Kiowa County Commissioners Special Meeting

August 12, 2024

The County Board of Canvassers met in special session Monday, August 12, 2024, at 9:00 am in the Commissioners room located in the basement of the Courthouse. The following canvassers were present: Chairman John Bertram, Vice Chairman David White, County Commissioner Bert Lowery, County Election Officer Kristi Cooper and Deputy County Election Officer Shelly Tuttle.

John called the special meeting to canvas the August 6th Primary Election results at 9:00 a.m. with the County Election officer, Kristi Cooper and Deputy County Election officer, Shelly Tuttle. She presented the unofficial results in an abstract form and presented the information on handling provisional ballots. She informed them that she had a total of 6 provisional ballots for them to review and explained the reasons why they were made provisional on the spreadsheet presented. They were informed 6 would count and gave the reasons for each of them. Next, she opened the 6 provisional and read them aloud. After they verified their totals, Bert moved to approve the election abstract as presented to certify the results by the Kiowa County Board of Canvassers and David seconded, motion passed unanimously. Last she reported that they held their audit on August 8th with audit board members Matt Christenson, Terri Butler, Kristy Zenger and Sue McVey and that they had 3 races to audit by hand count. She reported due to low turnout that she requested they audit an additional precinct ballot since Center I and Center II had a contested race and they agreed to do the extra audit per Kristi's request. Once the audit was complete, she reported to the Kansas Secretary of State office that there was change due to voter selecting one candidate and then scratched the name out and selected another candidate and that the tabulator didn't count the race because that is an over voted race and the voter disregarded the error on the race and accepted the ballot as is when they put it back through the tabulator and due to the voter error. Last she reported we had a 27.12% voter turnout countywide.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33

Kiowa County Board of Election Canvassers:

John Bertran, Chairman of Election Board

Attest:

David White, Canvass Board member

Kristi Cooper, County Election Officer

Bert Lowery, Canvass Board member