



Jefferson County Canvassing Board

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Canvassing Board Meeting Jefferson County WA

Date & Time: August 16, 2016 / 1:00 p.m.
Location: Auditor's Office
Purpose: Certify August 2, 2016 Primary Election
(10 days after Special & PP / 14 days after Primary / 21 days after General)

Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Betty Johnson, Election Coordinator.

Canvassing Board Members:

Rose Ann Carroll, County Auditor
Kathleen Kler, Chair, County Legislative Authority
Amanda Wilson, Deputy County Prosecuting Attorney

Also in attendance:

The Canvassing Board met August 15, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. to resolve challenged ballot issues in preparation for final certification on August 16, 2016. See pages 3 & 4.

Required Oaths:

- Oath of County Auditor: 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 434-250-120(3), 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 June 22, 2016 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 June 8, 2016: Provided them with schedule of events & requested official observers.

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 June 9, 2016. The Official Logic and Accuracy test was completed June 28, 2016. A representative from the state was present (Heather).

Ballot Count - Cumulative & Precinct Reports for the following counts:
August 2, 2016 – Election Night count

August 5, 2016 – Additional ballots counted.
August 8, 2016 – Correction to voter registration totals only.
August 15, 2016 – Additional ballots counted.
August 16, 2016 – Additional ballot counted. Final printout to be used for certification.

AutoMARK: (Disability Voting Access Unit)

One machine was programmed and ready for use 20 days prior to the election. NO voters used it for this election.

Logs:

Seal Logs: Used to verify 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 832 ballots were duplicated (7.26%). Two numbers were voided.

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

Undeliverable Ballots:

There were a total of 96 (.4%) undeliverable ballots out of 23,649 mailed. 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.

Challenged Ballots:

Challenge letters were sent to voters with instructions how to resolve the challenge. Per RCW, on August 10, 2016, a follow up phone call (if phone number was available) was made to those voters who did not respond to the challenge letter. They had until the day prior to certification to resolve the challenge.

Write-in Candidates:

County Commissioner District No. 2 was a single-candidate partisan race. When the number of potential write-in votes is at least 1% of the total votes cast for the office, individual write-in votes must be tallied.

If qualified, an undeclared candidate's name must appear on the general election ballot when he/she receives 1% of the total votes cast for that office.

Any qualified write-in candidate who meets the 1% threshold, and is one of the top two vote-getters, must be certified by the Canvassing Board in the Canvassing Board Report.

There were 229 write-in votes cast for this office.

The tallied write-in report, reviewed by the Canvassing Board during the pre-certification meeting on Aug. 15, 2016, is attached and is part of this certification. There were 2 more write-ins for this office from ballots tabulated after pre-certification meeting.

There is not a sufficient number of write-in votes for any single "qualified" voter to advance to the General election.

Miscellaneous:

- Replacement ballots (AVMR022): A total of 55 replacement ballots were issued.
- Ballots Deposited at Drop Sites (AVMR043): 4707 (41%).
- Ballots returned from previous elections: 3

Preliminary Canvassing Board Meeting on August 15, 2016 to resolve ballots referred to them (pg. 3 & 4 only).

Meeting called to order at 12:40 p.m. All Canvassing Board Members, or their designee, were present. Observers present: Marty Gilmore (Dem) & Gerald Purdy (Dem)

Summary of Ballots referred to the Canvassing Board (August 15, 2016):

Post Marked Too Late (G-1)	84
No Signature (G-2)	29 **
Questionable Signatures	25
Signed by POA	1
Signed by Someone Else	2 ***
First Time Federal Voter (FTFV) – no ID provided	1
Dropped off too late – time challenged by voter	1
UOCAVA voter: Returned FWAB as failsafe (not counted). Received county ballot via email - received and counted.	1
UOCAVA voter: Followed up emailed ballot with original. Email ballot returned and counted. Voter was not required to follow up with original ballot.	1
Non-UOCAVA voter: Email ballot returned and counted. Voter followed up email ballot with original ballot. Two other members in household are UOCAVA and returned ballots via email the same day. Mistook this voter for UOCAVA.	1
Voter intent issues from pre-inspection	2
Ballot only – no declaration (no way to identify voter)	1
Total Ballots Referred to Canvassing Board:	149

** G-2 (one ballot in group): One voter came in after meeting, but prior to deadline, and signed ballot. There are 28 ballots in G-2 now.

