

Minutes of Meeting
County Board of Canvassers: Elections
May 24, 2022
10:00 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios and Commissioner Leslie Duncan met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Elections Manager Asa Gray, Administrative Assistant Ronnie Davisson, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Commissioner Bill Brooks was excused.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Canvass of May 17, 2022 Primary Election – Pursuant to Idaho Code §34-1205

Clerk Jim Brannon stated that the Canvass of the May 17, 2022 Primary Election had been completed and had provided both a substantial list of successes and a few areas in which improvement could be sought.

Clerk Brannon said it appeared that additional voter education might be needed in some areas. He explained that three of the four parties had closed primaries: Libertarian, Constitution and Republican. He said that a number of people in the Libertarian, Constitution and Democratic parties who had no candidates in certain primaries, wrote in names and filled in the bubble. He stated that these were not valid write-ins, but Idaho Code required duplication of such ballots exactly and handling these delayed the count substantially.

Elections Manager Asa Gray announced that the total voter turnout for this election had been quite high: 36.4%. There were over 6,000 absentee ballots and 2244 early votes. He said there were five absentee ballots with errors which were cured by voters on Election Day that did not go in with the rest of the ballots to be opened and counted. He explained that, when they were found, they were not added to the tabulator, to protect the Constitutional Right of voter secrecy, since it would have been obvious then how the people had voted.

Mr. Gray remarked that they did have three duplication boards going by the end of Election Night, trying to finish those ballots as efficiently as possible. He said that there was also a write-in board going most of the night, to keep count of the write-in candidates.

Mr. Gray said that poll worker performance achieved 99.7% accuracy for ballot issuance. He praised Elections staff and the temporary workers efforts.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked what would happen if absentee voting were eliminated for everyone except the military and shut-ins.

Clerk Brannon replied that state law demanded provision for absentee voting be made and, until such law was changed, he could not speculate on the result.

Commissioner Duncan moved that the Board accept and approve the Canvass of the May 17, 2022 Primary Election, pursuant to Idaho Code §34-1205. Chairman Fillios seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Excused

Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

D. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk