

**MINUTES OF COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

DATE OF CANVASS: November 15, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS: Jon Dolson, County Clerk
Anita Klein, Democrat Party
Daniel Jones, Republican Party

ALSO PRESENT: Jeannie Binsfeld, Deputy Clerk

The Board of Canvass was called to order at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was posted on November 10, 2016 at 3:15 P.M. in compliance with the open meeting law. The Board canvassed the results of the November 8, 2016 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). Several 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 following discrepancies were noted:

Town of Greenbush – Three absentee ballots were placed by voters in the Town drop box, prior to 8:00 P.M. on election night, but were not found by the clerk until the after the close of the polls. The municipal Board of Canvass was convened and the votes were counted. Candidate totals were updated to include these votes.

Town of Herman – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Holland – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Lima – There were two more ballots cast than number of voters. Voter number 405 was given to two voters in the poll book. Also, after turning off the Edge to change the paper, a poll worker thought that the next ballot was not cast. The poll worker then issued the voter a paper ballot. Incidents were recorded in the inspector statement.

Town of Lyndon – One less ballot cast than the number of voters. There was no explanation given in the inspectors statement.

Town of Mitchell – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Mosel – Write in votes recorded on the Edge machine were not added to the Insight totals on the election night call in sheet. Candidate totals were updated to include these votes.

Town of Plymouth – There was one less ballot cast than the number of voters. The reason is not fully explained in the inspectors statement. In addition, more description of a jammed ballot is needed in the inspectors statement.

Town of Rhine – There was one less ballot cast than the number of voters. One person was given a voter number but did not vote. An original Edge machine tape was not provided for the Board of Canvass, as not enough tapes were printed. The printed copy was erroneously sealed with the original machine tape per the town clerk. A photocopy of the Edge results tape was provided.

Town of Russell – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Scott – There was one less ballot cast than the number of voters. The inspectors statement indicated that inspectors were unable to remake an absentee ballot, as they were unable to determine voter intent. Poll books were split alphabetically causing confusion in assigning numbers to voters. The board recommends using two sets of the same numbers to alleviate this problem in the future. The incident log reflected that one voter was sent an absentee ballot but also given a ballot in person. No reason was given for the person being given a second ballot. Clearer description in the incident log is needed.

Town of Sheboygan – The Board noted that the write in candidate sheet contained vote totals but no tallies. There were sixteen ballots that were counted two times. Per inspectors statement, “tops of machines were put on backwards”. Inspectors did not realize that these ballots had already been counted. Much more explanation is needed regarding this incident, such as why the position of the machines was not realized at the public test. The Board is awaiting further explanation of this incident by inspectors DLF and ZAF.

Town of Sheboygan Falls – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Sherman – No discrepancies were noted.

Town of Wilson – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Adell – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Cascade – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Cedar Grove – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Elkhart Lake – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Glenbeulah – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Howards Grove – One returned absentee ballot was found on Wednesday, November 9 by village staff when opening mail that was received on Monday, November 7. The votes were tallied at municipal board of canvass. Candidate totals were updated to include these votes. See attachment for statement by village staff regarding this incident.

Village of Kohler – There was one more ballot cast than the number of voters. More explanation is needed as to why one ballot cast on the Edge machine was not voided. The board recommends more Edge training for inspectors.

Village of Oostburg – No Edge machine tape was included with returned election materials, as required. Per village clerk, the Edge machine was never turned on at the polling location. **The village was not in compliance with ADA election laws.** Official and Pre-Lat Edge machine cartridges were sealed in the Official Touch Screen Ballot envelope. The cartridges should have been sealed in the red security pouch for secure return to the County Clerk’s office.

Village of Random Lake – No discrepancies were noted.

Village of Waldo – No discrepancies were noted.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:00 P.M. and reconvened at 12:50 P.M.

City of Plymouth – The number of voters and ballots cast in each of the four city districts did not match. Email correspondence from City of Plymouth Clerk Patricia Huberty, detailing the explanations for the discrepancies in districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, is attached.

City of Sheboygan –

Wards 1 and 4 – A second Insight machine was used at this polling location. Vote totals from the second machine were not included in reported vote totals on election night. Candidate totals were updated to include these votes.

Wards 2, 3, 11 and 12 – No discrepancies were noted. Two provisional ballots were issued in Ward 12. Neither voter returned to the city clerk's office with required documentation by the Friday deadline, resulting in the two ballots being rejected.

Wards 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 - There were multiple discrepancies for this polling location, which city clerk's staff have not been able to resolve. City clerk's staff will notify the county clerk of findings and resolution once all voter participation from this election has been recorded. One provisional ballot was issued in ward 8. The voter returned to the city clerk's office with the required documentation by the Friday deadline. Candidate totals were updated to include these votes.

Wards 13 and 14 – County Clerk Dolson witnessed an inspector announcing that the ballot box was full and was being emptied. No notation of this incident was made in the inspectors statement, as should occur every time the ballot box is opened and emptied. The tape from the second Insight machine was not included with election supplies. City clerk's staff located and delivered the tape to the Board.

Wards 15 and 21 – No discrepancies were noted.

Wards 16, 17 and 18 – No discrepancies were noted for Ward 16. Undervotes were mistakenly added to write in vote totals for the office of District Attorney in both Ward 17 and 18.

Wards 19, 22 and 23 – In Ward 19, a new registrant was issued a voter number, but left with the registration form. No voter number should be issued until the registration process is complete. No discrepancies were noted for Wards 22 and 23.

Wards 20 and 24 – The tape from the second Insight machine was not included with election supplies. City clerk's staff delivered tape to the Board.

Wards 25 and 26 – The tape from the second Insight machine was not included with election supplies. City clerk's staff delivered the tape to the Board.

City of Sheboygan Falls –

District 1 – No discrepancies were noted.

District 2 – No discrepancies were noted.

District 3 – There were four less ballots cast than the number of voters. The inspectors statement indicated one ballot was rejected after a voter left. The remaining three are noted as possible absentee ballots being rejected. Further clarification is needed as to the discrepancies, as they have not been rectified. The incident log needs to contain more detailed explanation.

The County Board of Canvass notes again that inspectors statements and incident logs need to be written more legibly, and must contain more thorough and detailed descriptions of incident.

The board recessed for the evening at 5:00 P.M.

The board reconvened at 4:45 P.M., November 16, 2016 to certify the results of the election.

Board members Anita Klein and Daniel Jones declined per diem.

The Board of Canvass adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

This concluded the Canvass of the November 8, 2016 General Election.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeannie S. Binsfeld, Deputy Clerk