

A meeting of the Fayette County Election Board was held on Friday, June 16, at the Fayette County Election Bureau's Training Room, 2 West Main Street, Suite 111, Uniontown, PA 15401 at 1:00PM

SILENT PRAYER or MOMENT of REFLECTION

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

In attendance, Board Members:

Mark Rowan

Robert Lesnick

Also present were:

Sheryl Heid Solicitor, Fayette County

Marybeth Kuznik, Director of Elections

Fahtimah Batts, Election Bureau Clerk

Tina Shanaberger, Election Bureau Clerk

Meeting was called to order by Mark Rowan 1:15PM

Public Comment of Agenda Item

None

Approval of the Minutes from the May 23, 2023, Meeting:

Meeting minutes were emailed to the Board prior to this meeting.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark Rowan

Motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of the Board Decision to count May 13, 2023, Provisional Ballot of: Gary Huffine, Republican, of Dawson Borough, who voted a provisional ballot within his district.

This ballot was found in polling place materials after the board had left the Election Bureau at the conclusion of their previous meeting. It was unanimously decided. This was done through emails as there was a deadline, to have the ballot be given full count. The ballot was handled thusly:

The provisional ballot was placed information side down inside the large exterior provisional ballot envelope, which was placed information side down on a table. Two Election Bureau employees who had had no previous contact with this ballot were called to the Ballot Room, instructed to remove the ballot from its envelope and place it in a random spot within the stack of full count provisional ballots. This was to ensure the voter's choices remained anonymous.

A **motion** was made by Robert Lesnick to ratify the board's action in accepting and counting the ballot, seconded by Mark Rowan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Cumulation of Write-In Votes Per attached Schedule.

The Election Bureau Director explained to the Board that the compilation of names was from the adjudication process from the write in votes, whether the outcome of a particular race was affected or not.

Mark Rowan stated there should be no discussion of whether a race will be affected by the Board's decisions. The Board does not want to look at, discuss, or know how their decisions will impact the outcome, only how the names should be cumulated.

Bullskin Township Supervisor 6-year, (Dem) Vote for 1:

Chris Ohler: 43

Cris Oliher- 1

Chris R Ohler- 24

Chris Robert Ohler- 1

Total: 69

Election Bureau staff researched the name Cris Oliher: 1 to determine if a voter by this name was registered in Bullskin Township. None were found.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick to accept all cumulations for Chris R Ohler, seconded by Mark Rowan

Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Ramage: 51

Ronald Ramage: 1

Total:52

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Ramage, there is only one registered voter within this district.

Motion made by Mark Rowan to accept all cumulations for Ron Ramage, seconded by Robert Lesnick.

Motion passed unanimously.

Connellsville Township Supervisor 6-year, (Dem) Vote for 1:

Todd Miner: 15

Todd W. Miner: 3

Total: 18

The Election Bureau researched the names Todd Miner and Todd W. Miner. There is only one registered voter within this district with this name, on the ballot as Todd W. Miner.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick to accept all cumulations for Todd W Miner, seconded by Mark Rowan.

Motion approved unanimously.

Dunbar Boro Council 4-year, (Rep) Vote for 3:

Norman Gordon: 10

Norm Gordon- 6

Total: 16

Diane Homer: 5

Diana Homer: 4

Diann Homer: 1

Total: 10

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Gordon. There is only one registered voter named Norman Gordon in this district.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick to accept all cumulations for Norman Gordon, seconded by Mark Rowan. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Election Bureau researched the names for Diana Homer, there is only one voter within this district with this name.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick to accept all cumulations for Diana Homer, seconded by Mark Rowan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Franklin Township Supervisor 6-year, (Dem) Vote For 1:

Joe Pindrock: 12

Joseph Pindrock Jr.: 11

Joe Pindrock Jr.: 3

J Pindrock: 1

Total: 27

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Pindrock, on the ballot as Joseph Pindrock, Jr. There is another voter within this district registered as Joseph M. Pindrock III. There is no way to determine if Joe Pindrock: 12, or J Pindrock: 1 are attributed to the candidate.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick to accept the cumulations for Joseph Pindrock, Jr: 11. and Joe Pindrock, Jr.: 3. These equal 14 votes for Joseph Pindrock Jr. Seconded by Mark Rowan.

Motion passed unanimously.

German Township Supervisor 6-year (Rep) Vote for 1:

Steve Clark: 187

Clark, Steve: 2

Steven Clark: 3

Steve Clark: 2

Total: 194

(Clerical error: Steve Clark: 2 should have been spelled: Steve C-l-a-r-k-e)

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Clark, on the ballot as Steve Clark. There is only one registered voter within this district with that name.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick to accept all these cumulations for Steve Clark, seconded by Mark Rowan.

Motion passed unanimously.

