

# Montgomery County Board of Elections Update

## **Why Did Director Steve Harsman lie to the Media Regarding the Last Ballot Issued Report provided by the Concerned Election Workers of Montgomery County Ohio?**

When the Dayton Daily News questioned Director Steve Harsman about the official 11/7/2006 Last Ballot Issued report provided by the Concerned Election Workers of Montgomery County Ohio he stated "It was either illegally removed or it's not authentic," in a Dayton Daily News article titled *Supposed Proof of Unfair Balloting Called Fake* from May 18, 2011. Director Harsman's claims that the document was either illegally removed or fake are not true; **the document is authentic and was legally obtained.** Is the fact that the Director and Deputy Director in Lucas County (Toledo, OH) were fired in March of this year for mishandling only 114 provisional ballots the reason Harsman and Smith are so desperate to cover up their 600 plus provisional ballot issuing blunder in Montgomery County? Why were Harsman and Smith not fired for admitting to the Dayton Daily News that they mishandled over 180 ballots provisional ballots in the 11/7/2006 Election?

## **Did Harsman and Smith's Provisional Ballot Blunder Prevent a Local Kettering Business from Getting a Liquor Permit?**

In the 11/7/2006 General Election a local Kettering business placed 3 precinct only liquor option issues on the ballot in precinct Kettering 3-H two of which were decided by less than 4 votes. According to the Last Ballot Issued report in Kettering 3-H there were 8 voters that were not given a complete ballot in that precinct. Could the 8 voters in KT 3-H that never received a full ballot have changed the outcome in that election? Was this the real reason Harsman and Smith covered up their ballot issuing incompetence? Did Harsman and Smith ever contact the business owners, the voters in that precinct or the media and notify them of this balloting problem?

## **How Did Salaried Director Harsman and Salaried Deputy Director Smith Collect over \$140,000 in Overtime Pay in just Two Years while County Revenues Declined?**

Over the last three years local taxpayers have been losing their jobs, losing their homes, taking salary cuts and Montgomery County has been losing tax revenues. Meanwhile at the Board of Elections these same struggling taxpayers are forced to pay for not one but two salaried Directors that make over \$100,000 a year in an office with a staff of less than 30. Both Directors get an extra week of vacation and are allowed to spend thousands more every year traveling to conferences in top vacation spots all over the country as part of their salary package. As good as that deal sounds it gets even better for Harsman and Smith. During difficult financial times salaried Director Steve Harsman and salaried Deputy Director Betty Smith collected record setting amounts of overtime.

In 2006 Harsman claimed \$9,080.65 in overtime pay and **he increased his overtime pay by 422%** to \$38,354.02 in 2008. Harsman gave himself another \$35,970.18 in overtime pay in 2010. In 2006 Smith claimed \$9,686.35 in overtime pay and **she increased her overtime pay by 374%** to \$36,245.90 in 2008. Smith gave herself another \$32,755.09 in overtime pay in 2010. In addition to abusing tax dollars to fund their overtime "scheme" Harsman and Smith insulted their own staff in 2008 by giving them no bonus pay while giving themselves \$2,500.00 each in bonus money on top of their overtime pay jackpots.

If these two salaried directors were paid time and a half for their overtime hours they are claiming they worked an average of more than 500 overtime hours each just in 2010. Why did Harsman and Smith claim almost double the overtime hours worked by the hourly staff in 2010?

Director Steve Harsman			
Year	Total Salary	Overtime	Lump Sum Payment
2004	\$85,762.09	\$8,871.61	\$6,910.00
2005	\$83,019.60	\$0.00	\$3,600.00
2006	\$97,918.41	\$9,080.65	\$5,000.00
2007	\$93,850.40	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
2008	\$134,659.70	\$38,354.02	\$2,500.00
2009	\$101,407.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2010	\$129,986.18	\$35,970.18	\$0.00

Deputy Director Betty Smith			
(Smith's first full year as deputy director was 2006)			
Year	Total Salary	Overtime	Lump Sum Payment
2006	\$98,332.11	\$9,686.35	\$5,000.00
2007	\$93,850.40	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
2008	\$132,551.58	\$36,245.90	\$2,500.00
2009	\$101,407.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2010	\$126,771.09	\$32,755.09	\$0.00

The salary information above was provided by the Montgomery County Ohio Auditor on 6/21/2011.

