

APPROVED 1/25/2022

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Meeting Minutes

November 4 & 5, 2021

Kalamazoo County Administration Building, 201 W Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Members Present: Francie Brown, Vince Lavieri, Tony Lorentz

Members Absent: Wendy Flora

Staff Present: Meredith Place, County Clerk, Shardae Chambers, Elections Coordinator

Others Present: Honorable Curtis Bell, Chief Probate Judge

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Brown called the November 4, 2021 meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 9:13 a.m. in accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020 regarding the Open Meetings Act.

2. **Roll Call**

Indicated the presence of a quorum. Absent: Canvasser Wendy Flora

3. **Acceptance of Board of Canvasser envelopes**

Honorable Judge Curtis Bell delivered the Board of Canvasser envelopes from the November 2, 2021 General and Special Election. The Board of Canvassers accepted the envelopes.

4. **Approval of Meeting August 5, 2021 Minutes**

Motion made by Canvasser Lavieri, supported by Canvasser Lorentz to approve the meeting minutes of August 5, 2021 as presented.

Motion passed unanimously. Absent: Canvasser Wendy Flora

5. **Remarks from Chair**

Chair Brown welcomed Tony Lorentz, our newest canvasser. Tony has worked as election inspector for City of Portage for a few years. He has many years of election experience and was appointed to replace canvasser Jo Kent. Chair Brown shared her and the Board's appreciation for canvasser Jo Kent and thanked her for serving 13 years as a canvasser.

6. **Canvass of the November 2, 2021 General and Special Election**

Canvass of the November 2, 2021, General and Special Election began at 9:16 A.M.

Motion made by Canvasser Lavieri, supporter by Canvasser Lorentz to recess the canvass of the November 2, 2021 General and Special Election until tomorrow, November 5, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Canvasser Wendy Flora

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Prairie Ronde Twp., Precinct 1, was missing the precinct absentee voter list, the issue was corrected when the Township Clerk provided a copy of the precinct absentee voter list.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Ross Twp. was missing signatures from AV counting board election inspector's certificate. This was corrected when the AV Counting Board election inspectors signed a copy of the Certificate. Also, noted for the record, Ross Twp. precincts 1 and 2, were missing a precinct voter list. The issue was corrected when the Township Clerk provided a copy of the precinct voter list.

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MEETING RECONVENED on November 5, 2021 at 9:06AM

Meeting called to order by Chair Brown at 9:06AM.

Members Present: Francie Brown, Vince Lavieri, Tony Lorentz

Members Absent: Wendy Flora

Staff Present: Meredith Place, County Clerk, Sharda Chambers, Elections Coordinator

Canvass of the November 2, 2021, General and Special Election continued at 9:06 A.M.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Schoolcraft Twp., Precinct 2&4, statement of voter totals did not match the total written in the poll book. It was corrected after contacting The Bureau of Elections. The Board of Canvassers were given authority to correct the totals so that the statement of voters and poll book total matched.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that the City of Portage, AVCB precinct 11 & 19, and precinct 12, remarks were unclear regarding voter signatures matching. It was explained to the Board of Canvassers by the City Clerk, that state law allows a voter to sign an affidavit verifying their signature if the Clerk's office believes their signature on the absentee ballot request form does not match what is on record in the Qualified Voter File. Once a voter cures their signature by signing and sending back the affidavit, the City Clerk keeps the signed affidavits on file. The City Clerk confirmed all the voters that needed signatures cured and verified had all done so and their votes were counted.

7. Certification of the November 2, 2021 General and Special Election

Moved by Canvasser Lavieri, supported by Canvasser Lorentz, to certify the November 2, 2021, General and Special Election.

Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Canvasser Wendy Flora

8. Other Business

None.

9. Public Comment

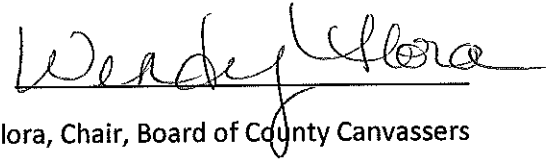
None.

10. Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Meredith Place, Clerk of the Board



Wendy Flora, Chair, Board of County Canvassers