

Minutes of Meeting
County Board of Canvassers: Elections
May 25, 2023
9:30 a.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chair Leslie Duncan, Commissioner Bruce Mattare and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Clerk Jennifer Locke, Chief Deputy Clerk Grace Blomgren, Elections Manager Asa Gray, BOCC Communications Coordinator Jonathan Gillham and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Kootenai County Resident Jennie Marquez.

- A. Call to Order:** Chair Leslie Duncan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business:**

Canvass of May 16, 2023 Consolidated Election – Pursuant to Idaho Code §34-1205

Elections Manager Asa Gray reported that the first logic and accuracy test was performed successfully on all three DS850 digital scan ballot tabulators on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 with Chair Duncan observing. Additional tests were run on the morning of Election Day and in the evening on May 16, 2023 after all voted ballots had been counted. He said each report showed 100% accuracy. He then described the processes followed from Election Day through to the next morning.

Mr. Gray stated that there had been a total of 44,576 votes cast, including absentee and early voting. The average voter turnout was 42.0%, with a low of 13.4% in Precinct 501 and a high of 68.1% in Precinct 410. There were 4,450 early (voted) ballots and 9,099 absentee ballots counted. He noted that these figures precisely matched their expectations, based on Elections Office records.

Mr. Gray commented that staff performance had been very good and provided details about the challenges poll workers had faced when a precinct had multiple different ballot styles. He stated that their accuracy rate had been 99.9%, listed the very few errors that had been made and stated that none had impacted the outcome of any candidate race or ballot question. He said there had been 2,431 registrations and re-registrations during the early voting period and on Election Day.

Mr. Gray remarked that this election had hit a new high for a May Election in Kootenai County, stretching all the way back to when Election Consolidation was first enacted. He went over reasons behind those absentee ballots which were not counted, the most common being that the ballots arrived after the cutoff time. Additional reasons involved missing or non-matching signatures.

Mr. Gray reminded those present that extra ballots had been ordered before the Election for Rathdrum and Post Falls and said that no precincts ran out of ballots. He reviewed

the results from the races for Lakes, Post Falls and Worley Highway District Commissioners, Kootenai Hospital District Trustee, Consolidated Free Library Trustees and the Cataldo Water District. He said that the Mica/Kidd Island Fire Protection District question did not receive the percentage of votes it needed to pass. The Coeur d'Alene School District Supplemental Levy and Lakeland Joint School District #272 Supplemental Levy passed, as did the Lakeland Joint School District Plant Facility Reserve Funds Levy.

Commissioner Bruce Mattare moved that the Board accept the canvass of May 16, 2023 Consolidated Election per Idaho Code §34-1205. Commissioner Bill Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye
Commissioner Mattare: Aye
Chair Duncan: 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.

Kootenai County Resident Jennie Marquez expressed her concerns regarding a number of things including elections, local taxes and what organizations or people funded the campaigns for the different levy questions.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chair Duncan adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER LOCKE, CLERK

BOCC SIGNATURE

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk