



Jefferson County Canvassing Board

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Canvassing Board Meeting Jefferson County WA

Date & Time: February 24, 2015 / 8:30 a.m.
Location: Auditor's Office
Purpose: Certify February 10, 2015 Special Election (RCW 29A.60.190)
(14 days after Primary / Special and 21 days after General)

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Betty Johnson, Election Coordinator.

Canvassing Board Members:

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David Sullivan, County Legislative Authority Chair
David Alvarez, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Canvassing Board met February 23, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. to resolve challenged ballot issues in preparation for final certification on February 24, 2015. See pages 3 & 4.

Required Oaths:

- Oath of County Auditor: Chairman of the County Legislative Authority, or their designee, to administer the oath pursuant to RCW 29A.60.200 and signed by all three members at the beginning of the meeting.
- Delegation of Authority and Oaths for Canvassing Board Members or their designee: WAC 434-262-015. Obtained and filed with election materials.
- Oath for Personnel: Pursuant to WAC 434-240-240, this oath is required for the Auditor's Staff. Obtained and filed with election materials.

Required Notices:

- Notice of Election (RCW 29A.52.355): Published in the Port Townsend Jefferson County Leader in the January 7, 2015 issue and posted on the Elections web page.
- Notice of Availability of Services (RCW 29A.04.220). Included in Notice of Election.
- Notice of Logic & Accuracy Test (WAC 434-335-320). Included in Notice of Election.
- Notice to Political Parties - Sent via email December 29, 2014: 1) Requesting official observers; 2) Notification that staff will do all pre-inspection; and 3) Schedule of Events.

Test Deck:

Used to verify the tabulating equipment is accurately tabulating the votes cast as marked. The in-house Unofficial Logic and Accuracy test was completed December 30, 2014. The Official Logic and Accuracy test was completed January 16, 2015.

Ballot Count:

Cumulative AND Precinct Reports for the following counts include:
February 10, 2015 – Election Night count
February 13, 2015 – Additional ballots counted
February 24, 2015 – Additional ballots counted - Final printout for certification.

AutoMARK: (Disability Voting Access Unit)

One machine was programmed and ready for use 20 days prior to the election. Zero voters used it for this election.

Logs:

Seal Logs: Logs verify that all election related materials remain under dual control at all times.

Spoiled Ballot Logs / Spoiled Ballots: Verifies all ballots spoiled are accounted for and secured with canvassing materials. A total of 96 ballots were duplicated (.09%)

System log, for ballot tabulator: Showing no unauthorized access was made.

Undeliverable Ballots:

There were a total of 94 (.05%) undeliverable ballots. They will be used for file maintenance in the voter registration database.

Reconciliation Report:

The number of ballots counted equals the number of voters given credit.

The number of All Mail Ballots voted and returned to the auditor is reported on the Cumulative Ballots Returned by Voting Precinct report. The number of returned ballots tabulated by precinct is verified with this report.

Challenged Ballots:

Challenge letters were sent to voters with instructions on how to resolve the challenge. Per RCW, on February 18, 2015, a follow up phone call (if phone number was available) was made to those voters who did not respond to the challenge letter.

Miscellaneous:

Replacement ballots: A total of 38 replacement ballots were issued.

Ballots Deposited at Drop Sites: 3673 (34%) ballots were deposited at the 3 drop boxes (Drop box on counter in Auditor's office, drop box behind courthouse & drop box at county library).

Preliminary Canvassing Board Meeting on February 23, 2015 to resolve ballots referred to Canvassing Board called to order at 12:30. All Canvassing Board Members were present.

Ballots referred to the Canvassing Board (February 23, 2015):

| | |
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| • No Signature: | 26 |
| • No Sig with exception (signed 1 st name only; signed on witness line): | 2 |
| • Questionable Signature: includes 2 signed by someone else (Canvas. Board accepted <u>12</u> signatures on 2/23/15 which are included in the count). | 31 |
| • Attempted to Vote Twice?: | 2 |
| • Post Marked Too Late (Voters will be sent letter): | 54 |
| • No Declaration Envelope - No way to identify voter: | 4 |
| • Voter transferred to another WA county. Voter cancelled and ballot voided. | 1 |
| • Voter intent | 2 |
| Total Ballots Referred to Canvassing Board: | <u>122</u> |

Ballots referred to the Canvassing Board were reviewed by the Canvassing Board Members on 2/23/15. Questionable ballots, and any other ballots accepted, as noted, were processed and included in the final count.

