

SURRY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Meeting Minutes March 10, 2020

Members Present: Dwayne Carter
Jerry Forestieri
Bill Hamlin
Don Isaacs
Drew Poindexter

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Michella Huff, Sydney Bedsaul, Jan Davis, Luann Thomas, John Hunt

Others Present: Neil Baddour, Brooks Jones, Eric Barcliff – North Carolina State Board of Elections and Kris Kingsbury - Printelect

The Surry County Board of Elections met in their office at 915 E. Atkins Street, Dobson, NC, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

The board opened the meeting and voted unanimously to convene in the training room at 915 E. Atkins Street for a discretionary recount.

Kris Kingsbury, Neil Baddour, Brooks Jones and Eric Barcliff assisted the director in the recount of the entire March 3, 2020 Primary Election. Election night results showed a total of 12,382 ballots cast for Surry County. The recount results showed a total of 12,393.

The result totals on March 10, 2020 reflect 10 ballots that did not tabulate on election day at the precincts. The ballots had been placed in the secure emergency bin at the precincts and were administered through the tabulator at the close of the polls by a bipartisan team of precinct officials. The 10 ballots that would not tabulate were placed in secure packs, sealed and returned to the Board of Elections office on election night. A bipartisan team of the Board of Elections duplicated those 10 ballots according to precinct at the discretionary recount. That resulted in 10 overvotes equaling a total ballots cast of 12,392. These 10 ballots would have been addressed in the audit process and brought to the Board of Elections during the Supplemental Absentee meeting before canvass to be tabulated. With the full board being present for the discretionary recount, the board made those decisions and duplicated the ballots at the discretionary recount, hence the 10 ballots were tabulated.

One voted ballot at the Dobson OneStop location was not reflected in election night totals that was tallied at the discretionary recount. This resulted in the final total ballots cast for March 3, 2020 primary election being 12,393.

Election day totals, Absentee by Mail and OneStop early voting ballots were all part of the discretionary recount on March 10, 2020. Supplemental Absentees and Provisional ballots will be reviewed and either accepted or denied by the Board of Elections at their Supplemental Absentee

meeting to be held on Thursday March 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm. All results are unofficial until the complete of canvass which is at 11:00 am on Friday, March 13, 2020.

The sample audit hand-to-eye count of two random precincts occurred on March 10, 2020 and was part of the public review process. The precincts selected by State Board of Elections were Siloam and Eldora. The hand-to-eye count matched the results tape in both precincts. The hand to eye count sample audit was performed by a bipartisan team.

So, all in all, one ballot cast did not tabulate on election day; the one ballot did tabulate on March 10, 2020 resulting in a one vote (an overvote) difference for the primary election.

The Surry County Board of Elections website was updated to reflect all unofficial results. 28% of registered voters cast ballots for the March 3, 2020 Primary Election, 12,393 out of 44,254 registered voters.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Member

Member

Member