March 9, 2016

CANVASSERS PRESENT: Mary Kay Scullion  
Kathy Prout  
Alan Fox  
John Hayden

CANVASSERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Garcia, Chief Probate Judge  
Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk  
Robin Stites, Election/Clerk Coordinator  
Chris Swope, City of Lansing Clerk  
Regina Calcagno, Elections Assistant

Meeting Called to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Scullion.

Approval of Agenda:
Moved by Canvasser Fox, supported by Canvasser Prout, to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Remarks from Clerk Byrum regarding the Presidential Primary Election:
Clerk Byrum thanked her staff for another successful election, specifically, Chief Deputy Jen Shuster, Election/Clerk Coordinator Robin Stites and Temporary Employee Gina Calcagno for being my boots on the ground in Williamstown Township as there is a new clerk in that location.

She stated that she had concern over missing voters in the Qualified Voter File (QVF). She handed out an article from February 4, 2016 indicating the State of Michigan told municipal clerks to send notice of cancellation for individuals who should not have been cancelled. Clerk Byrum further stated that her office received calls from multiple individuals who had proof of voter registration, from 2010 and 2012 specifically, but were not listed in the QVF as a registered voter.

Probate Judge Garcia arrived at 1:04 p.m. to deliver the #2 envelopes from the election.

Clerk Byrum indicated her office received multiple reports of individuals wanting to vote on March 8, 2016, but were either not registered or registered after the February 8, 2016 close of registration.
Clerk Byrum stated that there was an issue with a Military and Overseas voter. She indicated a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) was received by the County Clerk’s Office on March 2, 2016 and forwarded to the City of Mason Clerk. She further stated the voter contacted the City of Mason Clerk on Election Day, after not receiving a ballot, and was directed to contact the Alaiedon Township Clerk, as that is where he was registered to vote. She further stated the deadline to receive a ballot had passed and the voter was not able to participate in the election. Clerk Byrum directed this issue to the Bureau of Elections per their request. She stated that these voters are to be treated as a priority and the Bureau would be conducting additional training regarding these protected voters.

Clerk Byrum provided a timeline for the ballot shortage which occurred in the City of Lansing on Election Night beginning at around 5:00 p.m. She indicated that two ballot orders were placed prior to Election Day.

Clerk Byrum stated the last municipality to report was Meridian Township, Precinct 10.

Clerk Byrum indicated that Clinton County would canvass City of East Lansing, Precinct 17 and Eaton County would canvass City of Lansing, Precinct 22 and 23.

**Approval of the November 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes:**
Moved by Canvasser Fox, supported by Canvasser Prout, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Poll Book Review:**
Canvassers reviewed the poll books for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election for the Precincts within Ingham County.

Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope supplied hand-tally sheets from five precincts to the Board of Canvassers for review, in additional to the hand-tally sheets from seven precincts that were faxed to the County Clerk’s Office on Election Night.

Clerk Swope answered questions posed by the Canvassers with regard to City of Lansing poll books and hand-tally counts. Clerk Swope indicated he would bring election inspectors from precincts 12, 36, and 45 to meet with the Canvassers the next day to address their concerns or possibly re-tabulate. Please find attached to these minutes a list of errors outlined by the Canvassers for these precincts.

The Canvassers discovered an Activity Report included in the poll book for Williamstown Township Precinct 2. The Canvassers requested an attorney opinion on how handle the report which contained the personal information of voters. Clerk Byrum contacted the County Attorney and the documents were sealed and locked up for the evening until a determination could be made.

Ms. Stites successfully contacted Shirley Mitchell, Williamstown Township Clerk, to meet with the canvassers at 9:00 a.m. the next day to address their concerns. Please find attached to these
minutes a list of errors outlined by the Canvassers for Precincts 1 and 2 of Williamstown Township.

Chairperson Scullion recessed the meeting at 4:34 p.m. with it set to reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on March 10, 2016.