Item#

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| G-A | No Signature | Authorization to reject | <u>X</u> |
| G-B | Post Mark Too Late | Authorization to reject | <u>X</u> |
| G-C | No Declaration | Authorization to reject | <u>X</u> |
| D | Voter transferred to another WA county – ballot voided | Authorization to reject | <u>X</u> |
| E | Signed by someone else (Attempted to Vote Twice) | Refer to Pros. Attorney? | <u>X</u> |
| F | Signed by someone else (Attempted to Vote Twice) | Refer to Pros. Attorney? | <u>X</u> |
| G | Voter Intent | Able to determine / ballot duplicated <u>X</u> | |
| | | Not able to determine / ballot run thru tabulator as voter marked it _____ | |
| H | Voter Intent | Able to determine / ballot duplicated _____ | |
| | | Not able to determine / ballot run thru tabulator as voter marked it <u>X</u> | |

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| | | Accept | Reject | |
| N-1 | No Sig w/exception | <u>X</u> | _____ | |
| N-2 | No Sig w/exception | <u>X</u> | _____ | |
| Q-1 | Quest Sig (Someone else signed?) | <u>X</u> | _____ | Refer to Prosecuting Atty? _____ |
| Q-2 | Quest Sig (Someone else signed?) | _____ | <u>X</u> | Refer to Prosecuting Atty? <u>X</u> |

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| | | Accept | Reject | | Accept | Reject | |
| Q-3 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-18 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Q-4 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ | Q-19 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Q-5 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ | Q-20 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Q-6 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-21 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Q-7 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-22 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Q-8 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ | Q-23 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Q-9 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-24 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Q-10 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-25 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Q-11 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-26 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Q-12 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-27 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Q-13 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-28 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Q-14 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ | Q-29 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> |
| Q-15 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-30 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Q-16 | Quest Sig | _____ | <u>X</u> | Q-31 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Q-17 | Quest Sig | <u>X</u> | _____ | | | | |

Number of Ballots Accepted by Canvassing Board: 14 2/23/15 (to be included in final count)
Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board: 101 2/23/15 **
Number of ballots referred to Prosecuting Attorney: 3 2/23/15

** included G-A, G-B, E, F and 19 Q sigs = 101

All ballots referred to the Canvassing Board will be packed in the retention box, with the exception of the three ballots referred to the Prosecuting Attorney.

Need a motion to:

1. Reject Groups A – C and item D.
2. Refer item #'s E, F & Q2 to Prosecuting Attorney. Copies will be forwarded to PAO and originals will be retained for possible court action.
3. Accept and/or Reject questionable signatures & other misc. ballots as noted next to each item.
4. Duplicate ballots or scan as voter marked it as determined by Board as noted next to each item (voter intent items G & H).

Motion made by: David Alvarez

Second by: David Sullivan

All in favor: Motion carried unanimously.
Motion made and passed on February 23, 2015

Canvassing Board Meeting on February 23, 2015 to resolve ballots referred to Canvassing Board adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Total All Mail Ballots Issued: **20135** plus **9** ACP voters for this election.

Total All Mail Ballots Returned as valid and reconciled with credit for voting: 10,901 (includes 5 ACP voters)

Other Canvassing Items Include:

- All correspondence pertaining to this election.
- Affidavits of Publication.
- Correspondence for all resolved & unresolved challenged ballots (to include call center log).
- Certification of Mailing for Mail Ballots
- Record of Emailed ballots.

Security:

All materials for canvassing this election, including all voted ballots and spoiled ballots, are secured with a numbered seal and will remain secured until the time passes for a recount. At that time, materials will be placed in retention boxes with numbered paper seals on them and sent to retention. RCW 29A.60.110

Questions / Comments?

Certificate of Canvassing Board signed.

Official returns will be sent to:

Office of Secretary of State
City of Port Townsend
Chimacum School District No. 49
Port Townsend School District No. 50
Sequim School District No. 323
Clallam County Elections for joint jurisdiction – Sequim School District No. 323

These minutes shall be open to public inspection. RCW 42.32.030

Motion to adjourn:

Motion made by: _____

Second by: _____

All in favor: _____

Meeting Adjourned at _____ a.m.

Dated at Port Townsend, Washington this 24th day of February 2015.

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