INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING OF AUGUST 7, 2019
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ROOM
MASSON HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE, THIRD FLOOR
MASSON, MICHIGAN

CANVASSERS PRESENT: Mary Kay Scullion
Joe Groff
Rebecca Bahar-Cook
Kathy Prout

CANVASSERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Liz Noel, Elections/Clerk Coordinator
Beth Foster, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order
Chairperson Scullion called the August 7, 2019 meeting of the Board of Canvassers to order at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda
Moved by Canvasser Bahar-Cook, supported by Canvasser Groff, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of May 8-9, 2019 Minutes
Moved by Canvasser Bahar-Cook, supported by Canvasser Groff to approve the May 8-9, 2019 minutes.
The May 8, 2018 minutes were amended as follows:

Canvasser Groff asked to add approval of November 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 2018 minutes, compensation policy (discussion) and open meetings (discussion) to the agenda.

Clerk Byrum stated that if the Canvassers did not work a full hour they would go by 15 minute increments, which was is exactly what was is done with County employees. She further stated it would be .25, .5, .75, or a full hour.

Clerk Byrum stated that at another precinct, a visually impaired voter indicated that it took poll workers over half hour to figure out how to issue him a ballot so that he could vote the VAT and he had several complaints about the VAT. She further stated that she felt her office had mitigated everything they possibly could, but the voter alluded to someone from a group suing either herself, the County or the State in regards to the elections equipment.
Clerk Byrum stated that Lansing AV ballot results took a long time to transmitting-in. She further stated that her Office believed that it was because images were attached, so they would work with the vendor to fix that.

Canvasser Groff referenced a prior email with Clerk Byrum and asked for clarification on how many Canvassers meeting to discuss business before the Board constituted a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

Clerk Byrum stated that a quorum would be a majority, which would be three.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that several of the City of Lansing’s Poll Books had been disassembled and put in the envelope instead of back into the notebook.

The May 9, 2018 minutes were amended as follows:

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that the City of Lansing Ward 2, Precinct 15 had the following note in the remarks: “[An individual] registered at the SOS in East Lansing and they gave him a receipt and directed him to this precinct to vote today. WE [sic] called downtown and suggested that he go to Washington for an Absentee ballot. He decided not to

Motion to approve the minutes, as amended, carried unanimously.

Remarks from Clerk Byrum

Clerk Byrum stated that the County experienced a low voter turnout, of a little over 14%. She further stated that the City of Lansing was just over 11%, 76% of which was AV, and that Meridian Township was at just under 23%, 58% of which was AV.

Canvasser Bahar- Cook asked if there was a comparison of what those numbers looked like four years ago.

Clerk Byrum stated that she did not have those numbers with her, but that they were on the website.

Clerk Byrum stated that her Office received a few complaints, such as photos being taken inside a couple of Lansing polling locations, which was likely illegal, but not overly concerning. She further stated that there was also a report that a Meridian Township precinct was turning away democratic poll challengers, which was corrected.

Clerk Byrum stated that Clerk Swope piloted adjudication with the City’s high-speed tabulators. She further stated that the State Board of Canvassers approved this capability, but the State did not have procedures developed.

Clerk Byrum stated that she had a feeling that Clerk Swope would be a major author in the future procedures for local clerks.

Clerk Byrum stated that the Meridian Township AV Counting Board was done by 7:30 p.m., however the upload to the County did not occur until 10:30 p.m.
Clerk Byrum stated that her Office did not receive any VAT complaints. She further stated that Clerk Swope did a major push with his election inspectors to encourage voters to use the VAT.

Canvasser Groff stated that at his precinct, a poll worker did have trouble with the VAT, forgetting to insert their badge and then forgetting to take it out. He further stated that he thought it was good that they were working through those types of issues during an election that was not busy.

Clerk Byrum stated that overall it was an uneventful election.

Canvasser Groff stated that Clerk Swope’s AV reminder mailer arrived the day after the election.

Canvasser Groff asked how many total AV ballots there were.

Liz Noel, Election/Clerk Coordinator stated that it was around 7,000 for the City of Lansing and 4,100 for Meridian Township.

Canvasser Groff asked if there was any same day registration.

Clerk Byrum stated that that would take longer to know.

Canvasser Scullion asked if there were any provisional ballots.

Clerk Byrum stated there were not.

Canvasser Scullion thanked Clerk Byrum for her remarks.

**Canvass of the August 6, 2019 Special Election**

The Board of Canvassers commenced canvassing the August 6, 2019 Election.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that the City of Lansing Ward 1, Precinct 4 Poll Book was missing the signature and date of the person administering the oath for additional signatures of those not present at the open of polls. This was later corrected by the Precinct Chair.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that the City of Lansing Ward 3, Precinct 29 Poll Book was missing the signature and date of the person administering the oath for additional signatures of those not present at the open of polls. This was later corrected by the Precinct Chair.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that the City of Lansing Ward 4, Precinct 39 Poll Books had checkboxes for duties of election inspectors on the front cover that were not checked. After consulting with the Bureau of Elections, the Board of Canvassers determined that they were not mandatory.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that the Meridian Township, Precinct 4 had 172 voters and 171 tabulated votes and hand counted 172 ballots, but did not re-tabulate them.

The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that the Meridian Township, Precinct 5 Poll Book ballot summary was off by one. The remark section showed ballot #540 was put in the spoiled ballot envelope.
The Board of Canvassers noted for the record that the Meridian Township, Precinct 19 Poll Book Oaths of Inspectors of Election page was incomplete at the top.

Certification of the August 6, 2019 Special Election

The Board of Canvassers certified the August 6, 2019 Election.

Time Cards

The Board of Canvassers completed time cards.

Other Business

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD