



## CULPEPER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CANVASS OF November 6-12, 2019

Attending: Jan Huss, Chair, James Holmes, Vice-Chair, Clive Richmond, Secretary,  
and James Clements, Registrar

Observers: David Reuther, Chair, Culpeper County Democrat Committee.

The Canvass opened at approximately 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November, 6. The Canvass went into closed session to allow the Registrar to review the information provided with the provisional ballots from the precincts.

The Canvass recessed until 10:00 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with the 10 Election Officers being briefed by Mr. Clements and the Board on the methodology for the initial stage of counting the write-in ballots. There are two races which have enough write-in votes to warrant counting – Soil and Water Conservation Director and 30<sup>th</sup> District Delegate.

The officers will separate into five teams of two and review the Results Tapes from each precinct. As they review, one Officer will read the write-in vote name and the other will enter the name into a spreadsheet program. Each team has a laptop computer. Each team will have the tape from one precinct and when that one is completed will move to the next uncompleted precinct. A Board Member or the Registrar will provide the tapes to the various teams and collect the completed precinct tapes. The process began around 10:20 a.m.

At noon, the Board moved into closed session pursuant to 24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote was qualified to do so.

The Board certified that the only matters discussed in the closed session were the qualifications of provisional voters pursuant to 24.2-653 of the Code of Virginia.

The Write-In process was completed by 4:30 p.m. Mr. Clements collected the memory stick from each computer. He will combine the individual precinct spreadsheets into one large spreadsheet for use by the Board Friday morning, November 8.

The Canvass was recessed until 10:00 a.m. November 8, 2019.

#### November 8, 2019

The Canvass reconvened at 10:00 a.m. with all Board Members present. Mr. Clements sorted the votes by name for each race in the combined spreadsheet.

The Board reviewed Soil and Water Director first. Similar name spellings were combined and tallied by the spreadsheet program. The remaining votes were reviewed individually by the Board – a large viewing screen was provided by Mr. Clements so all Board members could review the entries at the same time. The Board voted on each vote spelling and tallied the accepted variations.

The 30<sup>th</sup> District Delegate race was reviewed in the same manner.

At 12:00 p.m. the Board moved into closed session pursuant to 24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote was qualified to do so.

The Board certified that the only matters discussed in the closed session were the qualifications of provisional voters pursuant to 24.2-653 of the Code of Virginia.

To give staff time to research eligibility for several write-in candidates in both races, the Canvass was recessed at approximately 12:45 p.m. The Board would reconvene on November 12, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

#### November 12, 2019

The Canvass resumed at 11:00 a.m. The write-in votes were reviewed and vote counts were completed for House of Delegates District 30 and Soil and Water Conservation Director.

The Board then completed the "Write-in Certification" forms for both races.

The envelopes from all precincts were opened to confirm the information entered on election night matched the results tapes.

The public meeting continued and the Board added the provisional vote totals that were determined to be qualified to cast ballots in the closed session. These votes were then added to the vote totals by the Registrar to the Official Totals from an Order from the Board.

The Board signed the Abstracts and directed the Registrar to submit them to the State Board of Elections.

The Canvass was closed at approximately 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clive Richmond,

Secretary