



CALHOUN COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEEDS

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Calhoun County Board of Canvassers Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 9:00am

Calhoun County Building – Clerk – Elections Office, Room 2-100A, 315 W Green St, Marshall MI 49068

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call/Posting of Meeting (Posted April 12, 2023, at 2:00pm) [Called to order 9:00am](#)
 - Brendel Hatley (D), Bonnie Kazmar (R), Susan Buckley (D), Ginger Kamps (R)
 - Kimberly Hinkley, Calhoun County Clerk & Register of Deeds, Jill Stout, Election Specialist, Erica Brown, Election Specialist [All present](#)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda [Item #7 was corrected to 6 proposals on the ballot this election. Motion by Canvasser Buckley, 2nd by Canvasser Kamps. Approved.](#)
4. Approval of Minutes [Canvasser Kazmar noted corrections that needed to be made to the November 2022 minutes: Item #8 - #2 incomplete sentence, Item #9 – missing which Commissioner 2nd the motion to certify & whether the motion passed. Both items were reviewed & corrected by Election Specialist Stout & the minutes re-presented to the Canvassers for approval with corrections. Canvasser Kamps made a motion to approve, 2nd by Canvasser Buckley. Approved.](#)
5. Introduction to Canvass process / Welcome Observers – Chair Brendel Hatley [Karen Weideman from the LWVK was in attendance & Canvasser Hatley explained the role of the Board of County Canvassers as prescribed by the State of Michigan Bureau of Elections.](#)
6. Citizens Comments (Limited to 3 minutes) [None](#)
7. New Business
- Presentation to The County Board of Canvassers their envelopes by the Calhoun County Clerk Kimberly Hinkley.
- Overview of May 2, 2023, General Election: Precincts/turn-out/problems, etc.
 - 17 precincts – 11 splits –22 ballot styles
 - 6 school proposals (Climax-Scotts Community Schools, Gull Lake Community Schools, Mar Lee School District, Marshall Public Schools, KRESA, Jackson ISD)

Election Specialist Stout briefed the Canvassers regarding the 2 in-county proposals (Mar Lee Schools & Marshall Public Schools) & the remainder of the proposals were from surrounding counties & that our Canvassers are canvassing the results, but not certifying the election.

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- ❖ Begin Canvass
- ❖ Review & Determine validity of Provisional envelope ballots if any; None
- ❖ Review “Out of Balance” precincts (Requirement for the State of Michigan); None
- ❖ Certify May 2, 2023, election results [Motion by Canvasser Buckley, 2nd by Canvasser Kamps, Motion Passed to Certify the May 2, 2023, results.](#)
- ❖ Seal Envelopes (County Clerk will reseal County Clerk Envelope)
- ❖ Review & sign all paperwork, as necessary

8. Certify Ballot Containers; [None](#)

Future Canvass dates: August 8, 2023, Marengo Township Road Millage Renewal, Marshall Area Fire Fighters Ambulance Authority Millage Renewal. *Deadline to receive language is May 16.*

[Election Specialist Stout](#) discussed the August 8, 2023, election & that 2 proposals had been received in the Elections Office, & she had reached out to Eaton County to find out if the Bellevue School System will be resubmitting their language for August. At this time the Eaton County Clerk had not received anything from the Bellevue Schools.

9. Record Mileage & Necessary Expenses - [Election Specialist Stout](#) will have checks mailed.

10. Citizens’ Comments (Limited to 3 Minutes); [None](#)

11. Board of Canvassers Comments [Canvasser Hatley](#) thanked all the Canvassers for their great work & professionalism, as well as thanking the staff of the Elections Office for making their work easy. Clerk Hinkley thanked the Canvassers for making the County Clerk’s Office look good.

12. Announcements [Clerk Hinkley](#) mentioned that she has attended & is attending meetings to discuss possible processes for next year’s elections. Calhoun County has a Calhoun County Clerk Meeting Thursday, May 11th with the Bureau of Elections [Kristi Dougan](#) to discuss unique situations of our county.

13. Adjournment [Motion by Canvasser Buckley, 2nd by Canvasser Kamps](#) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:04am May 5th, 2023.