

Dinwiddie County Electoral Board Meeting
Canvass of November 7, 2023 General Election
November 8, 2023 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Emma Ruffin, Chair. C. Worssam, Secretary called the roll. All board members were present. (E. Ruffin, J. Talbot, C. Worssam). Guest: Stephanie Wray, Registrar.

Observers present from each political party.

2/3. Prayer/Pledge of Alliance/Approval of the Agenda

The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. A motion was made to accept the agenda by J. Talbot. The motion was seconded by C. Worssam. All voted aye. Motion carried.

After the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge, Ms. Wray reported as she opened envelope 1A she found that a couple officers of election did not complete their provisional ballot logs so she (Ms. Wray) completed them for the canvass.

4. Closed Session: Section 2.2-3711 (A) (4) The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business:

a. Provisional ballots from the November 7, 2023 General Election

J. Talbot made a motion to enter closed session. Motion seconded by Carolyn Worssam. All voted aye. Motion carried at 1:09 PM.

J. Talbot made a motion to come out of closed session at 1:51 PM. Motion seconded by C. Worssam. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

Certification:

The Electoral Board convened in a closed session under Session 2.2 – 3711 (A) (4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business:

And whereas, no member has made a statement that there was a departure from the lawful purpose of such closed meeting or of the matters identified in the motion discussed.

Now be it certified, that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed meeting.

J. Talbot made a motion to accept the certification and that the following individuals Provisional Ballots be accepted:

Karin Robinson absentee ballot issued but not received.

Devin Hall absentee ballot issued but not received.

Valerie Wiggins absentee ballot issued but not received.

Brenda Smith absentee ballot issued but not received.

Ahxerey Burgura absentee ballot issued but not received.

Helen Holsinger absentee ballot issued but not received.

Sara Hano absentee ballot issued but not received

Motion seconded by C. Worssam for accept the certification and accept the Provisional ballots of all listed above. All voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Review of Statements of Results, Verification of Election Night Reporting Numbers, and Write-ins for each Precinct

Ms. Wray opened envelope 2B and read the contents out to the board for each polling place. Election night reporting numbers were verified by C. Worssam, E. Ruffin and J. Talbot. The numbers were read off by one Board member and checked off a tally sheet submitted by the registrar to ELECT. See attached.

101 White Oak paperwork look good.

102 Rocky Run paperwork looks good.

103 Church Road chief needs to correct number son the statement of results.

201 ROHOIC paperwork looks good.

202 Sutherland (see below)

301 Reams paperwork look good

302 New Hope paperwork looks good.

401 off one (Undervote) because they had voided a ballot. Voter checked in but did not vote they just drove away.

402 McKenney paperwork looks good.

403 Cherry Hill paperwork looks good.

501 Edgehill did not fill out blanks other wise paperwork looks good. Assistant Chief will come and complete paperwork.

502 Chesdin paperwork looks good.

Statement of Results Problems listed below.

202 Sutherland Polling Place had 8 undervotes. One of those the registrar thinks is from the provisional ballot that the voter put into the voting machine. It is possible some of these undervotes happened when the pollbook officer looked the voter up but never checked them in. The pollbook will need to be opened and reviewed.

303 Little Zion There are a lot of problems with the SOR's. The Chief will be notified to come in and correct all the errors. Their numbers are off, the SOR indicates 611 voters checked in and 612 votes were counted.

Clerk of the Court was called to open the 2A envelopes for 303 so we could determine if the officer of elections had put election paperwork in the envelope. No election material found other than what was supposed to be there. The Clerk of the Court, Mr. Barrett Chappell took all 15 2A envelopes with him to the Court House to be filed and held there.

The red box for polling place 303 Little Zion was double checked for election supplies. A blank SOR with all signed zero tapes attached was found. The Chief for 303 Little Zion will be called to come in and complete her work.

Central Absentee Precinct Early Voting

One zero tape not signed. An officer of election will sign the zero tape when they come in on Friday to do their post-election work. Their paperwork overall looked good.

Absentee Mail-In

The paperwork was good for Absentee Mail-in.

J. Talbot made a motion for the board to take a 10-to-15-minute break. Seconded by C. Worssam. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Motion made to reconvene the Canvass at 3:30 PM. Motion seconded by C. Worssam. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Write-In Certification for School Board District 1

Write in votes (2A) were read by J. Talbot and typed into a laptop computer by the registrar. There was a large screen monitor so the other board members and observers could see what was being typed.

Registrar sorted by name on the spreadsheet in order to count the write-ins. C. Worssam had walked away and when she returned, was not sure about the new process of counting so the votes were ascertained by going back through the tapes and hand counting. Hand count from the tapes was done by C. Worssam, Emma Ruffin and J. Talbot. The result was the same number ascertained by the spreadsheet.

