

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 2018
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM, GRADY PORTER BUILDING
LANSING, MICHIGAN

CANVASSERS PRESENT: Kathy Prout
Mary Kay Scullion
Joe Groff
Rebecca Bahar-Cook

OTHER PRESENT: Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk
Liz Noel, Elections/Clerk Coordinator

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Scullion called the December 5, 2018 meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Canvasser Prout, supported by Canvasser Groff, to approve the agenda.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of the Draft November 7-9 and 13-15, 2018 Minutes

Clerk Barb Byrum stated emails from individuals included in the minutes need to be redacted, specifically those of Noel Garcia, Nicole Ellefson, and Lori Bourbonais.

Chairperson Scullion stated email addresses would be redacted from attachments.

Moved by Canvasser Bahar-Cook, supported by Canvasser Groff, to table the approval until the next meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

2018 East Lansing School Board Recount

Clerk Byrum stated that East Lansing School Board candidate Noel Garcia submitted the necessary petition and fee to call for the recount. She further stated that the notice of petition for a recount was sent to all candidates in the race, and there was a certain amount of time to respond with a counter petition, accepted counter petition via email as long as original petition and fee paid on Monday, 23 total precincts

Bahar-cook asked if know retabbed some during canvass

Bb told them any info they wanted.

Dec 10-12, based on when fairgrounds was open, responsiveness of when available, etc.

Nothing like pres recount bc 7 candidates, vote for not more than 4, etc.

15 teams of 3, one member of each party for each team; if precinct is not recountable, seals secure/ballots secure, if tests not met and precinct not recountable, then canvass stands as reported by canvass. Understanding filtered out to other teams or bring another precinct if at that point. Secured deputy to watch ballots when staff not there,

Discussion,

El will truck in Monday morning, 7 am, others locked in vault and transported Monday morning vault secured. No one except deputy should be alone with ballot or container. Envision redone like state, call to order and then present challenged ballots at the end

Change locks at fairground, regular cleaning of bathrooms, all workers, ballots on pallets on other side, feed recount workers and have bleachers for public,

Groff- have enough people?

bb- could use more r, google forms easier for data entry; give preference to those who worked as election inspectors and clerk recommended,

prout- what happens if not enough republicans,

bb- officially don't need it but right thing to do

prout- prout- concern about hours, traffic, feeding for that many hours a lot

bb- disagree, did this in presidential and cost

discussion.

bb- other workers not on team or staff step in for breaks, traffic not bad if use Kipp Rd.

scullion- no problem, did 2 years ago, ...

bb- taxing on office too, lot of election work to do,

bahar-cook- is there way to revisit hours if cant find enough people

bb- have enough people, just not as many as like and want to make sure all are great.

Groff- 45 precinct- how to address

bb- count ballots voted...

discussion,

groff- know that's direction, seems to be 88 voters erroneously voted, could make big difference.

Discussion.

bb- propose of recount is to recount ballots went through tabulator. assuming it can be recounted

Discussion.

Scullion- canvassers play what role- convene meeting, at end adjudicate ballots questionable, in meantime consistent with state, clerks office will be on site and will be overseeing process, do not be on site during process, certainly see whats going on; consistent with state canvassers turn recount over to sos staff, then adjudicate any challenged ballots. See that happening in Ingham, as clerk is secretary of board, etc.

bb- that's what happened in presidential and chief elections officials in county.

Discussion.

bb- while this is going, have projection on screen with recounted results, marked uncountable and certified results stay. Know lawyers there for candidates will be there, encourage those questioning integrity of election to come. Vision ballot containers sealed at night.

Prout- see issue with authority overseeing process, don't mind doing work

Scullion- if state does this, then comfortable with turning over to clerk

Discussion.

Scullion- campaigns can have observers, how many?

bb- can have 2, everyone will be identified, red blue stickers, candidate name in small letters of tag, everyone sign in before access to arena, people will be identified, staff will police to make sure respectful and responsible. Transparent process.

Discussion.

Groff- training session for everyone

bb- after get details, will send out information to workers, with training video, talk about procedures and rules, training will go from 8-9, while training going on, canvassers can open meeting at 8.

Discussion.

bb- public meeting

scullion- recess and convene,

bb- no concerns from state, don't need to recess at night.

Discussion.

Scullion- adjudicate at end or each day

bb- bureau recommends at very end.

Bahar- preemptively schedule Tuesday meeting?

Discussion.

Prout- request people put cell phones in cars, sometimes delays what doing,

Discussion.

bb- phones on silent in pockets, personal items stowed, no coffee near ballots, have asked people to leave if not helpful.

Bc moved call the recount for dec 10 at ingham county fairgrounds main arena, beginning at 8 am ; groff 2nd

Discussion.

bb- main arena mason fairgrounds, parking

discussion,

motion carried unanimously.

Scullion- length of day

bb- all workers willing to work from 8-7 each day

scullion- don't need motion then

discussion.

Moved by bc, 150 per day; groff 2nd

Bb-would like some consideration given if ½ day

Bc- if have other jobs not going to then planning not getting paid for full day

Discussion,

bb- dec 10, can be cancelled up to 1 hr before, because withdraw petition can happen at any time, try to mitigate cost

motion carried; scullion, bc, groff yea; prout nay

bb- take part in audit welcome;

discussion.

Other Business

Clerk Byrum stated the municipal clerks were requesting reimbursement for the November 7, 2017 Election and it would be before the Board of Commissioners as a resolution this month.

Other Business

Dale Downs, EL resident, stated disappointed come to recount, read cost \$10,000 for recount, what costs associated with recount effort, aside from pay, assume \$10,000 is 3 day estimate; like BOC to consider increasing charge to candidate to file for recount.

Scullion- the rate for fee is set by state legislature; anticipate 2 day cost would go down

bb- costs for recount increased after 2016; if vote differential was i=higher it would be higher; price cost \$6,750 per day for workers, no other costs associated \$706 for deputy; able to keep low in 2016

groff- anticipate \$20,000

bb- important to note new machines, programmed, tested by clerk and local clerk, make sure ballots being read by tabulator properly; right to file for recount

lisa babcock- representing Noel Garcia; unfortunate cost of it, sometimes democracy carries costs, appreciate meticulous preparations; hopeful that with new leg and SOS take into consideration cost of recounts. Garcia seeking recount because of 45 problem; answer

2018 East Lansing School Board Recount

scullion-Delegation of responsibiuitly

Bc- moved auth Clerk Byrum and staff of clerk Byrum to oversee recount; groff 2nd

Discussion.

Motion carried. Abstsain- prout

Scullion- in charge... only thing different is clerks office is responsible for conducting recount.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD