Election

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. August 8, 2023 Special Election Funding
2. Filing Deadline for Non-Partisan Candidates and Local Questions & Issues: August 9th 4:00 PM
3. Filed Non-Partisan Candidates & Local Options – Certification August 21st
4. Filing Deadline for Write-In Candidates for the November 7th General Election: August 28th 4:00 PM
5. In-Office Absentee and Vote by Mail Totals
6. Yellow Creek Township and Fairfield Township Road Closure Notices
7. Election Day Occurrences
8. Cure Period Hours
9. Set Provisional and Official Certification Meetings

The Columbiana County Board of Elections met in special session at the Board Office located at 7989 Dickey Dr., Suite 3, Lisbon, Ohio on August 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Colian 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>Excused</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>—;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES:

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to accept the minutes of the special meeting which was held June 8, 2023, as submitted.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock,	<u>yes;</u>	Ms. Colian,	<u>yes;</u>
Mr. Johnson,	<u>—;</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 \$130,607.95 for the months of June and July 2023 as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

NOTES: June \$72,431.44 July \$58,176.51 Director Fusco discussed the bills and noted a high cost for postage due to the NCOA mailing process and outstanding absentee ballots for the August Election. Mr. Maroscher inquired about the mileage bill and Director Fusco noted the mileage was from travel to the SOS conference. Mr. Bowersock asked for clarity on the postage costs and Director Fusco detailed the NCOA cost for postage. Mr. Bowersock asked if the state would be reimbursing our office for the August Special Election and Director Fusco noted our county received \$107,716 for the election placed in the general fund. Director Fusco noted if more funds are needed we will request them from the state and Deputy Director Miner noted the allocated money should be enough to cover our costs based on past elections and that the state allocated \$16 million for this election with more set aside as needed.

4. Voting Machine Allocation

Moved by Mr. Bowersock and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to allocate one DS200 optical scanner and one ExpressVote per polling location for the August 8, 2023 Special Election.

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco noted this is nothing new and this process is completed every election.

5. Election Day Ballot Allocation

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to allocate printed ballots totaling at least 5% more than the percentage of voter turnout in the last like election per precinct for the August 8, 2023 Special Election.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock, yes; Ms. Colian, yes;
Mr. Johnson, —; Mr. Maroscher, yes;

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco noted this is nothing new and this process is completed every election as required by the Election Officials Manual.

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

Moved by Mr. Bowersock and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to: remake or reflect the voter's intent on the 6 presented ballots.

1. 3 Image Unreadable
2. 1 Blank Ballot
3. 2 Over Vote

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock, yes; Ms. Colian, yes;
Mr. Johnson, —; Mr. Maroscher, yes;

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco passed the six ballots around the table to the Board Members for review and explained the presented ballots. All Board Members agreed on their interpretation of the ballots and to remake or reflect the ballots. Margaret Dos Santos from ES&S explained how the ballots are processed in their current condition.

7. Approve Chargebacks from the May 2, 2023 Special Election

Moved by Mr. Maroscher and seconded by Mr. Bowersock to approve the chargebacks for the May 2, 2023 Special Election.

Roll Call:

Mr. Bowersock, yes; Ms. Colian, yes;
Mr. Johnson, —; Mr. Maroscher, yes;

Motion carried.

NOTES: \$25,201.58. Director Fusco passed the chargebacks around for review and Board Member signatures.

8. Recess

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened by Ms. Colian at 9:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Members present as shown by roll call:

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

9. Absentee Ballot Review – if needed

NOTES: Item Tabled, Not Needed.

10. Certify the Unofficial Results

Moved by Mr. Bowersock and seconded by Mr. Maroscher to certify the unofficial results of the August 8, 2023 Special 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>—;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.

NOTES: Director Fusco reviewed the unofficial results with the Board Members and noted a 37.56% voter turnout. Board Members signed copies of the results.

Director's Report:

Director Fusco reported several deadlines and calendar events for the Board. Director Fusco reviewed the In-Office Absentee and Vote by Mail Totals with the Board and thanked part time workers Lori Call, Frieda Bevington and Chad Bettis for their help during the early voting period. Deputy Director Miner noted this election was the first time ever in county history that in-office early voting surpassed vote by mail and this election was the 3rd highest in-office early voting on record. Both Directors predicted between a 30-40% turnout. Deputy Director Miner noted the large amount

of voters that will not turn out, and encouraged all voters to get out and vote to utilize the public service all Ohio county boards of elections provide. Directors reviewed the road closures affecting Yellow Creek Township and Fairfield Township polling locations and that voters will still have ample access to each location. Directors noted the additional polling location changes new for this election in Salem, Lisbon, and East Palestine and that a training was held for the poll workers in those precincts. Deputy Director Miner noted he would be on site for the multi polling location in East Palestine on Election Day and predicted that the new set up would be successful. Directors noted the need for more poll workers on Election Day, but each precinct will at least have bipartisan representation. Directors reported no severe Election Day occurrences and Deputy Director Miner reported the multi precinct polling location in East Palestine was successful and the office will seek other areas in the county to create more multi polling locations. Directors and the Board discussed setting the next meetings and housekeeping items for future meetings.

Items From the Board:

Mr. Maroscher noted the visit from Secretary Frank LaRose to our office in the previous week.

Next Meeting: August 16th at 1:30 p.m., August 23rd at 1:30 p.m., September 13th at 1:30 p.m.

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>—;</u>	Mr. Maroscher,	<u>yes;</u>

Motion carried.