Henry Clay Township Supervisor 6-year (Dem) Vote for 1:

Bob Anderson: 1

Robert Anderson: 17

Rob Anderson: 3

Total: 21

Lawrence Hartman Jr.: 3

Larry Hartman Jr. : 4

Larry Hartman: 2

Lawrence Larry Hartman Jr. : 5

Lawrence Hartman: 1

Total: 15

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Anderson, on the ballot as Robert Anderson. It was discovered there are two registered voters within this district named Robert E Lee Anderson, and Robert E Lee Anderson III.

Motion made by Mark Rowan to accept all cumulations for Robert Anderson, seconded by Robert Lesnick as none of the name variations has a generational designation.

Motion passed unanimously.

For the 6-year term: The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Hartman, on the ballot as Lawrence Larry Hartman, Jr. It was discovered there are two registered voters within this district named Lawrence A Hartman, and Lawrence A Hartman, Jr. There is no way to determine if Larry Hartman: 2, and Lawrence Hartman: 1, are attributed to the candidate.

Motion made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept the spellings for Mr. Hartman that have generational designations: Lawrence Hartman, Jr.: 3 - Larry Hartman, Jr.: 4 – Lawrence Larry Hartman, Jr.: 5. These equal 12 votes for Lawrence Larry Hartman Jr.

Motion passed unanimously.

Henry Clay Township Supervisor 4-year (Dem) Vote for 1:

Lawrence Hartman Jr. :3

Larry Hartman: 2

Lawrence Larry Hartman Jr.: 4

Larry Lawrence Hartman: 1

Total: 10

Bill Haden: 2

William A. Hayden: 7

William Hayden:5

Wm Hayden: 1

Total: 15

For the 4-year term: The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Hartman, on the ballot as Lawrence Larry Hartman, Jr. It was discovered there are two registered voters within this district named Lawrence A Hartman, and Lawrence A Hartman, Jr. There is no way to determine if Larry Hartman: 2, and Lawrence Hartman: 1, are attributed to the candidate.

Motion made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept the spellings for Mr. Hartman that have generational designations: Lawrence Hartman, Jr.: 3, Lawrence Larry Hartman, Jr.: 4. These equal 7 votes for Lawrence Larry Hartman, Jr.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Hayden, on the ballot as William A Hayden. It was discovered there are two registered voters within this district named: William A. Hayden and William B. Hayden. There is no way to determine if Bill Haden: 2, William Hayden: 5, and Wm. Hayden: 1 are attributed to the candidate.

Motion made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept the spelling for Mr. Hayden: William A. Hayden: These total 7 votes for William A Hayden.

Motion passed unanimously.

Jefferson Township Supervisor 6-year, (Rep) Vote for 1:

Richard Travalena Jr:13

Richard Travelena Jr.: 4

Richard Travalena:3

Richard J. Travalena Jr.: 11

Rich Travelena Jr.: 4

Richie Travelena: 1

Ritchie Travelena: 1

Rich Travelena:2

Rick Travelena:1

Total:40

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Travalena, on the ballot as Richard J Travalena, Jr. It was discovered there are three registered voters within this district named: Richard Travalena, Richard J Travalena, and Richard James Travalena, Jr.

The Board determined the misspelling of the last name was not significant enough to not count the votes, and the variations in the first names were considered nicknames for the given name, Richard.

Motion was made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to cumulate for Mr. Travelina the following name variations: Richard Travalena, Jr.: 13 – Richard Travelena, Jr.: 4 – Richard J Travalena, Jr.: 11 – Rich Travelena, Jr.: 4. This equals 32 votes for Richard J Travalena Jr.

Motion passed unanimously.

Luzerne Township Supervisor 6-year (Rep) Vote for 1:

Steven Joe Mirke: 1

Steven Joe Miske: 3

Joe Miske: 3

Steve Miske: 2

Steven Miske: 2

Total: 11

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Miske, on the ballot as Steven Joe Miske. It was discovered there are two registered voters within this district named: Steven Miske and Steven J. Miske, and none named Steven Joe Mirke or Joe Miske.

Motion was made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept the following cumulations: Steven Joe Mirke: 1 – Steven Joe Miske: 3. A total of 4 votes for Steven Joe Miske.

Motion passed unanimously.

Newell Boro Council 4-year (Dem) Vote for 2:

Charles R. Bock: 1

Charles Bock: 20

Charles Bock Jr.: 1

Total: 22

Richard McQuillis: 18

Rich McQuillis: 4

Total: 22

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Bock, who is a write in candidate. It was discovered there are three registered voters within this district named: Charles R Bock (status is cancelled, last voted 05/15/2001) Charles R Bock, Jr., and Charles Richard Bock III (status is Cancel-Confirmed Registered Out of Country.)

Motion was made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept all cumulations of Charles R. Bock Jr. This equals 22 votes.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Board determined that Rich is an acceptable nickname for Richard.

Motion was made by Robert Lesnick and seconded by Mark Rowan to accept Richard McQuillis and Rich McQuillis for Richard McQuillis, equaling 22 votes.

