Tippecanoe County Board of Election and Registration
Election Certification
Friday, June 12th, 2020 at 1PM
Tippecanoe Room

Present: County Board of Elections and Registration: Randall L. Vonderheide, E. Kent Moore, Julie A. Roush; Deputy Election Commissioners: Joe Bumbleburg & Ryan Munden; Board Staff members, Juan Ramirez, Mike Smith & Germany Harris; Democrat Chairman Heather Maddox; and members of the public/press.

Meeting Called to Order: At 1:00 PM, Chairman Vonderheide invited Juan Ramirez to open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 14th and June 2nd meetings were presented. Motion to approve May 14th minutes was made by Moore and seconded by Vonderheide. Motion to approve June 2nd minutes was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. Both minutes were approved unanimously and without correction.

Review of Absentee and Provisional Ballots: The board reviewed 14 provisional ballots in detail. A motion to accept 5 provisional ballots was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. A motion to reject 9 provisional ballots was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. Motions passed unanimously.

Certification of 2020 Primary Election: The board was presented with the Statement of Votes Cast for the Primary Election. Roush reported that there were 22,383 voters. Of that 10,565 were on election day, 2,586 voted in-person during early voting and over 9,200 voted by mail. 103 ABS ballots were surrendered in order to vote in-person, others stated they did not receive their ballot. 48 ballots were turned in on election day after deadline. A motion to approve the certification of the 2020 Primary Election Results was made by Vonderheide and seconded by Moore. The Election Results were unanimously approved and certified without correction.

Election Expenses: Roush stated that the 2020 primary costs for extra personnel was about $42,000, GBS expense was about $58,000. Total estimated cost is over $200,000. Roush reported that the savings due to the shortened in-person early voting schedule, almost made up for the extra expense needed to process mail-in ballots due to COVID-19.

New Equipment: The board discussed the possibility of purchasing equipment this year via a grant held by the Secretary of State. New ePollbooks would also need to be purchased.

Roush reported a request for an absentee ballot that came after the absentee ballot deadline.

Public Discussion: Ken Jones with League of Women Voters and Heather Maddox, chairman of the Democratic party both spoke.

Adjournment: With no further business before the board, Vonderheide made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:43 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Julie Roush, Secretary.

County Election Board:

Randall L. Vonderheide
Chairman of the board

E. Kent Moore
Board Member

Julie A. Roush
Tippecanoe County Clerk