# Precinct Kettering 3-H Liquor Option Problems

NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION Precinct Check List	
1019 - 2019 281 KT 2-A	1002 - 2002 315 KT 4-G
1006 - 2006 282 KT 2-B	1008 - 2008 316 KT 4-H
1001 - 2005 283 KT 2-C	1016 - 2016 317 KT 4-I
1006 - 2016 284 KT 2-D	1009 - 2009 318 KT 4-J
1012 - 2001 285 KT 2-E	1004 - 2004 319 KT 4-K
1001 - 2001 286 KT 2-G	1008 - 2008 320 KT 4-L
1008 - 2008 287 KT 2-H	1025 - 2005 321 KT 4-N
1012 - 2001 288 KT 2-I	1001 - 2001 322 KT 4-O
1008 - 2008 289 KT 2-J	1017 - 2017 323 KT 4-P
1007 - 2007 280 KT 2-K	1012 - 2012 324 KT 4-S
1010 - 2010 281 KT 2-L	1004 - 2004 325 KT 4-V
1018 - 2020 292 KT 2-O	1009 - 2009 326 KT 4-W
1005 -	
1004 -	
1003 - 2011 301 KT 3-H	
1018 - 2018 297 KT 3-B	1014 - 2014 331 TR 1-E
1023 - 2023 298 KT 3-B	1012 - 2001 332 TR 1-F
1010 - 2010 299 KT 3-E	1024 - 2024 333 TR 1-G
1018 - 2018 300 KT 3-F	1008 - 2008 334 TR 2-A
1003 - 2011 301 KT 3-H	1001 - 2001 335 TR 2-B
1011 - 2001 302 KT 3-I	

Based on page 4 of the previously provided authentic and legally obtained Last Ballot Issued accounting form, 8 provisional voters were not given a full ballot in precinct Kettering 3-H (KT 3-H) during the 11/7/2006 General Election. Three page one ballots were issued and eleven page two ballots were issued. The voters in precinct Kettering 3-H voted on three separate precinct only local liquor permit issues that were put on the ballot by a local business.

Digital optical scanners connected to the ballot counting server and software at the M.C.B.O.E. count provisional and absentee ballots. Ballots at the M.C.B.O.E. are scanned precinct by precinct and the results are recorded digitally. Printed reports based on this digital data show how many page one and page two ballots were officially counted in each precinct including KT 3-H and were reviewed by the director and deputy director during the provisional ballot counting process. These reports can be reproduced from archived digital records.

The official election results provided below from the 11/7/2006 Election can be found online at <http://www.mcboe.org/ElectionResults/11072006eso.pdf>

Election Summary Report  
Official General Election  
Montgomery County, Ohio  
November 7, 2006  
Summary For Jurisdiction Wide, All Counters, All Races  
OFFICIAL FINAL

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KETTERING 3-H LOCAL OPTION FORM 5E	
Number of Precincts	Total
Precincts Reporting	1
Total Votes	100.0 %
YES	417
NO	

The official election results show the KT 3-H precinct only ballot issue Local Option Form 5E (Sunday Alcohol Sales) passed by 9 votes and **was not affected** by Harsman and Smith's provisional ballot issuing blunder.

KETTERING 3-H LOCAL OPTION FORM 5C	
Number of Precincts	Total
Precincts Reporting	1
Total Votes	100.0 %
YES	415
NO	

The official election results show the KT 3-H precinct only ballot issue Local Option Form 5C (Weekly sales of intoxicating liquor) passed by less than 4 votes and **could have been affected** by Harsman and Smith's ballot blunder.

KETTERING 3-H LOCAL OPTION FORM 5A	
Number of Precincts	Total
Precincts Reporting	1
Total Votes	100.0 %
YES	418
NO	

The official election results show the KT 3-H precinct only ballot issue Local Option Form 5A (Sale of beer) failed by less 3 votes (a tie equals a denial with an issue) and **could have been affected** by Harsman and Smith's ballot blunder.