5. Review of Incident Reports

A motion was made by J. Talbot to table the review of Incident reports until the November 13 2023 meeting due to the late hour. Motion was seconded by C. Worssam. All voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:00 PM, a motion made to continue the November 7 General Election Canvass until Monday November 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Motion seconded by C. Worssam. All voted aye. Motion carried. Meeting recessed at 7:00PM.

Continuation of the November 7, 2023 General Election Canvass

The Canvass continuation from November 7, 2023, was called to order at 1:15 PM. The roll was called and all members were present (E. Ruffin, J. Talbot, and C. Worssam.) To begin the meeting there was prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Observers from both campaigns were present.

The first order of business was to review of incident reports from the November 8 meeting. See below:

101 White Oak officers could not verify that the emergency bin was empty so they removed the security seals and opened the bin. The emergency bin was found to be empty. The bin was secured with 2 security seals.

Voter complained he could not easily see the ovals so he could fill them in on the ballot.

Spoiled ballots 11

Voter needs Assistance form 11

Voter not in pollbook and says he should be in this precinct (recently moved, DMV, etc.) SDR provisional ballot completed.

102 Rocky Run

Lots of voters, Officer of election says they need more trifolds. Several additional trifolds were delivered.

Flashlights needed when putting up and taking down signs in the dark. Flashlight was in with the other election supplies.

Signs that have a light metal frame are difficult to push into the ground because of the hard soil and gravel. Requests an A-frame sign.

103 Church Road

Voter came in to check ADA compliance for OVO set up- used the bathroom, did not vote, or provide an ID. Officer showed "them" where it was setup then she left.

Repeated issue where the Voter not found in the electronic pollbook but was found in the paper pollbook, we scanned ok at least 6 times. Why does typing in not pull them up if the scanner barcode does?

There were no exterior entrance lights for voters.

Due to the time the remainder of the incident reports were not read aloud. Members can review them later.

C. Worssam suggested that any issue with voting machines and electronic pollbooks needs to be investigated further.

Mr. Talbot made a motion to accept incident reports and have a provision where at some point after November 13 we go back and investigate the things, we think are valid to investigate. C. Worssam second motion with the suggestion that date be declared for the investigation of the machines and electronic poll books issues otherwise the issue will not be investigated and resolved with a written report. E. Ruffin suggested 30 days. J. Talbot suggested this be done before our next scheduled meeting in December 13 at 1:00 PM when we will be discussing budget items. Second by C. Worssam. All voted aye. Motion carried.

5. Closed Session: Section 2.2-3711 (A) (4) The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business:

a. Provisional ballots from the November 7, 2023 General Election

Motion was made by J. Talbot at 1:33 PM to enter closed session. Second by C. Worssam. All voted aye. Motion carried.

J. Talbot made a motion to come out of closed session at 2:39 PM. Second by C. Worssam. All voted vote. Motion carried.

See attached list of provisional absentee ballots and Same Day Registrations and their approval status. 67 SDR and 8 Absentee ballots.

J. Talbot made a motion to accept the votes the SDR registration/votes of those proven to be citizens/voters of the county except the following provisional ballots listed below:

1. Evander Farley
2. Deborah Joyner
3. Annie Whetzel
4. Anthony Blower
5. Owen Bishop

The provisional ballots were then hand counted.

The remaining incident reports were reviewed.

Due to more than 10% write-ins on the machine tapes for the Commissioner of Revenue's office, the Board had to complete a write-in certification. They began this process.

6. Adjournment

J. Talbot made a motion to recess the meeting for today and reconvene on Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 11:00 AM. Second by C. Worssam.

All voted aye. Meeting recessed at 6:30 PM.

Continuation from the November 13, 2023 Canvass

9. Final Data Review

The Board completed the write in certification process for the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office.

Final Data Review and organization of the election materials was completed by C. Worssam and E. Ruffin.

10. Electoral Board Reports

Board members shared on their visits to the polling places this election day. See attached. Please write up your findings and attach to these minutes.

11. General Registrar Report

The registrar's concern was that a lawyer for the Adams team was asking about an affidavit for a voter and he had the affidavit for the same person in his hand. The registrar never received the voter's affidavit in time for her vote to count.

12. Public Comment Period

No public comments

13. Abstract of Votes Cast/Certification of Election

Abstracts were signed by all members and the election was certified seals were stamped and applied.

14. Adjournment

J. Talbot made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by C. Worssam.

All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM. Next board meeting December 13, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Carolyn Worssam, Secretary

Dinwiddie County Electoral Board

Corrections were made by the Electoral Board prior to approval.

Approved 1/10/2024