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Alan Fox
John Hayden

CANVASSERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Stites, Election/Clerk Coordinator
Regina Calcagno, Elections Assistant
Shirley Mitchell, Williamstown Township Clerk
Marie Wicks, City of East Lansing Clerk
Joan Horvath, Meridian Township Deputy Clerk
Chris Swope, City of Lansing Clerk
Evan Hope, Delhi Twp. Clerk
John Keefer, Election Source
Sue Hosbach, Meridian Township
Sue Strait, Meridian Township
Ramond Gille, City of Lansing
Phyllis Strong, City of Lansing
Heather Jenkins, City of Lansing
Linda Tate-Walker, City of Lansing
Robbin Bell, City of Lansing
Steve Simonson, City of Lansing

Meeting Reconvened:
The Board of Canvassers reconvened at 9:05 a.m.

The County Attorney advised the Board of Canvassers that any Activity Report found in the poll books should be turned over to the County Clerk’s Office to be destroyed.

Poll Book Review con’t:
The Canvassers continued to review the poll books for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election for the precincts within Ingham County.

The Board of Canvassers began the process of comparing precinct result numbers on tabulator tapes to the precinct result numbers processed on precinct reports.
Clerk Mitchell was present and supplied the AV Voter Lists for both Precinct 1 and 2 for Williamstown Township. Clerk Mitchell confirmed the voter lists had been sealed and secured in her office since the election. Clerk Mitchell satisfied the concerns the Board of Canvassers expressed with the poll books from Precinct 1 and 2.

The Canvassers noted that several poll books were not sealed properly, contained staples, and included an Activity Report. All Activity Reports, containing personal voter information, were turned over to the County Clerk’s Office and destroyed.

After review of the hand-tally counts for the City of Lansing Precinct, the Canvasses directed County Clerk staff to manually enter these totals.

Please find a list of poll book errors and/or omissions outlined by the Canvassers attached to these minutes. Ms. Stites successfully contacted the following clerks by phone to come in and meet with the Board of Canvassers to address the canvassers’ concerns:

Clerk Marie Wicks – City of East Lansing
Joan Horvath – Deputy Clerk Meridian Township
Clerk Evan Hope – Delhi Charter Township

Ms. Stites was unable to contact Meridian Township Clerk Brett Dreyfus. The Board of Canvassers requested that Clerk Dreyfus be available following an election to answer any questions and concerns regarding the poll books for Meridian Township. Ms. Stites delivered this message to Clerk Dreyfus and he responded to the Board of Canvassers’ request to be available. Joan Horvath, Deputy Clerk of Meridian Township, would be present to answer the canvassers’ concerns today regarding Meridian Township.

Deputy Clerk Joan Horvath was present, along with the precinct workers listed above, and satisfied the concerns the Board of Canvassers expressed with the poll book for Precinct 19. The precinct was re-tabulated by John Keefer, Election Source, with permission of the County Clerk’s Office, Meridian Township Clerk’s Office, and under the supervision of the Board of Canvassers. The Board of Canvassers instructed County Staff to manually enter the number of ballots tabulated.

Clerk Marie Wicks was present and satisfied the concerns the Board of Canvassers expressed with the City of East Lansing poll books from Precincts 12 and 13. City of East Lansing Precinct 16 was re-tabulated, by Mr. Keefer, with permission of the County Clerk’s Office, City of East Lansing Clerk’s Office, and under the supervision of the Board of Canvassers. It was determined that the Election Night results would stand for City of East Lansing Precinct 16.

Clerk Susan Aten satisfied the concerns the Board of Canvassers expressed with the poll book from Lansing Charter Township Precinct 1. Please find attached to these minutes the concerns outlined by the Canvassers for Precinct 1. The Board of Canvassers requested in the future that more accurate detail be left in the remarks section of the poll book.
Clerk Evan Hope was present and satisfied the concerns the Board of Canvassers expressed with the poll book from Delhi Charter Township Precinct 9.

Clerk Swope was present, along with the precinct workers listed above, and satisfied the concerns the Board of Canvassers expressed with the poll books for City of Lansing Precincts 12 and 45. Precinct 45 was re-tabulated, by Mr. Keefer with permission of the County Clerk’s Office, City of Lansing Clerk’s Office, and under the supervision of the Board of Canvassers. Clerk Swope and the precinct workers were unable to satisfy the Canvassers’ concerns with the poll book from Precinct 36. It was determined that the Election Night results would stand for City of Lansing Precinct 36.

Chairperson Scullion adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Mary Kay Scullion, Chair

Kathleen Prout, Vice Chair

Alan Fox

John Hayden

Barb Byrum, Ingham County Clerk