

Election Board, November 3, 2020

The Union County Election Board met on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 via video conference.

BOARD MEMBERS: Commissioner Jeff Reber, Chairman, Commissioner Preston Boop and Commissioner Stacy Richards

GUESTS: Becky Perez, Roberta Greene, Eric Scicchitano, Don Wilver, Teri McBride, Sue Auman, Diane Reigle, Treasurer.

STAFF: Susan Greene, Chief Clerk, Jonathan DeWald, Solicitor, Sheryl Vrabel, Executive Administrative Assistant

ACTION MINUTES

A. MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Boop, second by Commissioner Richards, to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2020. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

B. NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

C. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Reber provided an update on the today's election and an update on ballots. Discussion followed for approximately 60 minutes.

Commissioner Reber recessed the Election Board meeting until this evening.

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened.

Commissioner Reber recessed the Election Board meeting at 10:45pm.

The regularly scheduled meeting reconvened November 23 at 12:00pm.

BOARD MEMBERS: Commissioner Jeff Reber, Chairman, Commissioner Preston Boop and Commissioner Stacy Richards

GUESTS: Carolyn Conner, Rick Thomas, Toni Byrd, Steve Becker, Greg Degan, Matt Ferrand, Eric Scicchitano, and Greg Katherman, Director Elections

STAFF: Susan Greene, Chief Clerk, and Sheryl Vrabel, Executive Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Reber noted that the official count has been uploaded and provided to the Department of State. The count reflects the current legal directives, while noting that appeals are pending which could impact that count if overturned on appeal. Such appeal seems unlikely based on the judge's opinion.

Greg Katherman noted that Union County had a 77% turnout for this election, the numbers that will be certified today include the 135 military ballots, 198 provisional ballots that were approved by the Election Board, we had about 39 naked ballots and 4 of those who did a provisional ballot are not in these totals, 21 ballots received from November 4-6 are not in the total count, but we have sent those numbers to the state.

Commissioner Richards noted that she appreciated Commissioner Reber in having this meeting today, the election was very complex with a high turnout. We can notify the public that we have sent in our official count to the Department of State. The outstanding ballots are so few in number and I doubt that they will change the outcome of the election. I greatly thank Greg Katherman and all the election staff along with the poll workers and all other volunteers for the tremendous job that they did with this election.

Commissioner Reber thanked the election staff for running an election very well given the complexity of this election. It went extraordinarily smoothly. The election results are on our county webpage, with the 25 ballots total that are not included.

Questions and comments taken for approximately 10 minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Richards, second by Commissioner Reber, to approve the certification of the numbers, subject to the discussion earlier. Motion carried and all members voted yes.

Commissioner Reber adjourned the meeting.

Union County Election Board

Susan Greene
Chief Clerk

Sheryl Vrabel
Executive Administrative Assistant