INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2020
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM
MASON HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE
MASON, MICHIGAN

CANVASSERS PRESENT: Rebecca Bahar-Cook
Joe Groff
Ted Lawson
Kurt Berryman, Assistant Canvasser (arrived at 10:43 a.m.)

CANVASSERS ABSENT: Jude Wells

OTHERS PRESENT: Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk
Richard J. Garcia, Chief Circuit and Probate Judge
Liz Noel, Elections/Clerk Coordinator
Michael Tanis, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order
Chairperson Groff called the August 6, 2020 meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of Agenda
Moved by Canvasser Bahar-Cook, supported by Canvasser Lawson, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Canvasser Wells

Approval of March 19, 2020 Minutes
Moved by Canvasser Bahar-Cook, supported by Canvasser Lawson, to approve the March 19, 2020 minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously. Absent: Canvasser Wells

Hon. Richard Garcia, Chief Circuit and Probate Judge, delivered the envelopes from the August 4, 2020 Primary Election to the Board of Canvassers.

Remarks from Clerk Byrum
Clerk Barb Byrum read a statement into the minutes, which is included as Attachment A.

Canvasser Bahar-Cook asked Clerk Byrum what she meant when she said that Delhi Charter Township had to find lost files and adjudicate those ballots.

Clerk Byrum stated that it was when you had a Democrat and a Republican look at the high-speed tabulator. She further stated that they look at the screen and together make an adjudication recommendation.
Canvasser Bahar-Cook stated if she was correct if that meant that the Democrat and Republican together make a determination of what the vote means.

Clerk Byrum stated that she was correct.

Canvasser Bahar-Cook stated that the Board of Canvassers had one less Canvasser and was starting late to canvass the August 4, 2020 Primary Election. She asked if the Board of Canvassers would be asking for assistance because she was concerned.

Clerk Byrum stated that the Board of Canvassers had a quorum and she was able to appoint assistants if the Board of Canvassers did not have a quorum. She further stated that, in terms of Republican Alternate Canvassers, her Office had not heard back from one person, one person had a conflict, and one person was not able to comply with the Health Director’s guidance for Ingham County employees.

Clerk Byrum stated that those were the options at this time. She further stated that, to keep in mind, all of the vote totals had to be bipartisan.

Chairperson Groff stated that Canvasser Jude Wells had a medical condition that did not allow her to wear a mask. He asked if the mask requirement was an Ingham County policy or a Department Head policy.

Clerk Byrum stated that the wearing of a mask was a requirement for County employees. She further stated that she consulted with the County Attorney as well as the Health Director.

Clerk Byrum stated that the Health Director said that County employees must wear a mask. She further stated that, between counsel and the Health Director, both said that no accommodation would be made.

Chairperson Groff asked if she had a list of the names of Republican Alternate Canvassers.

Clerk Byrum stated that she did not have the names in front of her, but she would certainly provide them to the Board of Canvassers. She further stated that Brett Dickey was one of the names, but he had a conflict, and Tom Fredericks was also one of the names, but she could not recall the reasoning for his inability to be a Republican Alternate Canvasser.

Chairperson Groff stated that, when Dan Wells became a candidate, there was a name of a Republican Alternate Canvasser, but he apologized, as he did not get that person’s information from Yavonne Whitbeck, Ingham County Republican Party Chair. He asked if she knew who that person was.

Clerk Byrum stated that Jean Paul, a potential Republican Alternate Canvasser, had not yet responded. She further stated that Tom Fredericks, another potential Republican Alternate Canvasser, did not know that he was on the list of Alternate Canvassers, and Brett Dickey, another potential Republican Alternate Canvasser, had a conflict.

Canvasser Bahar-Cook stated that she wondered if Ms. Whitbeck could reach those people because the Board of Canvassers would be canvassing the August 4, 2020 Primary Election for a while.
Clerk Byrum stated that she would problem-solve for the Board of Canvassers because it did not sound like any of the potential Alternate Canvassers were going to be of assistance. She further stated that if the Board of Canvassers needed assistance, she could appoint an assistant, but that was if the Board of Canvassers did not have a quorum.

Canvasser Bahar-Cook stated that, on Monday, August 10, 2020, the Board of Canvassers would not have a quorum because she would not be able to be in the Mason Historical Courthouse until after 10:00 a.m.

Clerk Byrum stated that she would problem-solve for the Board of Canvassers while she follows the law to see how she could assist.

Chairperson Groff stated that, as he understood the regulation, if the Board of Canvassers had two people, there could still be a meeting, but they could not make any decisions. He asked if that was correct.

Clerk Byrum stated that he was correct.

Discussion.

Clerk Byrum stated that she thought the Board of Canvassers would know this afternoon how the canvass was going. She further stated that she believed there were no provisional ballots, so that should help them.

Discussion.

