

LICKING COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OFFICIAL CANVASS
MAY 19, 2020

An official canvass meeting of the Licking County Board of Elections was called to order at 1:30 P.M., with the following members present: Chair Grace Cherrington, Melinda Miller, Richard Salvage, and Larry Wise. Also attending were Director Brian Mead, Deputy Director Luke Burton, Newark Advocate Reporter Kent Mallett, Political Campaign Representative Terry Casey, and Secretary of State Liaison Susie O'Brien.

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the official canvass of the primary election and other business brought before the Board.

New Business:

Deputy Director Luke Burton presented the Board with the final election results and proposed certification of the election. The Board began a discussion about the number of votes a write-in candidate needs to successfully be nominated or elected. The Board determined the County Central Committee candidates could be elected with any number of write-in votes, or the majority vote winner in a contested race. Melinda Miller made a motion to certify the primary election results. Larry Wise provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Director Luke Burton discussed the post-election audit. The Deputy Director's recommendation is as follows. Randomly draw a number of batches from the central count scanner to equal at a minimum 5% of the total votes cast for the races in question. Those batches would then have a hand count audit as required by bi-partisan teams of election officials. Richard Salvage made a motion to conduct the post-election audit in the manner described by the Deputy Director. Melinda Miller provided the second. Motion carried 4-0.

One race in the official canvass resulted in a tie vote. Republican County Central Committee Harrison Township B – Kirkersville Village resulted with one vote for Rosemary Evans, one vote for Mark VanBuren, and three invalid write-in votes. After a discussion the board determined to use the coin flip method of settling the tied race. Alphabetically Rosemary Evans appears first on the ballot and was assigned the "heads" side of the coin. Mark VanBuren was assigned the "tails" side of the coin. Board Chair Grace Cherrington flipped the coin into the air allowing it to come to a rest on the table. The "heads" side of the coin was clearly facing up indicating Rosemary Evans won the coin flip. An automatic recount of the race will be conducted. If no change in the vote total is found, the Board's coin flip will stand.

OAEO Report:

The Secretary of State Summer Conference has been moved to August 12th and 13th with virtual attendance being considered.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

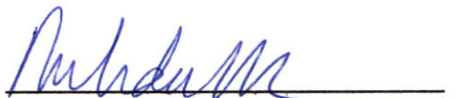
Automatic recount of the Republican County Central Committee Harrison Township B – Kirkersville Village race has been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. May 26, 2020.

The post-election audit has been scheduled for 10:00 A.M. May 27, 2020.

The next regular meeting has been scheduled for 4:30 P.M. June 9, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.


Grace Cherrington, Chair


Melinda Miller, Board Member


Larry D. Wise, Board Member


Richard E. Salvage, Board Member


Brian K. Mead, Director