OHIO COUNTY COMMISSION
9/9/2022

The Ohio County Commission met in an Emergency Session for a single item agenda.

By phone was President Randy Wharton, Commissioner Don Nickerson, Commissioner Zach Abraham, Solicitor Don Tennant, and Finance Director Rodd Archey.

Finance Director Archey reported that at the last Commission meeting on Tuesday September 6, 2022, he spoke about a few delegate/ precinct boundaries that needed to be moved due to delegate district changes in redistricting earlier in the year. Administrator Russell, he, and Toni Chieffalo had a discussion with the Secretary of State's general counsel who advised it would be better to leave the voters in the same precinct but split the precinct so that the voters are voting the correct delegate district ballot. He explained to the Commissioner's he would like to take the voters from Precinct 004 that are affected and create Precinct 004D to the correct delegate district, the same with Precinct 020, create 020D, for 63 voters Precinct 120 create 120D, for 58 voters Precinct 108A create 108D, for 17 voters and Precinct 103A to 104A for 43 voters. Finance Director Archey reported the reason we have this is that in the past we did the district boundaries we did them in house, there was no third party to look behind us and this year with the State GIS group assisting with the redistricting these areas were found. Commissioner Abraham reported that this is what was talked about at the last Commission meeting. Finance Director Archey stated yes. Commissioner Nickerson asked how the voter would be burdened and what would happen if we did not do this. Finance Director Archey stated the voter would have to go to another precinct outside of where the voters vote now. The Secretary of State's office recommended to keep them at their precinct where they vote now. Solicitor Tennant stated this is just to do a sub precinct, so they vote in correct delegate district. Commission Nickerson stated that if he understands correctly that this is nobody's fault and is being done because we are past the deadline and the Secretary of State's office agrees. Finance Director Archey responded yes. Solicitor Tennant reported that of course if there was anyway to have this corrected before the election is much better than after an election. Commissioner Abraham asked what the first steps is to get this completed. Finance Director Archey reported that first we need to notify the printer so they may start on our ballot. Then we will send a new voter registration card with correct number listed on it, and a letter explaining. He stated we will advertise in the newspaper, and the poll workers will be very well versed in understanding the difference. Commissioner Nickerson stated so these voters will be voting their correct delegate district in the same precinct location Finance Director Archey responded yes. President Wharton asked how about two years from now and the City is on the ballot, will this affect anything. Finance Director Archey reported that he is going to speak with the City about adjusting boundaries in two precincts 20 and 120 so that there is no issue in 2024 those are the only two precincts that will need adjusted in the City of Wheeling. Commissioner Abraham made a motion to approve the precinct boundary changes. Second by commissioner Nickerson. Motion carried with all voting in favor. President Wharton stated meeting adjourned.

President, Randy Wharton

Administrator, Randel Russell