

The Union County Board of Elections met on March 19, 2024. Those in attendance were Chairman Dean Cook; Board Members Jeff Robinson, Barbara Luke, and William Steele, Director Brandon Clay; Deputy Director Michelle Forrider; Election Specialist Vicki Flanders.

Chairman Cook opened the polls at 6:30am

Election Update

Deputy Director Forrider gave an update on early absentee voting numbers.

Fairbanks High School had one OVO that would not open properly. Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider recommended using just one OVO at the polling location. If a second OVO is needed, they will either use the override function on the disabled OVO or bring the location a new OVO to use.

Approval of Poll Worker List

Board Member Steele moved to approve the list with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Ruling On Absentee Ballots

Deputy Director Forrider presented two ballots for remake.

Liberty 1(Rep) ballot was presented with a tear that would not allow the scanner to read it.

Board Member Steele moved to approve the remake with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Marysville 8 (Rep) ballot was presented with extraneous markings on the ballot that would not allow the scanner to read it properly.

Board Member Luke motioned to approve the remake with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

We had 7, Seventeen-year-old ballots that needed remake to go through the OVCS scanner.

1. 1 (Dem) Millcreek
2. 1 (Dem) Marysville 8
3. 1 (Rep) Richwood 2
4. 1 (Dem) Jerome 6
5. 1 (Rep) Marysville 15
6. 1 (Dem) Taylor 1
7. 1 (Dem) Darby 1

Board Member Luke motioned to remake the 7 Seventeen-year-old ballots with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay presented three ballots with overvotes and recommended that they be rerun with the scanner overvote turned off. The ballots included the following precincts: Democratic ballot for Marysville 4, Republican ballot for Marysville 17, and Republican ballot for Leesburg.

Board Member Steele motioned to approve the rerun with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Approve minutes from February 6 meeting.

Board Member Steele moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Luke seconding the motion.

- Motion passed unanimously.

2024 YTD Budget Summary

Deputy Director Forrider presented an update on the YTD budget. There were no questions or concerns.

Approve Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented bills for approval.

1. Ballot Sync
2. Franklin Co Board of Commissioners
3. ComDoc
4. Pitney Bowes
5. Verizon
6. Shred Direct
7. Triad
8. Marysville Journal-Tribune
9. B. Fink Consulting
10. Visa
11. Quill

Board Member Luke motioned to approve the bills with Board Member Robinson seconding.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Campaign Finance

Deputy Director Forrider presented the Pre-Primary campaign finance reports.

1. Citizens to Elect Mike Justice
2. Friends of Jamie Patton for Sheriff
3. Union County Republican party
4. Support your Library Levy Committee
5. Citizens to Re-elect David Phillips Prosecutor
6. Riffle for Recorder
7. Smarra for Treasurer
8. Residents for Jerome Township
9. Jerome Township Property Owners PAC
10. Fairbank's Levy Committee
11. Tom McCarthy for Commissioner
12. Committee to Re-elect Joe Craft
- 13.

Boar Member Luke motioned to approve the campaign finance reports. Board Member Robinson seconded.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider discussed with the Board concerns with the influx of traffic and tourism due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024.

Board Member Steele recommended that the office be closed, and the staff given an alternate holiday with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

Board Member Luke motioned to recess the meeting until 7:30 this evening with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion.

- Motion Passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the unofficial canvass.

We had 11, Seventeen-year-old ballots that needed remade to go through the OVCS scanner.

1. 2 (Rep) Millcreek
2. 2 (Rep) Claibourne
3. 2 (Rep) Darby 1
4. 2 (Rep) Darby 2
5. 1 (Rep) Jerome 6
6. 1 (Rep) Milford Center
7. 1 (Rep) Allen 2

All ballots were counted, the Board signed and Certified the Unofficial Canvas.

Board Member Steele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:26pm. Board Member Robinson seconded.

- Motion passed unanimously.

Attest: Vicki Flanders Chairman: Dean Cook
Vicki Flanders, Election Specialist Dean Cook, Chairman