

APPROVED
8/5/2021

KALAMAZOO COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

Meeting of May 20, 2021

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

Canvassers Present: Wendy Flora, Francie Brown, Jo Kent, Vince Lavieri

Others Present: Meredith Place, County Clerk

Shardae Chambers, Elections Coordinator
Kelly Sims, Comstock Twp. Deputy Clerk
Mary Phillips, Charleston Deputy Clerk
Mary Carol Wilkins, Ross Twp.
Linda Walters, Ross Twp. Clerk
Gary Gillette
Linda Kramer, Charleston Twp. Clerk
Dale Martin, Galesburg-Augusta Schools
Krista Simmons, Galesburg-Augusta Schools
Jessica Reed, Galesburg-Augusta Schools
Ian Koffler, Galesburg-Augusta Schools
Nicole Beauchamp, Comstock Twp. Clerk
Virginia Mongreig, Schoolcraft Twp. Clerk
Anna Goodsell, Galesburg Clerk
Shelby Moss, City of Kalamazoo Deputy Clerk
Amanda McMillion, City of Kalamazoo
Wendy Maynard Somers, Galesburg-Augusta Schools
Cheryl Lemmien, Galesburg-Augusta Schools
Bill Lemmien, Galesburg-Augusta Schools

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Brown called the May 20, 2021 meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 9:03 a.m. in accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020 regarding the Open Meetings Act.

Chairperson Brown asked the County Clerk if the meeting had been posted.

Clerk Place stated yes.

Chairperson Brown introduced the members of the Board and the County Clerk.

Chairperson Brown asked all those present to sign in.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Canvasser Flora, supported by Canvasser Kent, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

3. **Approval of May 6-7th Minutes**

Moved by Canvasser Lavieri, supported by Canvasser Kent, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously

4. **Recount Process**

Chairperson Brown stated that the Board of Canvassers was present to recount the votes cast for the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools bond proposal.

Chairperson Brown stated that the recount was being conducted under the authority of the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers. She further stated they would turn the meeting over to Meredith Place, County Clerk.

Clerk Meredith Place, Kalamazoo County Clerk, stated that the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers certified the May 4, 2021 Special Election on May 7, 2021. She further stated Krista Simmons filed for a recount for the votes cast for the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Bond Proposal on May 11, 2021.

Clerk Place stated that everyone would need to sign in and wear a name tag. She further stated that each side was allowed to two representatives to observe each recount team, and one person on each team would be designated as spokesperson.

Clerk Place stated that local Clerks would be conducting the canvass. She further stated that the first step would be to determine the recountability of the precinct. She further stated that if the precinct passed the test, the next step would be to count the number of ballots in the container, and then proceed with the recount.

Clerk Place state that the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers was following guidance per the Board of Canvassers manual for recounts. She further stated that the Kalamazoo County Board of Canvassers would recess until the canvass was completed.

Recess

The meeting was recessed on May 20, 2021 at 9:10 A.M.

The meeting was called back to order on May 20, 2021 at 12:30 P.M.

Other Business

Chairperson Brown reconvened the meeting and stated there were two challenged ballots.

The Board heard oral argument from the Challenger for Challenge Ballot Exhibit #1 who said the mark was not clearly inside the oval.

The Board heard oral argument from the Challenger for Challenge Ballot Exhibit #2 who said the voter put an X over the yes and filling in oval for no vote. Their position is the X over the oval next to yes, is more pronounced and should be counted as a yes vote.

The Board reviewed the challenges.

Moved by Canvasser Lavieri, supported by Canvasser Kent, to count Challenge Ballot Exhibit #1 as a no vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Canvasser Flora, supported by Canvasser Kent, to count Challenge Ballot Exhibit #2 as a no vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk Place stated that the total number of precincts included in the original petition for recount were five (5).

Clerk Place stated that the total number of precincts determined to be recountable were 5. She further stated that the total number of precincts determined not to be recountable were zero.

Clerk Place stated that the original vote results were as follows:

Jurisdiction	Precinct	Election Day	AV Counting Board	Total
Charleston Twp.	1	229	180	409
Comstock Twp.	1	284	337	621
Pavilion Twp.	2	24	35	59
Ross Twp.	1	116	137	253
Galesburg City	1	266		266
TOTAL		919	689	1608

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Jurisdiction	Precinct	ELECTION DAY RESULTS			RECOUNT RESULTS		
		YES	NO	TOTAL	YES	NO	TOTAL
Charleston Twp.	1	202	207	409	202	207	409
Comstock Twp.	1	303	318	621	303	318	621
Pavilion Twp.	2	18	41	59	18	41	59
Ross Twp.	1	113	140	253	113	140	253
Galesburg City	1	167	99	266	167	100	266
TOTAL		803	805	1608	803	806	1609

Moved by Canvasser Flora, supported by Canvasser Brown to accept the recount results as entered on the "Recount Statement of Votes" as the official vote for the office of the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools Proposal.

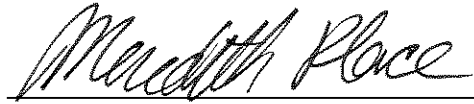
Motion to accept the recount results carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

Member of the public shared their disappointment with the canvassers ruling on one of the challenged ballots.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meredith Place". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Meredith Place, Clerk of the Board