



CALHOUN COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEEDS

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Calhoun County Board of Canvassers Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 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 July 20, 2023, at 5:00pm) **Called to order at 9:05am**
 - 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 **A motion was made by Canvasser Buckley, 2nd by Canvasser Kamps. Passed**
4. Approval of Minutes **A motion was made by Canvasser Kazmar, 2nd by Canvasser Buckley. Passed**
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 August 8, 2023, General Election: Precincts/turn-out/problems, etc.
 - 14 precincts – 13 ballot styles – 4 proposals
 - Marshall Area Fire Fighters Ambulance Authority (MAFFAA), Marengo Township Millage Renewal, Gull Lake Schools, Hastings Area Schools

Clerk Hinkley briefed the Canvassers regarding the 2 in-county proposals (Marshall Area Fire Fighters Ambulance Authority Millage Renewal & Marengo Township Road Millage Renewal) & the 2 out-county proposals (Gull Lake Schools – Kalamazoo County, Hasting Schools – Barry County) & that our Canvassers are canvassing the results, but not certifying their election results.

- ❖ **Begin Canvass** The Canvassers began the canvass. At the end of the day the Canvassers came together & discussed the jurisdictions that needed to come into the Elections Office to make corrections to their Elections Day paperwork. Appointments were set with Marshall City: Signature, Marshall Township: Need to bring in corrected Statement of Votes, Tekonsha: The entire Election Inspector Team was called into the office to work with the Canvassers to make corrections & additions to the Pollbook. The Canvass was recessed until Tuesday, August 15th at 9:00am.

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- ❖ Review & Determine validity of Provisional envelope ballots if any **None**
- ❖ Review “Out of Balance” precincts (Requirement for the State of Michigan) **None**
- ❖ Certify August 8, 2023, election results (*discuss outstanding MOVE/UOCAVA ballots & delay in certifying if any Outstanding ballots*) *Due to the change in the law, the Election cannot be certified until 6 days after the election to confirm no more MOVE/UOCAVA ballots were returned that would be counted by the Canvassers. No ballots were returned to the Local Jurisdiction Clerks for the Canvassers to receive. A motion was made by Canvasser Buckley, 2nd by Canvasser Kamps to Certify the Results of the August 8, 2023 Special Election. Passed.*
- ❖ Seal Envelopes (County Clerk will reseal County Clerk Envelope)
- ❖ Review & sign all paperwork, as necessary

8. Certify Ballot Containers: **Containers left at The Elections Office were certified by the Canvassers.**
9. Future Canvass dates: November 7, 2023: Bellevue School District (*Includes Convis & Pennfield Townships*) *Deadline to receive language is August 15.*
10. Record Mileage & Necessary Expenses **Election Specialist Jill Stout will have checks mailed.**
11. Citizens’ Comments (Limited to 3 Minutes) **None**
12. Board of Canvassers Comments: **Canvasser Kazmar confirmed she wishes to be re-appointed to the Canvassing Board for a 4-year term 2023-2027. Canvasser Buckley commented that she learned a lot this canvass watching Tekonsha go thru the process taught the Canvassers about why Canvassers do what they do. Canvasser Hatley gave a thank-you to everyone for hard work, working with jurisdictions explaining how to correct issues discovered.**
13. Announcements **None**
14. Adjournment **A motion of Adjournment was made by Canvasser Buckley, 2nd by Canvasser Kazmar. Canvass adjourned at 1:46pm August 15, 2023.**