

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

RANDOLPH COUNTY COMMISSION SS:

At a special session of the County Commission held in and for the aforesaid County and State, at the Wees Annex, on the 12th day of November, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Randolph County Commission President Chris Siler and Commissioners David Kesling and Chris See

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Siler

Commissioner Siler announced that the purpose of today's meeting is to Canvass the election results from the General Election that was held on November 5, 2024.

Commissioner Kesling moved to set the bond amount at \$300.00 if anyone would like to request a recount. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Also present were County Clerk Brenda Wiseman, Maintenance Staff Shawn Ferguson and James Ramsey and Administrative Assistant Melinda Lott.

County Commission Administrative Assistant Melinda Lott drew Precinct 165 for the hand count.

Clerk Wiseman presented the Commission with two emergency absentee ballots and explained that these two ballots were taken to the hospital in Buckhannon by the Ballot Commissioners on Election Day. Commissioner Kesling moved to accept the two emergency absentee ballots, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Clerk Wiseman presented the Commission with an absentee ballot that was sent express mail. The postmark showed it was sent out on Election Day. Commissioner Kesling moved to approve this absentee ballot, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Clerk Wiseman presented the Commission with two absentee ballots that came by mail after Election day. Commissioner Kesling moved to deny the two absentee ballots as they were not received in time. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Clerk Wiseman presented the Commission with the paperwork for each precinct.

EARLY VOTING IN ELKINS - 15 provisional ballots

Each provisional ballot envelope was reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept any of the 15 provisional ballots from Elkins Early Voting. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

EARLY VOTING IN MILL CREEK - 3 provisional ballots

Each provisional ballot envelope was reviewed and discussed.

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept any of the 3 provisional ballots from Mill Creek Early Voting. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 23 - 1 provisional ballot

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the provisional ballot. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 24 - 5 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept 4 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to accept 1 provisional ballot because this person was a poll worker. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 25 - 22 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 22 provisional ballots. All yes– Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 27 - No provisional ballots

PRECINCT 28 –3 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept 2 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to accept 1 provisional ballot because this person was a poll worker. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 28A - 1 provisional ballot

Commissioner Kesling moved to accept the 1 provisional ballot because the person was a poll worker. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 30 – 1 provisional ballot

Commissioner Kesling moved to accept the 1 provisional ballot because the person was a poll worker. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 31 – 2 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to approve 1 provisional ballot because the person was a poll worker. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept 1 provisional ballot. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 75 – No provisional ballot

PRECINCT 80 – No provisional ballots

PRECINCT 85 – 4 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 4 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 150 – 6 provisional ballots

The poll workers did not put the provisional ballots in envelopes so there was no information on these provisional ballots as to why they were made provisional. Commissioner Kesling moved to accept the 6 provisional ballots because of poll worker error. Commissioner Kesling voted yes, Commission See voted yes. Commissioner Siler voted no. Motion passed

PRECINCT 155 –3 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to accept 1 provisional ballot. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept 2 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 160 – 2 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 2 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 165 – 3 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept 3 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 170 - No provisional ballots

PRECINCT 180 – 1 provisional ballot

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 1 provisional ballot. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 185 – 5 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept 4 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner Kesling moved to accept 1 provisional ballot. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 190 - 2 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 2 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 200 – 5 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 5 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 202 – No provisional ballots

PRECINCT 205 – 2 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 2 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 210 – 3 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 3 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 215 – 5 provisional ballots

Commissioner Kesling moved to not accept the 5 provisional ballots. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

PRECINCT 220 - No provisional ballots

PRECINCT 225 – No provisional ballots

PRECINCT 227 – No provisional ballots

The hand count of Precinct 165 began at this time.

Melinda Lott read the results as Shawn Ferguson and James Ramsey tallied the votes.

Chris Siler read the results as David Kesling and Chris See tallied the votes.

The results of precinct 165 did not change and it was determined that the machines tabulated correctly.

County Clerk staff entered the additional provisional ballots to the totals at this time.

Commissioner Kesling moved to declare the results at 1:56 p.m. of the General Election that was held on November 5, 2024. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

County Clerk Wiseman said this will begin the 48 hour period for a recount. She explained that the Commission will have to meet again to certify the results after all the other Counties are done.

Commissioner Kesling moved to recess. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Commissioner Kesling moved to certify the election results of the November 5, 2024 General Election, as submitted. All yes – Motion passed unanimously

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