Chairperson Groff stated that the Board of Canvassers’ suggestion would be to get an assistant to the Mason Historical Courthouse for August 6 and August 7, 2020, if possible.

Clerk Byrum asked if the Board of Canvassers could make that suggestion into a motion to provide her with clearance, as the statute allowed the County Clerk to appoint assistants only if the Board of Canvassers did not have a quorum.

Moved by Canvasser Bahar-Cook, supported by Canvasser Lawson, for the County Clerk to appoint assistants to the Board of Canvassers for the canvass of the August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Canvasser Wells

Clerk Byrum stated that she would work to appoint a Republican Assistant Canvasser to assist the Board of Canvassers.

**Canvass of the August 4, 2020 Primary Election**

The Board of Canvassers commenced canvassing the August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

Kurt Berryman, Republican Assistant Canvasser, arrived at 10:43 a.m.

Clerk Byrum administered the Oath of Office for Assistant Canvasser Berryman.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Delhi Charter Township, AVCB-A Clerk’s preparation certificate was missing dates. The issue was resolved when Canvasser Lawson put the dates in red.
The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Delhi Charter Township, Precinct 2 lacked signature of person administering the oath. This was resolved when the oath administrator signed the poll book.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that Delhi Charter Township, Precinct 4 lacked signature of person administering the oath. This was resolved when the oath administrator signed the poll book.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 1, Precinct 2 had no date on the oaths of office. The issue was resolved when Canvasser Bahar-Cook filled in dates and the Clerk was notified.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 1, Precinct 3 Election Inspectors Preparation Certificate was not checked. Further, signature of person administering oath of office was missing. The issue was resolved when the oath administrator signed the poll book and the checklist was completed.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 1, Precinct 7 had the zero tape in the sealed envelope. The Clerk was notified that the totals tape was not present.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 1, Precinct 9 needed a signature on the oath of office.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 2, Precinct 17 Ronald Lott signed the totals tape but not the oath of office. The issue was resolved when Ronald Lott signed the oath of office.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 2, Precinct 18 Tobi Voight did not sign the oath of office.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 3, Precinct 27 had a torn envelope and seal, and could not be recounted if needed. The clerk was notified.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 3, Precinct 29 list of voters was one higher than ballot tabulated, and there was nothing in remarks. The issue was resolved when Robin Stites emailed an explanation, included as Attachment D.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 4, Precinct 36 had a ballot that was run twice, and that it was non-resolvable.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 4, Precinct 40 ballot summary did not have a difference of zero, and no explanation was given. The issue was resolved when the mathematical error was resolved.

Recess

The meeting was recessed on August 6, 2020 at 4:03 p.m.
INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
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                 Michael Tanis, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

Chairperson Groff called the August 7, 2020 meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 10:00 a.m.

Canvass of the August 4, 2020 Primary Election

The Board of Canvassers continued canvassing the August 4, 2020 Primary Election.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of East Lansing, Precinct 5 number of tabulated ballots (155) did not match number of votes recorded (154). The issue was resolved when Clerk Shuster emailed an explanation, included as Attachment B.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of East Lansing, Precinct 9 had a ballot summary that was not zero, and voters were not entered. Further, there were no remarks as to why. The issue was resolved when Clerk Shuster emailed an explanation, included as Attachment C.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of East Lansing, Precinct 10 had no date provided in sections #3 and #4 of oath of office page. The issue was resolved when the Canvassers completed the dates.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of East Lansing, Precinct 15 had no date provided in section #3 of oath of office page. The issue was resolved when the Canvassers completed the dates.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 1, Precinct 6 had no explanation for an extra ballot issued. The issue was resolved when Robin Stites emailed an explanation, included as Attachment E.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that City of Lansing, Ward 4, Precinct 39 list of voters total (144) did not match tabulated ballots (145). The issue was resolved when the Board of Canvassers had a conference call with the Precinct Chair and stated that the tabulator had a jam and the ballot involved in the jam had apparently been counted, but they were unsure and put that ballot back into the tabulator,
resulting in an overstatement. The issue was resolved when the mathematical error was resolved and Robin Stites emailed an explanation, which is included as Attachment D.

