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Special Called Meeting

June 21, 2012

Attendance:

Chuck Treadway (Republican Seat 2) – Chairman
Bastian Oskam (Democratic Seat 4) – Vice Chair
Ralph Drew (Republican Seat 1) - Board Member
Sallie Sorohan (Democratic Seat 3) – Board Member
Linda Williamson – Elections & Voter Registration Technician
Stan Kelley – County Manager
K. C. Horne – County Attorney
Alicia Davis – Director of Community and Employee Services

Chairman Treadway called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Mr. Treadway states that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the situation wherein Election Supervisor Kimberly Pruitt has resigned her position effective July 6, 2012 in order to accept a position outside of county government. This discussion is to look at the situation and start planning how the office will move forward in order to complete the upcoming July 31st Primary and August 21st Primary Runoff. Ms. Pruitt is regretful of the timing and has offered her assistance in the evenings in order for the office to be able to successfully host the upcoming Primary and ensuing Runoff. Ms. Pruitt has agreed to set up the Early Voting poll and has the poll workers in line. Most other election planning tasks have been completed. Chairman Treadway expresses concern for the August Runoff, since it cannot be set up ahead of time.

Chairman Treadway reviews the three potential candidates Ms. Pruitt suggested for fulfilling her position: Poll Managers Ashley Peck and Raymond DeBlois and neighboring county election worker Karen Armstrong. Of those, Ms. Armstrong is already certified and could step in the position quickly; however, the residency issue would be of concern.

County Manager Kelley states that the salary could possibly be increased for the replacement, considering that relocation to the county is a state requirement.

Chairman Treadway takes the meeting into Executive Session.

Chairman Treadway calls the meeting back from Executive Session.

County Manager Kelley states the county will begin posting the job announcement, would expect to hire by mid-July, then have someone in place late July to early August.

Chairman Treadway asks that Ms. Pruitt be brought on part time or 1099, either way the County prefers to do it to help out through this election and the runoff. There will be some breathing room between the runoff and the November General Election.

County Manager Kelley asks about training of the new individual.

Chairman Treadway states that it is in the hands of the state and KSU.

Chairman Treadway suggests contacting Ms. Armstrong first.

Ms. Davis requests that the county verify that residency is a requirement for this position.

County Attorney Horne will request clarification on the residency issue from the state.

Mr. Oskam asks that the position be advertised on the state forums.

Ms. Davis states that Ms. Pruitt has offered to post the position on the state forums and should go ahead and do so. The position will be posted on the county web page.

County Manager Kelley asks how the office will be able to certify the election, since it requires an election superintendent.

Chairman Treadway states that the superintendent is the entire Board of Elections & Registration. Both Ms. Williamson and Chairman Treadway are certified election officials. The Board as a whole will be able to certify the elections.

Chairman Treadway reminds the Board that the Regular Monthly Board meeting and L&A are scheduled for Tuesday the 26th.

Chairman Treadway states that the office will make it through the two elections with help from the Board Members.

It is agreed that the Board will assist Ms. Williamson by covering lunch hour. If Ms. Williamson must go to Advance Voting, then Glenda Dzuba will cover the office until Ms. Williamson returns.

Ms. Sorohan expresses concern about the flea infestation in the Library and whether it will affect the voting units stored in the basement. The Board does not believe it will be an issue. The County Manager states that the library is in charge of the issue and he will make inquiry.

Mr. Drew will be out of town July 1-9.

Chairman Treadway will be out of town July 9-16

Ms. Williamson affirms that all tasks and procedures are listed on paper, so she feels that the elections will be completed without issue.

Chairman Treadway adjourns the meeting at 9:45 am.

Date

Chuck Treadway, Chairman
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