

Minutes of Meeting
County Board of Canvassers: Elections
June 9, 2020
1:00 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda item. Also present were Clerk Jim Brannon, Chief Deputy Clerk Jennifer Locke, Elections/County Assistance Manager Shelly Amos, BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Canvass of May 19, 2020 Primary Election – Pursuant to Idaho Code §34-1205

Chairman Fillios noted that the Board was meeting as the Kootenai County Board of Canvassers.

Clerk Jim Brannon reported that the mail-in election had been a great deal more work in many ways than a normal one. He said Kootenai County had had a record turnout and had, in fact been the second highest in the state this election. He commented that he hoped the November election would not be required to be mail in because the County did not possess the staff or equipment to manage it. He commented that Kootenai County staff had to perform all operations by hand, while other large counties like Ada and Canyon outsourced the work.

Clerk Brannon stated that some residents had complained that they had not received ballots but this had been caused, almost without exception, by the County not having received updated contact information. He added that the extended voting deadline and issues with the mailer sent out by the state had created complications as well.

Clerk Brannon expressed his thanks to the staff from other Clerk's departments, the Assessor's Office and the Sheriff's Office who assisted in the process.

The canvass report was presented to the Commissioners. These included information on the testing of the three DS850 digital scan ballot tabulators, public notification and turnout. Total issued ballots were 43,980, 32,800 were cast with an overall voter turnout of 36.79%. 194 ballots were voided and reissued; 11 yellow envelopes were dropped in the box without white envelopes and so could not be counted. Percentages varied by precinct from a low of 25.57% in Precinct 53 to a high of 47.99% in Precinct 67.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan moved that the County Board of Canvassers approve and accept the canvas of the May 19, 2020 primary election, pursuant to Idaho Code §34-1205. Commissioner Bill Brooks seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Deputy Clerk Ginorio called the roll:

Commissioner Brooks: Aye

Commissioner Duncan: Aye

Chairman Fillios: Aye

The motion carried.

Clerk Brannon and the Commissioner signed the necessary documents.

D. Public Comment (Discussion): This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County-related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There was no public comment.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
