

The regular monthly meeting of the Erie County Board of Elections was called to order by Chairman Thomas Ferrell on Friday, April 26th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:	(D) Thomas M. Ferrell, Chairman	Present
	(R) Lisa M. Crescimano, Member	Present
	(D) MaryAnn Groot, Member	Present
	(R) John C. Adams, Member	Present

Guests in attendance: Erie County Sheriff Paul Sigsworth, Jason Hinners from Erie County Prosecutor’s Office, Amy Grubbe, Stephen Lippert, and Hallie Minich Lippert

Ms. Groot motioned to go into executive session, pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(6), to consider details relative to security arrangements for a public office that if disclosed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public office. Ms. Crescimano seconded the motion. Adrienne James, Deputy Director, took a roll call vote.

**Mr. Ferrell- yes
Ms. Crescimano- yes
Ms. Groot- yes
Mr. Adams- yes.**

The motion carried. Board went into executive session at 9:01 a.m. Sheriff Sigsworth and Mr. Hinners attended the executive session.

The board resumed regular session at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Crescimano motioned to approve the minutes from the April 1st official canvass, official certification, and regular meeting, and the minutes from the April 10th post-election audit meeting. Ms. Groot seconded the motion. All board members voted yes; motion carried.

Alex Jones, Director, gave the financial report. He stated we need a Then and Now Certificate for a bill the board approved last month that was from 2023. Ms. Crescimano motioned to approve the Then and Now Certificate for Triad GSI in the amount of \$1,261.98. Ms. Groot seconded the motion. All board members voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Jones stated we received all our bills from the March election. In even years, we can only charge back the cost of ballots and advertising to subdivisions with issues on the ballot. We have that ready to send to the Auditor’s Office. Mr. Jones also presented the monthly bills for the board’s review. Ms. Crescimano motioned to approve the April bills as submitted, with Ms. Groot seconding. All board members voted yes; motion carried.

For the Director’s Report, Mr. Jones noted that Summer Conference has been scheduled for June 25th and 26th. For the two new board members, there is new election official training on June 24th. Mr. Jones also stated that we received our reimbursement check from the state for our new electronic poll pads. The bill was \$69,000, and we were reimbursed about \$50,000.

Under new business was the consideration of petitions. Loretta Riddle submitted petitions to run for Judge of Court of Common Pleas as an independent. She needed 290 valid signatures. She submitted 790, and of those, 587 are valid. Ms. Crescimano motioned to approve the petitions, with Ms. Groot seconding. All board members voted yes; motion carried.

For “Any other matters to come before the board,” Mr. Ferrell asked if there is an IT problem after hours, what would we do? Can our IT company provide services to us on Election Night? Mr. Jones stated that we have a meeting next month with Bob from Netpoint, and we can ask him about it then.

Ms. Groot asked if we could schedule a time to discuss the policy book. Ms. Crescimano stated we need to give Mr. Adams a little time to get acclimated and review the policy book. Ms. Groot asked if we should wait until July. Mr. Ferrell stated he thinks we should do it before the convention. Ms. Crescimano stated she received the list of topics Ms. Groot wants to review, but she didn't say specifically why she wanted to review those sections. Ms. Groot replied that we need to discuss it in a room together.

Ms. Crescimano stated that if the policy book is good enough for other county employees, it should be good enough for us. Mr. Ferrell noted that there's certain issues that come up in this office that don't in other departments, such as working on Sundays and overtime mandated by the state. Ms. Crescimano asked for a copy of the current county policy book for Mr. Adams to review.

Mr. Lippert indicated the board members received a letter regarding starting each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. He asked if that could be placed on the agenda for a future meeting. Mr. Ferrell replied that the chairman controls the agenda, and he is not placing that on the agenda.

Mr. Lippert stated there is a meeting on Thursday, May 9th that he would like to invite everyone to. The meeting is intended to be nonpartisan, and he and Ms. Minich-Lippert would appreciate it being shared. The letter that Mr. Lippert distributed to board members and staff is below:

"Dear Citizen, Government Official, Friend, Patriot,

We are sending this letter to you and others who love our country, value our constitution and insist that election validity and transparency be an absolute requirement in our coming November 2024 Election.

OPINIONS VARY—some believe our Ohio elections are rock-solid—a model for the nation. Others believe, despite honest and committed effort, Ohio, like every other state, has serious integrity challenges. Lets talk together! Our elections are a Civil Rights matter—impacting every American citizen.

• **DO YOU KNOW THIS 2022 'BLONDE HAIR' ANALOGY?** Dr. Douglas G. Frank an Ohio citizen—also a 40-year modeler of pandemics and elections comments: *Just imagine examining census data across different states. Regardless of size, demographics, or location, in Ohio each and every county inexplicably reports exactly 10% blonde hair. Yet, crossing state lines reveals a different story; in Pennsylvania, blond hair consistently is 13.4%, in Florida 15.1%, and in Colorado 18.6%. Logically speaking, this inconsistency suggests that the number of people with blonde hair is determined at a state level but regulated at a county level.*

Dr. Frank discovered a special "election key" (a peculiar algorithmic pattern) that allows him to accurately predict voter registration and turnout by age—with no actual historical election data. Amazing—this key, applied in one county in the State of Washington, could predict the voter registration and turnout by age in other Washington counties!

He also analyzed 17 states (including Ohio). ALL revealed consistent patterns across *demographically diverse* counties! For Ohio to have registration and turnout rates that repeatedly reflect a common mathematical formula across numerous demographically-unique counties is an indication that voter rolls and votes themselves may have been illegally manipulated via a computer algorithm.

• **ELECTION–NOVEMBER 2024 IS COMING QUICKLY–OHIO CITIZENS WANT AND NEED AN ELECTION VALIDITY AND TRANSPARENCY SCORECARD.** Hallie & I found that kind of Scorecard. This Scorecard template was developed by **United Sovereign Americans (USA)**—first used it in New York State. USA also used their election validity/transparency scorecard in Ohio and 18 other states. USA is *passionate* about transparent, unwaveringly lawful and trustworthy elections. For our 2024 election to be considered valid, what changes must happen in Ohio— and throughout the US before November?

United Sovereign Americans References:

Meet Marly and Harry as they explain USA and the goal of clean voter roles: bit.ly/49PgCBA

United Sovereign Americans (USA)website: <https://unite4freedom.com/>

• **JOIN US ... INVITE A FRIEND!** “USA Scorecard For Valid Elections: How does Ohio’s 2022 Election Measure Up? What Changes Are Needed?” **THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1:30 PM AT THE HURON PUBLIC LIBRARY (333 WILLIAMS ST., HURON, OHIO, 44839)**

+ Come to check out the USA Score Card on Ohio

+ Become Familiar with Constitution and Federal/State Laws and Rules that apply to voters and the election process.

+ Assess the fairness of the scorecard strategy and its data sources

+ View and discuss scorecard conclusions.

+ Meet/speak with USA Ohio spokesman: Thomas Woods.

Cordially,

Steve and Hallie Minich Lippert

America First – Ohio ||| Keep America Great and First for Our Families!

~ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~”

Ms. Crescimano motioned to adjourn, with Ms. Groot seconding. All board members voted yes; motion carried. Board adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Alexander W. Jones, Director

Attest:

Thomas M. Ferrell, Chairman