Motion passed unanimously.

North Union Township Supervisor 6-year (Rep) Vote for 1:

Ron Landman: 52

Ronald Landman: 13

Total: 65

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Landman, on the ballot as Ron Landman. It was discovered there are two registered voters within this district named: Ronald Tracy Landman and Ronald T Landman. There is no way to determine if Ron Landman: 52, and Ronald Landman: 13 are attributed to the candidate.

Motion was made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to not accept any cumulations of Mr. Landman.

Motion passed unanimously.

Perry Township Supervisor 6-year (Rep) Vote for 1:

Andrew AJ Boni: 4

AJ Boni: 25

Andrew Boni: 2

AJ Bonti: 1

Total: 32

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Boni, on the ballot as Andrew AJ Boni. It was discovered there is only one registered voter in that district named Andrew J Boni, and no voters named AJ Bonti.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick and seconded by Mark Rowan to accept all cumulations for Andrew AJ Boni, 32 votes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Point Marion Boro Council 4-year (Dem) Vote for 3:

Robert Goodwin: 9

Bob Goodwin: 3

Total: 12

The Election Bureau discovered there was only one registered voter in this district with the name Robert A Goodwin, Jr.

Motion made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept all cumulations for candidate Robert Goodwin, 12 votes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Springhill Township Supervisor 6-year (Dem) Vote for 1:

Allen J Lynn: 20

JoJo Lynn: 6

Joe Lynn: 3

Allan J. Lynn: 2

Allan Lynn: 1

Allen Lynn: 3

Elect Allen Lynn: 1

Total: 36

The Election Bureau discovered there are two registered voters in this district named: Allen J. Lynn, Jr., Allen J. Lynn, Sr.

As there was discussion concerning the signatures of both Mr. Lynn's, Tamara Kaufman, an Election Bureau employee who has had the most contact with Mr. Lynn was called into the room. She was able to positively identify which Mr. Lynn is the write-in candidate. (Allen J Lynn, Sr, 1958 DOB)

Mark Rowan wanted to note that based on the candidate filing a name variation sheet and a write in candidate declaration, the Board was able to compare signatures to identify Junior versus Senior. As the board has been rejecting the idea of differentiating Junior versus Senior unless so designated, if it is done in this case, it is because it has been through the research to determine which signature matches that of Allen J Lynn, Sr.

A **motion** was made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept the following cumulations for Mr. Lynn: Allen J Lynn: 20 – JoJo Lynn: 6 – Joe Lynn: 3 – Allan J. Lynn: 2. This is a total of 31 for Allan J Lynn.

Motion passed unanimously.

Springhill Township Auditor 6-year (Rep) Vote for 1:

Aaron Early: 14

Arron Early: 4

Aaron Everly: 1

Adam Early- 1

Aron Early: 1

Total: 21

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Early a write-in candidate, that there was only one registered voter with the name Aaron D. Early in this district.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick and seconded by Mark Rowan to accept the cumulations for Mr. Early:

Aaron Early: 14 – Arron Early: 4 – Aaron Everly: 1 - Aron Early: 1. This is a total of 20 votes for Aaron Early.

Motion passed unanimously.

Stewart Township Supervisor 6-year (Rep) Vote for 1:

Ray Williams: 54

Raymond Williams: 1

Ray L Williams: 1

Total: 56

The Election Bureau researched that there was only one registered voter with the name Ray L. Williams in this district. Mr. Williams submitted a write in candidate declaration.

Motion made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept the cumulations for Ray L Williams, 56 votes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Wharton Township 6-year (Dem) Vote for 1:

Jim Dean: 3

James G. Dean: 11

James Dean: 9

James C. Dean: 1

Total: 24

Matt Spaw: 18

Matthew Spaw: 6

Mat Spaw: 1

Total: 25

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Dean, on the ballot as James G Dean. There is only one James G Dean registered to vote in this district.

Motion made by Robert Lesnick and seconded by Mark Rowan to accept the cumulations for James G Dean, 24 votes.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Election Bureau researched the names for Mr. Spaw, on the ballot as Matthew Spaw. It was discovered there is only one registered voter in this area with the name Matthew Scott Spaw.

Motion made by Mark Rowan and seconded by Robert Lesnick to accept the cumulations for Matthew Spaw, 25 votes.

Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion that write-in cumulations, as voted upon at this meeting, were to be published on the website.

The meeting was recessed at 2:45PM.

The meeting resumed at 2:55PM.

The Election Board has decided the Election Bureau shall post the list of cumulations to the Fayette County website, voted on today, that shows which votes were not/counted so that any interested candidate is able to see what votes were cumulated.

First Signing of All County and Local Results for the May 16, 2023, Primary

Second Signing (Final Certification) for the State

Public Comment

Finding no public comment, Mark Rowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert Lesnick.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12PM