## POST-ELECTION MEETING OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS June 27, 2023

## Present:

Ashley Lunkenheimer, Chair, Delaware County Board of Elections
John P. McBlain, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Scott Alberts, Member, Delaware County Board of Elections
Jim Allen, Director of Elections
Nick Centrella, Solicitor
Crystal Winterbottom, Voter Registration
Lisa Jackson, Campaign Finance
Public Comment:
Paul Rumley
Caris Coker
Joy Schwartz

Ms. Lunkenheimer called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Lunkenheimer remove the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

Consideration of the agenda. Mr. Allen stated that Item 9 (Voter Registration Commission) was not intended to be on the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Ms. Lunkenheimer and seconded by Mr. McBlain. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Allen reviewed the action items that would be voted on by the board for those making public comment.

Public Comment. Mr. Rumley commented on the tally on election night and the request for reviewing the envelopes from the ballots returned by mail. Ms. Coker commented on the lack of a return board report and the lack of oversight on the massive number of mail in ballots and objection to consolidating precincts. Ms. Schwartz cautioned against over consolidating precincts.

Director of Elections Report. Mr. Allen spoke on the various tasks that the offices were performing to wrap up the Primary and gear up for the November election to keep items in good order in detail. Mr. Allen then recapped the necessity to now combine precincts with only a few hundred voters so that more precincts would have closer to 1,200. He listed the reasons behind this move. Mr. Allen stated that there are approximately 80 pairs that are being considered but further study and work on this matter is needed legally and through outreach. The board asked for advance notification of the jurisdictions

Solicitor Report. Mr. Centrella spoke on joining or participating in taking legal action against certain individuals. Mr. McBlain commented that he would abstain from any discussion on the

matter or any action being taking. Mr. Alberts moved to join or combine and pursue action under the Dragonetti Act with the county and Ms. Lunkenheimer seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0 with Board member McBlain abstaining.

Campaign Finance. Ms. Jackson spoke regarding waivers for the following committees: Friends of Paul K. Johnson, Paul K. Johnson (Candidate), Chas Willis, Andrew Sharpe, James Coates, John Larkin, Lorie Morales, Jim Riley, Anna Marie Jones, Edward Kelly, Stephen B. Morse. On the claims by some committees that they were not aware of rules, Ms. Jackson noted that the Bureau works to inform candidates by sending out mailings, which began in March. That said, Ms. Jackson noted the requests all were from committees for whom this was the first offense. There was clarification given by Board members. A motion was made to waive the fines for these first-time offenders by Mr. Alberts and seconded by Mr. McBlain. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Allen stated that Ms. Jackson has been working closely and moving forward with the only online filing vendor in the state.

Mr. McBlain asked about the consolidation plans that have already been proposed and the status on them. Mr. Allen spoke on those presentations.

Next meeting date was discussed and is tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned.