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KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

August 4, 2022

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

Canvassers Present: Francie Brown, Vince Lavieri, Tony Lorentz, Wendy Flora

Canvassers Absent: None

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

Others Present: Judge Bell, Precinct Delegate candidate from Ross Township, Members of the League of Women Voters, Intern with Judge Bell

Call to Order

Chairperson Flora called the meeting to Order at 9:04 a.m.

Chairperson Flora called the August 4, 2022, Regular Meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 9:04 a.m. in accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020 regarding the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call

Indicated the presence of a quorum.

Acceptance of Board of Canvasser envelopes

Honorable Judge Curtis Bell delivered the Board of Canvasser envelopes from the August 2, 2022, Primary Election.

Motion made by Canvasser Lorentz, supported by Canvasser Lavieri to accept the Board of Canvassers envelopes from Judge Bell.

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Approval of May 5, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Canvasser Lavieri, supported by Canvasser Lorentz to approve the meeting minutes of May 5, 2022, as presented.

Motion carried.

Certification of Ballot Containers

(Canvasser Brown joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.)

The Board of Canvassers inspected and certified ballot containers from Kalamazoo Township, Oshtemo Township, and City of Kalamazoo.

Remarks from Clerk Place

Clerk Place stated that the August 2, 2022, Primary Election was quite in the precincts. She said Climax Township had issues on and off the day with their E-Pollbook and eventually moved to paper e-pollbook, per recommendation from the State. She further stated the issues they experienced were a state-wide issue.

Clerk Place explained to the Canvassers how she communicated with the local clerks write-in candidate information and asked the Canvassers to be careful tallying the several write-in candidates. She further asked for them to share with her or Shardae aloud the votes for the write-in candidates so they could keep a running tally. In addition, she reminded the Canvassers they are not responsible for tallying precinct delegates, as her office held that responsibility.

Clerk Place explained the County Receiving Board, which is a group of staff members who receive the election material and programming on Election Night, noticed in multiple jurisdictions there was missing signatures from poll book and/or election day tabulation tapes. Signatures were retrieved the day after the election and the Thursday.

In addition, staff noted few out of balance precincts on Election Night, including in the following jurisdictions: Brady, Pavilion, Texas, Comstock, Ross, and Cooper Townships.

Lastly, there were a few jurisdictions missing the final voter lists.

Clerk Place noted while these issues are easily resolved, she indicated encouraged and reminded the local jurisdictions of their statutory responsibility to hold local receiving boards and further encouraged more trainings to ensure items like the ones noted by the Election Night staff are not missed at the jurisdiction level.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election began at 9:30 a.m.

Canvassers requested staff communicate with Brady Township to ask them to come in the following day as they would need to speak with the local clerk and retabulate precinct 1 since it was out of balance and there was a MOVE ballot that was received but not tabulated.

Canvassers requested staff communicate with Cooper Township to ask them to come in the following day as they would need to speak with the local clerk and retabulate the precincts from their AVCB since a couple were out of balance.

Canvassers immediately noted that election inspectors need further training on tallying write-ins as there were several jurisdictions who tallied illegitimate write-in candidates, those that had not completed a declaration of intent.

In addition, Canvassers requested election inspectors to follow instructions when assisting voters at the precinct as there was missing notes from the pollbook in multiple jurisdictions.

The Board of Canvassers accepted the following name variations for the office of Governor:

- James Craig

The Board of Canvassers accepted the following name variations for the office of Representative in Congress, 4th District:

- Joseph Alfanzo
- Joseph Alphonso
- J. Alfanzo
- Joseph Alronso
- Joseph Altonso
- Joseph Alfoniso
- Joseph Alonso
- Joseph Alfanzo
- J. Alfonso
- Alonso
- Joseph Alonzo
- Alfonso Congress
- Alfonso
- Joe Alphonso
- Joseph Alfonsa
- Josef Alfonso
- Jeseoph Alfonson
- Joseph Alfonzn
- Joseph Alfonnso
- Joseph Alronso
- Josheph Alfonso
- Joeseoph Alphonso
- J Alphonso
- Justin Alfonso
- Joseph Albonso
- Joseph Alphonsa
- Joseph Alphonse
- Joseph Alfinazo
- Allonso, Joseph
- Joseph Alfunzo
- Joseph Alphanso
- Joseph (Joseph) Alfonso
- Joseph Alfonro
- Joseph Alphonzo
- Joseph Alfosono
- Joseph Elfanzo
- Joseph Alfoeso
- Joseph Alfronso
- Joseph Alforso
- Joseph Alfonso
- Joe Alphonso
- Joseph Alfonse
- Joseph Alfonso
- Joseph Alforso

