

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
MEETING  
AUGUST 8-9, 2024**

The Houghton County Board of Canvassers held a meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Franklin/Quincy Township Building, Hancock, Michigan. The meeting was for the purpose of canvassing the August 6, 2024 Primary Election. The Canvassers adjourned at 4:15 pm. The Canvassing restarted on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly at 9:00 am. The following responded to roll call by the County Clerk: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Sharon Foix, Republican; Charles Markham, Republican and Valorie Troesch, Democrat.

Also in attendance was Angie Hamilton and Karen Timmonen. Angie agreed to help read the Canvassers Checklist.

**Minutes:**

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the February 29, 2024 minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

**Public Comment:**

**\*\*Amended**-Karen Timmonen and 2 others commented on the missing Portage Township ballot missing the Portage Lake District Library millage.

Canvassing all Precincts:

**Adams 1**

Canvassing was adjourned at 9:17 am so the County Clerk could go back to her office to find out why the totals report was incorrect.

Canvassing resumed at 10:26 am. Clerk Kelly informed the Canvassers and public that the reason the report was off was because of the Early Voting Center's number. Clerk Kelly presented a new report that was 401 pages.

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Charles Markham, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Adams Township 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Adams AVCB**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

On the Statement of Votes page in the poll book, the seal number was missing, and 1 person did not sign. The Canvassers requested 2 tabulator tapes not be put in 1 envelope. There was no voter list in the poll book in the County Clerk's envelope. Clerk Kelly called Deb, the Township Clerk, she will bring in the missing information and have the 1 worker come to Canvassing to sign. The Canvassers decided to wait for the Clerk and the worker to make sure all information comes before approving the AVCB.

### **Calumet 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Calumet Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Calumet 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Calumet 5**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet Precinct 5.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Calumet 9**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Calumet Township 9.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Calumet AVCB**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The voter list for the AVCB was missing. Clerk Kelly called Robin, Calumet Clerk, and she will bring it to the Canvassing. Robin appeared with the list. The Canvassers accepted it and approved it.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet Township AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Chassell 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that on the cover page of the poll book, the tabulator and VAT numbers were crossed out, but no initials were done, and it wasn't in red. They asked the workers to not write names on the write in page unless they are "valid write-ins". They also asked that the 0 tape not be put in the County Clerk's envelope, it belongs in the Local Clerk's Envelope. The tape in the County Clerk's envelope was a mess. Voter lists must be hole punched and put into the poll book.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Chassell Township 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **City of Hancock 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked Clerk Kelly to inform the City Clerk that the VAT was crossed out on the cover page on the poll book with no initials and it was not in red.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Hancock 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **City of Hancock 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked Clerk Kelly to inform the City Clerk that the VAT was crossed out on the cover page on the poll book with no initials and it was not in red. The remarks the workers put are not necessary. Please put election related issues or concerns. On the handwritten notes page, the Canvassers want to know what “discrepancies” the workers were referring to.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve City of Hancock 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **City of Hancock 3**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Hancock 3.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **City of Hancock AVCB**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Hancock AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **City of Houghton 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Houghton 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **City of Houghton 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that a voter list not be put in the Canvassers envelope. 1 in the County Clerk's envelope is enough for canvassing. Also, on the Statement of Votes page in the poll book, please make corrections in red.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Houghton 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **Continued Adams AVCB**

The worker came in to sign the poll book. The Township Clerk appeared and provided all missing information for the poll book.

A Motion was made by Charles Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Adams AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0

## **City of Houghton AVCB's 1 & 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that the 0 tape be in the Local Clerks Envelope and not the County Clerk's envelope. There were 6 tabulator tapes in the County Clerk's envelope. The Canvassers gave up trying to figure it out and went off the 1 tabulator tape in the Canvassers envelope.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Houghton AVCB's 1 & 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **ADJOURN CANVASSING UNTIL FRIDAY MORNING**

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen and seconded by Charles Markham to adjourn canvassing until Friday, August 9, 2024 at 9:00 am.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **BACK IN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly at 9:00 am on Friday, August 9, 2024.. The following responded to roll call by the County Clerk: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Sharon Foix, Republican; Charles Markham, Republican and Valorie Troesch, Democrat.

Again in attendance was Angie Hamilton. Angie agreed to help read the Canvassers Checklist.

### **Duncan Township 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that the Ballot Summary and voter list not be included in the Canvassers Envelope.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Duncan Township 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Duncan Township 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Duncan Township 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Elm River 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Elm River 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Franklin 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that workers not be allowed to use white out in the poll book. A Democrat and Republican did not sign that the ballots were sealed on the Statement of Votes. They both came in and signed.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Franklin 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Franklin 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Franklin 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Hancock Twp 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Canvassers asked that the 0 tabulator tape be put in the Local Clerk's Envelope, not the Canvasser's Envelope.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Hancock Twp 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Houghton County Early Voting Center**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report for all precincts in Houghton County.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve the Houghton County Early Voting Center.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Laird 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Laird 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Osceola 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that the 0 tabulator tape not be put in the Canvasser's envelope. It belongs in the Local Clerk's Envelope.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Osceola 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Osceola 2**

The Statement of Votes was missing in the Canvasser's Envelope. From the copy of the Statement of Votes in the County Clerk's Envelope, the Canvassers wanted it noted that any correction the workers make should have their initials by the correction.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Osceola 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Osceola 4**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Canvassers questioned why 2 tabulator tapes were in the Canvassers envelope. Clerk Kelly will advise the Township Clerk.

A Motion was made by Charles Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Osceola 4.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Quincy 1**



The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Quincy 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **Portage 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Portage 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **Portage 4**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Portage 4.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **Portage AVCB**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that there be no strike overs in the poll books, and to make sure corrections have the workers initials. Clerk Kelly called the Township Clerk regarding numbers not balancing. The Township Clerk is coming to Canvassing with a new report.

The Clerk appeared with a report that matched the tabulator tape. She explained a report was run before the workers were done tabulating.

A Motion was made by Charles Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Portage AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **Schoolcraft 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

Canvassers requested a voter list not be put in the Canvasser's Envelope.

A Motion was made by Charles Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Schoolcraft 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Stanton 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers had 2 tabulator tapes in the Canvasser's Envelope. Please have 1. Also, there was a 0 tape. A 0 tape should be in the Local Clerk's Envelope. There was a correction on the VAT number on the cover page of the poll book, please have the workers initial any corrections.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Stanton 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Stanton 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that comments from the workers be about issues they are having with the election at the precinct. They do not need to put the comings and goings of workers. Also, the workers can either do the comments in the E poll book, or do the hand written comments. No need to do both.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Stanton 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

### **Torch Lake 1**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The zero tape was in the County Clerk envelope. Please put the zero tape in the Local Clerk's envelope in the future.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Torch Lake 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **Torch Lake 2**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The zero tape was in the County Clerk envelope. Please put the zero tape in the Local Clerk's envelope in the future.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Torch Lake 2

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

## **Torch Lake AVCB**

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers requested the 0 tape not be in the County Clerk Envelope. The numbers did not match from the report to the tabulator tape. Clerk Kelly contacted the Township Clerk and he will bring a new report in.

The Township Clerk provided a new report to Clerk Kelly.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Torch Lake AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Adjourn meeting:

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

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Barbara Manninen

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Valorie Troesch

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Becky Bruin-Slot or Charles Markham

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Sharon Foix

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Jennifer Kelly  
Clerk of the Houghton County Canvassers