

May 24, 2019

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 11:00AM for the statutory Canvass meeting of the May 14th Special 9th District Congressional Primary Election.

Present: Floyd Johnson, Chair Irene Grimes, Member
 Linda Devore, Secretary Bobby Swilley, Member
 Helen Nelson, Member Terri Robertson, Director

Staff: Angie Amaro, and Vickie Hilburn

Meeting called to order by Chairman Floyd Johnson, and adjourned until the arrival of Member Swilley. Meeting was reconvened at 11:15 with all members present.

Director Robertson explained the process of preparing ballots and tallies for canvass, including complete chain of custody process on election night, which was observed by Members Devore and Grimes. The following morning ballot count sheets were balanced with the number of ballots used. Staff audits each precinct voter history separately with results from election night. This election reconciliation included two ballots that were "pulled" for voters, but the voters decided not to vote. Director Robertson explained that especially in a primary, voters may not find a name on the ballot that they want to vote for.

Director Robertson reported that two precincts were selected for a random sample audit on Thursday morning, May 16th. PM2A and CC02. Four board members were present to observe the audit: Swilley, Devore, Grimes, and Nelson. The ballots were counted individually and balanced with precinct reports.

Director Robertson explained that during One-Stop early voting this year staff used "on-demand" balloting, which worked wonderfully. A ballot is printed for each voter, so stacks of multiple ballot styles are not required. This requires special equipment. We current have only one on-demand machine, but we intend to acquire another one later this year, and hope to have enough for all early one-stop sites by November 2020.

Director Robertson reported the following ballot totals for this election:

1119 Election Day votes
 117 One-stop votes
 8 Absentee votes
 1 Provisional ballot - not approved

1304 Ballots Cast and Counted - All ballots accounted for, balanced, and totals are correct.

Director Robertson suggested Members might want to choose a precinct to call and check numbers to confirm the process.

Chairman Johnson requested CC01. Each member received a printout of the CC01 votes. Vickie Hilburn called the numbers, and they were checked by board members.

Member Nelson inquired whether we know the cost of the special primary election. Director Robertson indicated that she does not yet have the final tally, but with the small turnout we were able to use supplies on hand rather than make new purchases for some items, which reduced out-of-pocket expenses. We also used only the BOE site.

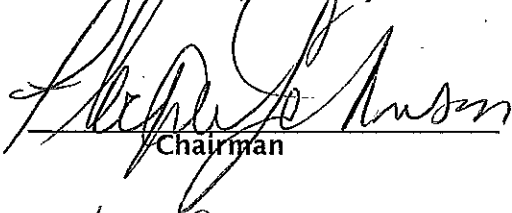
Member Grimes inquired whether there is a way to make the campaign at fault pay for this election.

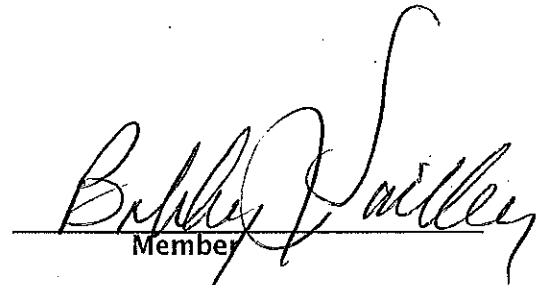
ACTION: Member Grimes made the motion to certify the Cumberland County results of the Special 9th Congressional District Primary Election held on May 14th, 2019. The motion was seconded, and passed by a unanimous vote of all members.

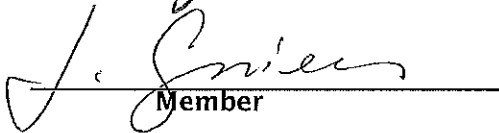
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41AM.

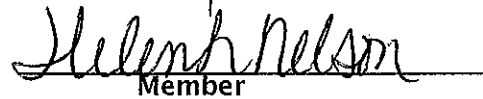
Submitted by,


Linda Devore, Secretary


Chairman


Member


Member


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Director