

November 13, 2020

The Cumberland County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office at 11:00AM for a statutory Canvass meeting of the November 3rd, 2020, General Election.

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

Staff: Angie Amaro, and Vickie Hilburn

Guest: Live-feed available for members of the public.

Chairman Floyd Johnson called the meeting to Order at 11:00AM and presented the Agenda.

Director Robertson reported that two precincts were selected by the State Board for a random sample audit on Thursday morning, November 5th. A Hand to Eye count of each ballot cast in CC33 and the Westover Early Voting site was conducted. The ballots were counted individually and balanced with the precinct and early voting site reports. Two board members were present to observe the audit. One provisional ballot had been inserted into the tabulator at Westover during early voting. The ballot was retrieved and totals adjusted.

We had nearly 750 Election Day workers in precincts this year, in addition to staffing 12 Early Voting sites for 17 days.

Daily Early Voting and Election night vote totals are unofficial reports. It has been a busy 10 days for staff since election night. Research and audits enable staff to determine final ballot numbers for Canvass.

Chairman Johnson recessed the meeting at 11:28 to allow staff and Board Members to manually adjust and audit retrieved ballots of Challenged voters, and out-stack ballots.

Meeting resumed at 12:00.

Staff and Board Members completed precinct retrievals and audits.

Director Robertson prepared the Final Canvass report, and presented to the Board.

223,160 eligible voters 66.15% turnout

24,077	Election Day ballots
99,351	One-stop ballots
23,682	Absentee by mail ballots
513	Provisional ballots

A total of 147,623 ballots were tabulated.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to certify the Cumberland County results of the November 3, 2020 general election, and forward to the State Board and appropriate local boards and commissions.

Seconded and passed by unanimous vote of all Members.

Director Robertson reported that there were 4,604 same-day registrations during Early Voting this election, which is far more than in previous elections. Many voters have inquired about their voter history showing that they voted. Absentee and Early Voting is posted during the election. Election Day ballots, Provisionals, and Absentees accepted after Election Day will be posted Monday. We have a few voter identity issues this year. More than normal because of the masks. It was more difficult for precinct officials to understand voters saying and spelling their names and addresses through masks. Staff is working through about 40 to make sure the correct voter history is updated.

Director Robertson reported that grants for Covid-related expenses during this election were allocated by the legislature to each county from Cares Act funds. Each month the expenditures are sent to the State Board for funding. It looks as if there will be some funds remaining to pay bonuses to election workers across the state for their work. The public seems very appreciative of the cleaning and sanitization efforts done by our precinct workers, and the efforts made to keep everyone healthy and safe. We heard good comments from voters.

Chairman Johnson inquired whether there would be any business for the Board in December. The Director indicated it did not appear there would be.

ACTION: Secretary Devore moved to cancel the regular monthly meeting scheduled for December 8th.
Seconded and passed unanimously.

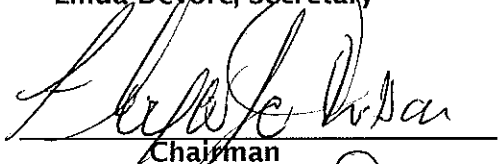
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, January 12, 1:00PM.

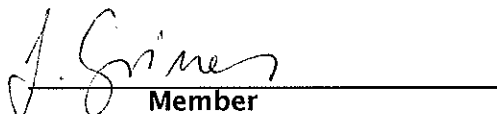
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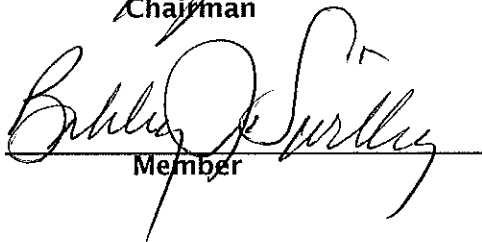
Linda Devore, Secretary



Chairman



Member



Member



Member

Director