

**MINUTES OF COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
SPRING ELECTION**

DATE OF CANVASS: April 9, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS: Jon Dolson, County Clerk
Dr. Chris Smith, Democrat Party
Tony Fessler, Republican Party

ALSO PRESENT: Kari LaPean, Deputy Clerk

The Board of Canvass was called to order at 9:00 AM. The meeting was posted on April 3, 2024 at 8:30 AM in compliance with the open meeting law. The Board of Canvassed the results of the April 2, 2024 Spring Election.

The Canvass was conducted as follows:

County Clerk Dolson reviewed the canvass process with the Board of Canvass.

The number of voters and number of ballots cast were verified (the highest number was identified and marked prior to the meeting). Some discrepancies were noted. Explanation of discrepancies and resolution follows by municipality.

Inspector statements were reviewed for signatures and security seal verification.

Candidate totals were verified with original printouts from Election Night.

The board started with the City of Sheboygan Wards 19 & 20 due to a re-count for these two wards.

The following discrepancies were noted:

City of Sheboygan –

Ward 19 – No discrepancies in results.

Ward 20 – No discrepancies in results.

Town of Greenbush – No discrepancies in results.

Town of Herman – No discrepancies in results.

Town of Holland – No discrepancies in results. Use Badger books.

Town of Lima – 1 more ballot cast than voters. Voter was given a second ballot because they forgot to turn the ballot over. NEVER allow a voter to vote twice.

Town of Lyndon – No discrepancies in results. Use Badger books.

Town of Mitchell – No discrepancies in results. Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally.

Town of Mosel – No discrepancies in results. Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally.

Town of Plymouth – Trump +98. Use Badger books.

Town of Rhine – No discrepancies in results. Use Badger books.

The Rhine municipal board of canvass voted to accept a challenge questioning a voter's residence. For additional support, that board forwarded the accepted challenge to the County Board of Canvass. The County Board of Canvass voted unanimously to sustain the challenge.

Town of Russell – No discrepancies in results. Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally.

Town of Scott – No discrepancies in results.

Town of Sheboygan – Ballot/voter count off by 1. Explanation from the W.E.C. Make sure all inspectors using Badger books receive the work around if voter # is missing on the slip during the Badger book process. Used seal envelop needs to be placed in purple ballot bag. Use Badger books.

Town of Sheboygan Falls – No discrepancies in results. Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally. Inspector statement missing chief inspector initials verifying red tamper evident seal number at closing of polls.

Town of Sherman – No discrepancies in results. Use Badger books. Inspector statement missing chief inspector initials verifying red tamper evident seal number at closing of polls.

Town of Wilson – No discrepancies in results. Machine #1 inspector statement missing chief inspector initials verifying red tamper evident seal number at closing of polls.

Board of Canvass adjourned at 10:25AM. Reconvened at 10:35AM.

Village of Adell – Referendum Question #2; Yes + 21

Village of Cascade – No discrepancies in results. Inspector statement was blank. Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally. Missing election official signatures. Missing signed results tape. Write in sheet not filled out. Inspector statement missing chief inspector initials verifying red tamper evident seal number at closing of polls.

Village of Cedar Grove - No discrepancies in results.

Village of Elkhart Lake – Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally. Scattering County Board District #14; +1.

Village of Glenbeulah – No discrepancies in results.

Village of Howards Grove – No discrepancies in results. Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally. Use Badger books.

Village of Kohler - No discrepancies in results. Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally. Inspector statement missing chief inspector initials verifying red tamper evident seal number at closing of polls. Use Badger books.

Village of Oostburg – No discrepancies in results. Use Badger books.

Village of Random Lake – No discrepancies in results. Reconcile ballot/voter count every hour minimally.

Village of Waldo – No discrepancies in results.

City of Plymouth –

Wards 1-3: Biden -5, Phillips -2, Delegation +2. Christie +1, Desantis -1, Haley +3, Trump -10, Delegation -2, Nelson -6, Scattering District #16 +1. Referendum Question #1; yes -5, no -10. Referendum Question #2; yes -17, no +4.

Wards 4-6: No discrepancies in results.

Wards 7-9: Haley -1, Trump -1, District #17 -2. Referendum Question #1; yes -2. Referendum Question #2; yes -1, no -1.

Wards 10-12: No discrepancies in results.

Board of Canvass adjourned for lunch @ 11:45. Reconvened at 12:10PM.

City of Sheboygan –

Ward 1 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 2 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 3 – Biden +100
Ward 4 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 5 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 6 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 7 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 8 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 9 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 10 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 11 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 12 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 13 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 14 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 15 - No discrepancies in results
Ward 16 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 17 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 18 – No discrepancies in results
Ward 21 – No discrepancies in results

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Wards 1-3 – Referendum Question #1; yes -1.
Wards 4-6,11 – No discrepancies in results. District #19 candidates Immel 35, Duffner 5.
Wards 7-10,12 – No discrepancies in results. District #19 candidates Immel 29, Duffner 4.
Missing red seal # for purple ballot bag on inspector statement.

General Notes:

* All polling locations **should be recording** the vote count **frequently** throughout the day on the Inspectors statement. Inspectors Statements should never be blank, though several were. It's extremely important that election inspectors make it a habit of recording hourly reconciling throughout the day (tabulator count to poll book count), even when the day is slow.

REMINDER: Chief inspectors are **in charge** on election day. Municipal clerks should never take on that responsibility, but should be available to answer questions, provide supplies and support.

Poll workers should not discourage voters from using the Clear Access machine.

Friendly Reminders:

Discard ballots per S.S.7.23, you can discard or destroy unused ballots after the last day for the filing of a petition for a recount for any office on the ballots. There is no need to return unused ballots in the election supply box with the pink label.

Final adjournment at 2:20 PM