

**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEETING HELD
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 at 8:30AM**

The meeting of the Hamilton County Board of Elections was called to order at 8:30am by Chair Gwen McFarlin. Present were members Mr. Triantafilou, Mr. Gerhardt and Mr. Faux. Also present: Director Sherry Poland and Deputy Director Sally Krisel and David Stevenson with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's office. Due to Social Distancing and limited space in the Board Meeting Room, the meeting was live streamed for public viewing.

Ms. McFarlin noted that proper notice was duly provided as required by O.R.C. 121.22. Ms. McFarlin opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ACCEPTANCE: CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE GRANT

The Board was advised of the grant application made by Staff to the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) for the purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in Hamilton County in 2020. Staff reports the receipt of the award in the amount of \$1,375,955.13.

Ms. Poland outlined the purposes set forth in said grant application including the additional personnel to assist with the large volume of Absentee requests; the automation and outsourcing of the printing and packaging of the by mail packet; additional PPE for poll workers and staff and postage for the Election Day notice which will be mailed to all registered voters. Ms. Poland reminded the Board of the previous receipt of the CARES Grant in the amount of \$700,000 intended to cover the PPE costs for poll workers and staff. As this amount did not fully cover these costs, this grant will be utilized to cover the balance required.

Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2020-005 authorizing the Director and/or Deputy Director to complete the terms of the Grant Agreement; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming meeting schedule including the numerous post-election meetings. An email will be circulated to complete the schedule.

Ms. Krisel reported that Staff has processed over \$150,000 Absentee ballot requests.

Mr. Faux questioned the slight downturn in AV requests and inquired regarding security at the BOE during early voting. Ms. Poland advised of the extensive planning with regard to enlisting law enforcement, both the Sheriff's Department and the Norwood Police Department to be present during the duration of early voting. Meetings are scheduled with the City of Norwood and the Hamilton County Sheriff's department to further discuss security planning.

Ms. McFarlin invited Kenny Henning, Regional Liaison to the Ohio Secretary of State to address the Board.


There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Triantafilou made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Faux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

DATE: October 13, 2020

CHAIR:

DIRECTOR:



GWEN MCFARLIN



SHERRY L. POLAND