

**MINUTES OF COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION – AUGUST 12, 2014**

DATE OF CANVASS: August 19, 2014

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jeannie Binsfeld, up to twelve observers throughout the day.

The Board of Canvass was called to order at 9:00 A.M. The meeting was posted on August 15, 2014 at 10:15 A.M. in compliance with the open meeting law. The Board canvassed the results of the August 12, 2014 election.

The Canvass was conducted as follows:

County Clerk Dolson explained the canvass process to the observers and introduced 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). No discrepancies were noted.

Late arriving absentee ballot totals were read and added to candidate totals from election night. There were a total of seven late arriving absentee ballots; six from the City of Sheboygan and one from the Town of Sheboygan.

Inspector Statements were reviewed for signatures and security seal verification. The Board fielded several questions from observers with regard to the Inspector Statements from Town of Lyndon and Town of Mitchell. No discrepancies were noted.

Candidate totals were verified with original printouts from Election Night.

The following discrepancies were noted:

Town of Plymouth: Adjustment was made to the number of write in votes. Poll workers mistook the number of undervotes on the Insight machine tape for write in votes, and reported as such. The results were adjusted for GAB certification. The number of write in votes per office consistently matched the number of undervotes on the Insight machine tape. There was one overvote noted for the Republican Lieutenant Governor contest. Observers questioned the number of votes cast for the 6th Congressional District. The vote tally was reconfirmed as 617.

Town of Sheboygan: Per observer request, total number of voters was verified with last voter number marked in the poll book. No discrepancy noted. Poll workers reported the number of undervotes from the Insight machine tape as write in votes on the election night call-in results sheet. Adjustments were made by the Board to the final totals for certification.

Town of Russell: Board member Jones questioned the number of Edge machine votes for the 59th Assembly District contest. There were no Edge votes recorded out of seventeen voters who used the Edge machine. The results were reexamined, and it was noted that Mr. Jones had written numbers down in error. There was no discrepancy.

Village of Adell: Inspector statement No. 2 indicated that an unsigned absentee ballot was re-made by poll worker "CZ". Municipal clerk should discuss this with the chief inspector.

Village of Kohler: Per inspector statement, there were five ballots rejected. The voters had left the building, and the ballots were not remade. The Board examined the spoiled ballots envelope and found it sealed. The envelope seal was left intact. Voter number 83 was issued twice.

Village of Oostburg: Per the inspector statement, one defective ballot was not counted. The reason why was not outlined on the inspector statement. The highest voter number should be 969, not 970, due to the defective ballot.

City of Plymouth, Wards 1 – 3 (District 1): Ballot count is off by one. The voter mistakenly voted in District 2.

City of Plymouth, Wards 4 – 6 (District 2): One ballot cast in District two that should have been cast in District 1.

City of Plymouth, Wards 7 – 9 (District 3): One voter from District 3 voted in District 4 machine by mistake.

City of Plymouth, Wards 10 -12 (District 4): One voter from District 3 voted in District 4 by mistake.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 1: Last numbered voter does not match the inspector statement and differs from the election night call in results sheet total number of voters. The call in results sheet was only for Ward 1, but had the total number of voters for the polling location listed (wards 1 and 4).

City of Sheboygan, Ward 4: The Insight machine tape had a total of 168 voters. The Edge tape total was added to the Ward 1 and Ward 4 totals.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 2: There was one more ballot cast than number of voters. A ballot was rejected, but the voter was given a number.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 11: Inspector statement noted that the hourly count was off by one at 9:00 A.M. Ward 12 had a defective ballot remade, but was entered on Ward 11 Inspector statement.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 12: Count off due to a defective ballot that was entered on Ward 11 inspector statement.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 5: One overvote recorded on Insight tape for Republican Secretary of State and one overvote recorded for Republican Congressional District 6.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 6: Per inspector statement, wrong vote total on hourly check. No indication of correction. "DH" noted "One paper ballot got stuck. Opened machine, pushed ballot down. Re-do."

City of Sheboygan, Ward 13: Absentee ballot for Ward 26 in Ward 13 envelope. Remade for Ward 13.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 14: Illegible incident number 1. 8:00 A.M and 9:00 A.M. counts are off due to getting all the absentee ballots in, per inspector statement.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 16: Difference in count due to absentee ballot. 10:00 A.M. count was correct. Last entry on inspector statement by "KRH", Chief Inspector: Removed seal and re-sealed ballot box.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 17: Started recording all on Ward 16. Voters number 205 and 206, page one of supplemental pages, signed in error. Voters had moved, but are still in district. Were already listed in poll book and signed.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 18: Per inspector statement, "all recorded on Ward 16", referring to incidents, not votes.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 22: Sheboygan Progressive Care Center, wrong ballots. Sixteen defective, remade by election officials. The Spoiled Ballots envelope was inspected by the Board, found to be empty.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 20: The board noted that Mary Jane Norris was the inspector. Incident numbers and more explanation are needed on the inspector statement.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 24: One more ballot cast (371) than number of voters (370). The inspector statement contained no explanation as to why, or resolution. Explanation of additional vote being cast needs to be signed and witnessed on the inspector statement. Voter number 102 took election paperwork home with her. Voters numbered 119 and 255, David R. Moore and David J. Moore, signed in the wrong spot.

City of Sheboygan, Ward 25: Per inspector statement, accepted Home Depot statement as proof of residency. The Board noted that this is not an acceptable proof of residency. There was one overvote on the Insight machine for Republican Governor, one overvote for Republican Lieutenant Governor, and one overvote for Republican Attorney General.

City of Sheboygan Falls, Wards 1, 2, and 9: One ballot overvoted/crossvoted. Inspector determined that he/she could ascertain voter's intent, ballot remade. One overvote recorded for Republican Secretary of State, one overvote for Republican State Treasurer, and two overvotes for Republican Congressional 6th District. Write in vote totals were not submitted on the election night call in results sheet.

City of Sheboygan Falls, Wards 3, 4, and 5: Last voter was not marked in the poll book. The inspector statement had no incidents noted. Write in votes were not submitted on the election night call in results sheet.

City of Sheboygan Falls, Wards 6, 7, and 8: One more ballot cast than number of voters. City clerk Joel Tauschek had advised the County Clerk of a power surge. Clerk Tauschek feels that the ballot did not count. The incident was not noted on the inspector statement. There was one overvote for Republican Congressional District 6.

The Board of Canvass noted that poll workers need to write more complete explanation in the Inspector's Statement.

The Board of Canvass adjourned for the evening at 8:00 P.M.

City of Sheboygan Municipal Board of Canvass reconvened at the County Clerk's office on August 20, 2014 to determine the number of late arriving absentee ballots by ward.

The Board of Canvass reconvened at 5:00 P.M., August 20, 2014. Election results were certified by the Board of Canvass.

Board members Anita Klein and Daniel Jones declined per diem.

This concluded the Canvass of the August 12, 2014 Primary Election.

The Board of Canvass adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted


Jon G. Dolson, County Clerk