

Tippecanoe County Board of Election and Registration
Election Certification
Friday, May 13th, 2022 at 1 PM
Tippecanoe Room

Present: County Board of Elections and Registration: Randall L. Vonderheide, E. Kent Moore, Julie A. Roush; Deputy Election Commissioners: Joe Bumbleburg & Ryan Munden; Board Staff members, Juan Ramirez, Mike Smith & Germany Harris; and members of the public/press.

Meeting Called to Order: At 1:00 PM, Chairman Vonderheide opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 3rd meeting was presented. *Motion to approve May 3rd minutes was made by Moore and seconded by Vonderheide. Minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.*

Review of Absentee and Provisional Ballots: The board reviewed 4 provisional ballots in detail. *A motion to accept 1 provisional ballot was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. A motion to reject 2 provisional ballots for failure to present a valid ID was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. A motion to reject 1 provisional ballot on the basis the Voter abandoned the polling place to pursue the option of a write in was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. All three motions passed unanimously.*

29 ABS ballots were not returned to our county by the deadline. Roush emailed a complaint to USPS concerning the lack of effort by Post Office personnel to process time sensitive election day ballots. The downtown office was closed at noon on election day after staff picked up a batch of ballots. The deadline to receive ballots is now 6 PM on election day. Other issues, Post Office continued to deliver ballots to county building, instead of PO box, despite repeated requests. An affidavit was sent 4/20/2022, USPS post marked in Indy on 4/29, we didn't receive signed affidavit in our office until 5/12/2022 – processing time frame is unacceptable.

Certification of 2022 Primary Election: The board was presented with the Statement of Votes Cast for the Primary Election. Roush reported that there were 9,265 voters. Of that 6,489 were on election day, 2,776 voted absentees. *A motion to approve the certification of the 2022 Primary Election Results was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The Election Results were unanimously approved and certified without correction.*

Election Expenses: Roush stated that the 2022 primary costs were estimated at \$82,155. Ballot expense came to about \$8.31, but excludes the cost of envelopes, paper and supplies the office already had on hand.

Primary Election Statistics: Primary Election Statistics: Smith reported some Tippecanoe statistics. He reported that as usual, our county did not struggle to find election workers like so many counties do, rather we are working from a waiting list. 125 people staffed 265 unique shifts through the scope of the primary. We manned thirty sites. The top four election day vote centers were (1) Faith West, (2) Wabash Township VFD #1, and (3) LFD #5, and (4) Fairgrounds. The lowest usage on election day was at Clarks Hill Christian Church (only 125 voters- just 10 voters an hour) and Krach Leadership Center at Purdue (only 156 voters-13 voters per hour). The most popular early site by votes per hour was the West Point VFD. Five precincts (Purdue-centric) all had less than 1% turnout: Wabash 07, 22, 23, 24, and 29.

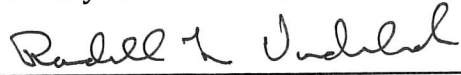
New Precincts: This Primary represents the first use of both the new precinct lines and new district lines as a result of the 2020 Census.

Announcements: Roush announced voter registration reopens on May 17th. She further announced that the parties have until July 5th to fill ballot vacancies and that school board candidate filing begins July 27th.

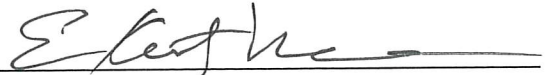
Adjournment: With no further business before the board, *Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Roush, Secretary.

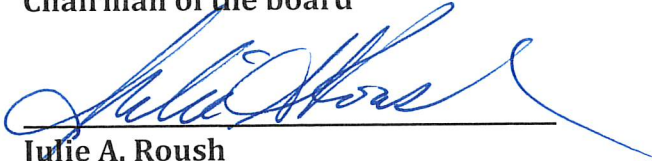
County Election Board:



Randall L. Vonderheide
Chairman of the board



E. Kent Moore
Board Member



Julie A. Roush
Tippecanoe County Clerk