*** Item 27: Voter came in and signed but it was past the deadline. Ballot does not count but not referred to PAO.

Group Item #'s

G-1 Post Mark Too Late Authorization to reject: YES

G-2 No Signature Authorization to reject: YES

Item #	Description	Accept	Reject	Refer to PAO
1	Questionable Signature		X	
2	Questionable Signature		X	
3	Questionable Signature	X		
4	Questionable Signature	X		
5	Questionable Signature		X	
6	Questionable Signature	X		
7	Questionable Signature	X		
8	Questionable Signature		X	
9	Questionable Signature	X		
10	Questionable Signature	X		
11	Questionable Signature	X		
12	Questionable Signature		X	
13	Questionable Signature		X	
14	Questionable Signature	X		
15	Questionable Signature		X	
16	Questionable Signature	X		
17	Questionable Signature	X		
18	Questionable Signature	X		

Item #	Description	Accept	Reject	Refer to PAO
19	Questionable Signature		X	
20	Questionable Signature	X		
21	Questionable Signature		X	
22	Questionable Signature	X		
23	Questionable Signature	X		
24	Questionable Signature		X	
25	Questionable Signature	X		
26	Signed by POA		X	
27	Signed by Someone Else		X	X ***
28	Signed by Someone Else			X
29	First Time Federal Voter (FTFV) – no ID provided		X	
30	Dropped off too late – time challenged by voter	X		
31	UOCAVA voter – FWAB (email ballot already counted)		X	
32	UOCAVA voter: (email ballot already counted)		X	
33	Non-UOCAVA voter – (email ballot already counted)		X	
34	Voter Intent issue	X		
35	Voter Intent issue	X		
36	Ballot only – no declaration (no way to identify voter)		X	

Challenged ballots accepted by the Canvassing Board on Aug. 15, 2016, as noted above, were processed and included in the final count.

Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board on Aug. 15, 2016: ~~16~~ 17 ***

Number of Ballots Referred to Prosecutor: ~~2~~ 1 ***

All ballots referred to the Canvassing Board will be packed in the retention box.

Motion made to reject item #'s G-1 & G-2 and ~~16-17~~ *** items as noted above.

Motion made by: Rose Ann Carroll

Motion Second by: Kathleen Kler

All in favor: Motion passed

Reviewed tallied write-in votes for County Commissioner District No. 2 to determine 1% threshold for placement on the 2016 General election ballot.

Motion made stating there are not sufficient write-in votes for any single “qualified” voter to advance to the General election.

Motion made by: Kathleen Kler

Motion Second by: Rose Ann Carroll

All in favor: Motion passed

Motion made to adjourn.

Motion made by: Kathleen Kler

Motion Second by: Rose Ann Carroll

All in favor: Motion passed

Canvassing Board Meeting on August 15, 2016 to resolve ballots submitted to them adjourned at 1:30 p.m. (Candace Wilson had to leave at 1:15 p.m. – still had a quorum to continue).

Total All Mail Ballots Issued: **23,649**. There were 12 ACP voters for this election. 4 ACP ballots were returned and counted.

Total All Mail Ballots Returned as valid and reconciled with credit for voting: 11,456 (includes ACP ballots)

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, spoiled ballots and declaration envelopes, were secured with a numbered seal. They will remain in secure storage until the law allows them to be packed for retention.

Recount:

- At the time of certification, a mandatory recount was not required.
- The last day to request a recount is August 18, 2016 (within 2 days of certification). The board will be notified immediately if a recount is requested.

Certificate of Canvassing Board signed.

Official returns will be sent to:

- Secretary of State
- Democrat Party Chair

These minutes shall be open to public inspection. RCW 42.32.030

Motion to adjourn made by: _____

Motion second by: _____ All in favor: _____

Meeting Adjourned at _____ p.m.

Dated at Port Townsend, Washington this 16th day of August 2016.

Rose Ann Carroll, County Auditor

Kathleen Kler, Chair, County Legislative Authority

Amanda Wilson, Deputy, County Prosecuting Attorney