Recess

The meeting was recessed on August 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
Good Morning,

- There were 2.6 times as many AV (absentee voter) ballots cast this year as there were in August 2018, and 4 times as many AV ballots as were cast in the August 2016 Primary Election.
- With 207,839 registered voters, that means that overall AV turnout was 25%. With 66,953 total ballots cast (AV plus in-person) that puts the overall turnout at 32.21%.
- We saw numerous postal (USPS) issues with delayed delivery of ballots on both ends of the AV mailing process.
- "Unprecedented times" for elections with COVID-19—did not hear of many complaints about lack of safety in polling place. Some reports of voters being asked to remove mask for identity verification, but those were corrected so voters did not need to jeopardize their safety.
- Tabulator issues—humidity along with lots of returned ballots (because of crossover votes, etc.) caused for ballots being returned to get "chewed up" by the tabulator, and there were some tabulator jams as well so had to swap some tabulators out.
- Additional votes caused by invalid write-ins have been added to totals tapes. Those will need to be added to the final results before you certify.
- There is one valid write-in candidate for Democratic County Commissioner District 13, Matt Phelan. Those votes should be noted in the write-in statement of votes sheet in poll book.
- A few precincts were off-balance at the end of the night, and after a hand-count still appeared to be off:
  - Leslie Township
  - Williamson City AVCP
- High-speed scanners: Delhi Charter Township had an issue with the adjudication software, and after what we thought was going to be a quick day for them, they had to go find lost files and adjudicate all of those ballots. The City of Lansing said they would need another tabulator for the anticipated AV turnout in November 2020. Meridian Township did not test their ICC (ImageCast Central) until the Friday before the election, and ran into some opportunities that my office helped fix up until 4:00 p.m. the day before the election.
- Meridian Township was the last to report again. When asked at 2:15 p.m., the Deputy Clerk said that the AVCP (Absentee Voter Counting Board) was "right on track." The Bureau of Elections (BOS) did visit Meridian Township around noon to offer help, but the Deputy told them that they were fine and refused help, and also refused to use the second high-speed scanner that the vendor had graciously loaned to them. I look forward to new opportunities with Meridian Township and plenty of room for improvement. They finally began transmitting at 6:00 a.m., but the result files would not load into the software, which was completed and results were posted on the website at 3:00 p.m. yesterday (Wednesday).
- Thank you Chairperson Groff for being so agreeable to not meeting yesterday and starting the canvass today.
- Continue with daily health screening, social distancing, and wearing of masks. This is following the guidance of Governor Whitmer’s Executive Orders and Ingham County Health Director Linda Viel.
- My staff and I have set things up so that if you need reports, they can be printed directly to the printer in the Board of Commissioners Room, where you are located.
• If clerks are invited, they will be brought in as a panelist for the Zoom meeting.
• If there needs to be a retabulation, we will do that in the safest way possible, knowing that some form of physical interaction will occur.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this election.
Minutes

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Best,

Elizabeth Noel
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Ingham County Clerk Barb Byrum’s Office
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From: Jennifer Shuster <jshuster@cityofeastlansing.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Elizabeth Noel <enoel@ingham.org>
Cc: Kathryn Gardner <kgardner@cityofeastlansing.com>
Subject: EL - Precinct 5

Precinct 5 – Please refer to the remark made at 10:34 am regarding Zelovinsky voting ballot number 051328. They wrote that there was an issue with the EPI, which prevented them entering that ballot into, so it is not on the voter list. You can verify that by looking at the voter list and seeing that it skips over that ballot number. This is why the voter list is 154 and ballots tabulated is 155. Please know that we will make note of that when we upload the FPI info into the QVF so that voter's history is accurate, as well.

Jennifer Shuster, CERA
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Michael Tanis

From: Elizabeth Noel
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 5:04 PM
To: Michael Tanis
Subject: FW: EL - Precinct 9

For minutes

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Best,

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From: Jennifer Shuster <jshuster@cityofeastlansing.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Elizabeth Noel <noel@ingham.org>
Cc: Kathryn Gardner <kgardner@cityofeastlansing.com>
Subject: EL - Precinct 9

Precinct 9 - I just spoke with the Precinct Chair and reviewed the materials, as well. It appears as the election inspector working on the EPB skipped over the specific page in our provided EPB manual that walks them through completing the Ballot Summary Report. Unfortunately, the Receiving Team did not ask them to reflect this in the remarks section on Election Night. Please note that the List of Voters printed from the EPB does match the totals tape from the tabulator though. If you need any further information, please let me know.

Jennifer Shuster, CERA
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For minutes

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Best,

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Subject: AF: Ward 1 Precinct 2 - Correction

Lib,

Similar situation for 3-29 as for 1-4. Ballot was spoiled and not reissued. Voter turned in his absentee ballot to us instead. It was received on 8/4/2020. Please attached remarks.

This was for voter #2.

Robin Stites | pronouns: she/her/hers
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For minutes

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Best,

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From: Stites, Robin <Robin.Stites@lansingmi.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Elizabeth Noel <noel@ingham.org>
Cc: Swope, Chris <Chris.Swope@lansingmi.gov>
Subject: RE: Ward 1 Precinct 2 - Correction

Hi Liz,

I will contact the chairs for 4-38 and 3-29. Tabulators jamming ballots was an issue for us Election Day. If the chair did not need the ballot was already counted and it got put in again, then it counts twice.

However, 1-8 did provide an explanation. Please see attached. A ballot was spoiled and not reissued.

Thank you.

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