- Joseph Alfphso

The Board of Canvassers accepted the following name variations for the office of Representative in Congress, 5th District:

- Elizabeth Fersezt

Recess

Motion made by Canvasser Brown, supported by Canvasser Lorentz to recess the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election until tomorrow, Friday, August 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Canvassers Present: Francie Brown, Vince Lavieri, Tony Lorentz, Wendy Flora

Canvassers Absent: None

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

Others Present: Brady Township Clerk, Michelle ; Cooper Township Clerk, DeAnna Janssen; members of the League of Women Voters, and others.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Flora called the August 5, 2022, meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 9:00 a.m.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Brady Township, AV Precinct 1 the List of Voters had voters 289, and 289 votes counted. But it was determined by the Clerk her township was short one MOVE ballot that had not been counted they should have had 290 voters and 290 ballots cast. This was later resolved when the local clerk presented the MOVE ballot during the canvass to be retabulated and added to the total number voters and ballots cased so that accounted for the difference.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Cooper Township, AV Precinct 2 the List of Voters had 163 voters but had 164 ballots tabulated. It was determined by the local clerk the counting board had ran a ballot through the tabulator twice because they didn't think it was counted. This was later resolved when it was retabulated and determined in fact that a ballot had been ran twice once retabulated the total of ballots the matched the total number of voters.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Cooper Township, AV Precinct 5 the List of Voters had 47 voters but had 50 ballots tabulated. It was determined by the local clerk the counting board had re-ran 3 ballots through the tabulator twice because they didn't think it was counted. This was later resolved when it was retabulated and determined in fact that ballots had been ran twice once retabulated the total of ballots the matched the total number of voters.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Ross Township, AV Precinct 2 the List of Voters had 554 voters but had 555 ballots tabulated. It was determined by the local clerk the counting board had ran a spoiled ballot through the tabulator because it had been added to the wrong batch of unspoiled ballots on election night.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Pavilion Township, AV Precinct 1 the number handwritten down in the paper pollbook by the counting board was written as 348 ballots tabulated, but only had ballots tabulated 346 and 1 rejected ballot which equal 347 ballots total. It was determined by the local clerk the counting board had a human error and wrote down the wrong number of ballots after going through the work it was fact only 347 ballots total.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Texas Township, AV Precinct 2 had the List of Voters as 362 voters but had 361 ballots tabulated. It was determined by the local clerk that a human error had occurred within QVF the clerk made a mistake and counted a voter ballot as received and in fact it hadn't been received which cause the voter total to be off. The clerk was able to resolve this issue and presented the board with the corrected voter totals and all matched.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Comstock Township, AV Precinct 2 had the List of Voters total that was off by one voter. It was determined by the local clerk that a human error had occurred within QVF the clerk made a mistake and added a voter ballot as counted and in fact it was a spoiled ballot that was entered incorrectly which caused the list of voters total to be off. The clerk was able to resolve this issue and presented the board with the corrected voter totals list and all matched.

Recess

Motion made by Canvasser Brown, supported by Canvasser Lavieri to recess the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election until Monday, August 8, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

August 8, 2022

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

Canvassers Present: Francie Brown, Vince Lavieri, Tony Lorentz, Wendy Flora

Canvassers Absent: None

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

Others Present: Members of the League of Women Voters, and others.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Flora called the August 8, 2022, meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 8:00 a.m.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 8:00 a.m.

Recess

Motion made by Canvasser Brown, supported by Canvasser Lorentz to recess the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election until Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Flora called the August 8, 2022, meeting of the Board of Canvassers back to order at 11:00 a.m. at Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 11:00 a.m.

Members of the Board of Canvassers hand reviewed all City of Portage absentee ballots to calculate totals for declared write-in candidates.

(Canvasser Lorentz joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.)

