

**Tippecanoe County Board of Election & Registration**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:00 AM**  
**Tippecanoe County Office Building – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

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**Present:** County Board of Elections and Registration: Randall L. Vonderheide, E. Kent Moore, Julie Roush; Deputy Election Commissioners: Joe Bumbleburg & Ryan Munden; Party Chairmans: Tracy Brown and Jacquie Chosnek and members of the public.

**Morning Meeting Called to Order:** At 8:04 AM, Chairman Vonderheide opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion on 2022 General Election:** Roush reported all vote centers opened on time. A total of 17,969 had voted early. 2,449 were by mail/email. Mail-in ballots were at an all-time high for a midterm election (2018 there were 513 mail-in ballots). This may be due to both major parties sending out Mail-in applications to voters. As a reminder, we can receive ABS ballots all day long, at all vote centers and this may delay tallying. There were 35 Travel Board requests, and 26 had already been completed. Roush expressed concern that media may have suppressed voters by airing a news story the night before the election via the League of Women Voters who asked people to stay in 2 hour wait lines to vote, giving the voter impression that all vote centers will be long on election day.

Due to Tippecanoe County's skewed registered voter numbers (due to transient populations such as Purdue and Caterpillar employees), Board discussed whether county should report voter turnout by using both active and inactive voters (124,549), or just active voters (100,383). It was decided to check with other counties to see how they report.

**Election Day Voting:** As of 8 AM, 2,959 people have voted. Vote Centers with the most voters: 279 voted at Lafayette Fire Station #5 and 258 at Faith West Community Center. Vote Centers with the least: 77 voted at Margerum City Hall of West Lafayette and 89 at Krach Leadership Center at Purdue.

*Board adjourns at 8:50, plan to re-convene meeting at noon.*

**Luncheon Meeting:** The board reconvened at 12:09 PM, election running smoothly, but turnout high and long lines at several vote centers. 9,740 had voted by noon (25,800 total). Poll workers were asked to shorten their explanation of the new machines, as it is taking too much time, and many people can read for themselves. VVPAT may be causing confusion, as voters are taking much longer to vote. Many reports that BMV failed to register voters and change addresses. We're expecting more provisional ballots than usual. Nothing further to report.

*Board adjourns at 12:24, plan to re-convene meeting at 6 PM.*

**Evening Meeting - Discussion on tabulating:** The Board reconvened at 6:25 PM. Two representatives from MicroVote were here to help with the scanning and tallying of votes. Election staff is working diligently to process mail-in ballots, a very complicated and lengthy process.

18,220 people had voted by 5 PM. Still long lines at several vote centers. Wait Time app has been up and running to help people determine where best to vote.

**Central Count:** Tallying began shortly after 6 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the county building (Assessor's Office). MicroVote is only using one scanner.

*Board adjourns at 6:50, plan to re-convene meeting next day at 11 AM.*

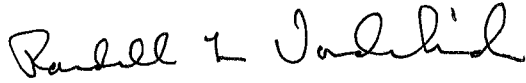
**Wednesday Meeting - Election Day Voting:** The Board reconvened at 11 AM. There were 21,294 voters on election day, bringing the total in-person voting to 31,355 (16,060 voted early). 2,538 voted via mail-in ballots and 36 by Travel board. MicroVote stayed past midnight to complete mail-in ballot scanning. Faith West Community Center had the most voters, where the last voter voted at 7:30 PM. Roush updated the state's website with the most up to date election results. Write-ins will need to be counted and recorded.

**Reminder:** The next board meeting will be Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

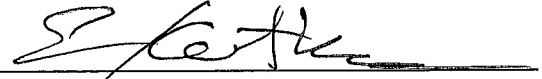
**Adjournment:** With no further business before the board, *Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Roush, Secretary.

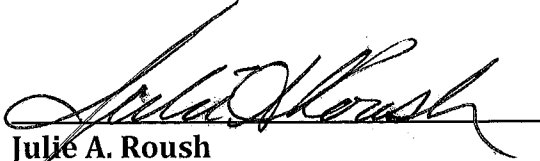
**County Election Board:**



**Randall L. Vonderheide**  
Chairman of the board



**E. Kent Moore**  
Board Member



**Julie A. Roush**  
Tippecanoe County Clerk