Recess

Motion made by Canvasser Brown, supported by Canvasser Lavieri to recess the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election until Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

August 9, 2022

Portage City Hall, 7900 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002

Canvassers Present: Francie Brown, Tony Lorentz, Wendy Flora

Canvassers Absent: Vince Lavieri

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

Others Present: Members of the League of Women Voters, and others.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Flora called the August 9, 2022, meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 8:06 a.m.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 8:06 a.m.

Canvassers continued to hand reviewed all City of Portage absentee ballots to calculate totals for declared write-in candidates.

(Canvasser Lorentz left the meeting at 12:15 p.m.)

Quorum was lost at 12:15 p.m.

Due to a temporary vacancy of Canvasser Vince Lavieri, Clerk Place appointed Sara Wick as a temporary canvasser representing the Democratic Party. Sara was on the list provided to the Clerk from the Chair of the Democratic Party and qualified to be a Board of Canvasser.

Clerk Place swore in Canvasser Sara Wick.

Quorum was met at 1:39 p.m.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 1:39 p.m.

Recess

Motion made by Canvasser Brown, supported by Canvasser Wick to recess the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election until Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Flora called the August 9, 2022, meeting of the Board of Canvassers back to order at 3:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo County Administration Building, 201 W Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 3:00 p.m.

Board of Canvassers had Ross Township Clerk, Carin Louis, come in to learn more about why Ross Township AVCB 2 was out of balance. They requested she come back with the absentee ballot applications in order for the canvassers to count and compare with the absentee voter list provided.

Recess

Motion made by Canvasser Brown, supported by Canvasser Wick to recess the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election until Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

August 10, 2022

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

Canvassers Present: Francie Brown, Tony Lorentz, Wendy Flora, Sara Wick

Canvassers Absent: Vince Lavieri

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

Others Present: Ross Township Clerk, Carin Louis; Members of the League of Women Voters, and others.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Flora called the August 10, 2022, meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 8:15 a.m. at Kalamazoo County Administration Building, 201 W Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 8:15 a.m.

Canvassers received Ross Township absentee ballot applications from Clerk Louis. They counted the applications and compared the amount to the number of voters on the absentee voter list.

Recess

Motion made by Canvasser Brown, supported by Canvasser Wick to recess the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election until Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Canvassers Absent: Vince Lavieri

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

Others Present: Members of the League of Women Voters, and others.

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Flora called the August 11, 2022, meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 8:05 a.m. at Kalamazoo County Administration Building, 201 W Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 8:05 a.m.

Canvassers hand reviewed all City of Kalamazoo absentee ballots to calculate totals for declared write-in candidates.

Recess

Motion made by Canvasser Brown, supported by Canvasser Wick to recess the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election until Friday, August 12, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

August 12, 2022

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

Canvassers Present: Francie Brown, Tony Lorentz, Wendy Flora, Sara Wick

Canvassers Absent: Vince Lavieri

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

Others Present: Members of the League of Women Voters

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Flora called the August 12, 2022, meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 8:04 a.m. at Kalamazoo County Administration Building, 201 W Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election continued at 8:04 a.m.

Canvassers hand reviewed all City of Kalamazoo absentee ballots to calculate totals for declared write-in candidates.

The Board of Canvassers requested the County Clerk to call the Republican Party candidates for Ross Township Clerk who received the same number of votes, Alexander D. Harris and Mary A. Stage. Since both candidates were available, they established they would break the tie at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12th.

Once both candidates arrived, the Clerk showed the candidates two slips of paper one had typed on it the word "nominated" and the other slip of paper, which was indistinguishable from the other one, had "not nominated" typed on it.

The Clerk folded both slips of paper so that the words written on the slips could not be seen. The slips of paper were placed in an old metal ballot box and then each candidate drew one of the slips from the box.

Alexander D. Harris drew the slip of paper that read "nominated" which meant he legally received the Republican Party's nomination for Ross Township Clerk.

Certification of August 2, 2022, Primary Election

Motion made by Canvasser Lorentz, supported by Canvasser Wick to certify the canvass of the August 2, 2022, Primary Election

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None

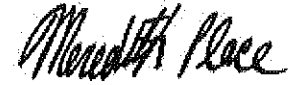
Other Business

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Canvasser Lorentz, supported by Canvasser Wick to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.



Meredith Place, Clerk of the Board



Wendy Flora, Chairperson, Board of County Canvassers

