

The Union County Board of Elections met on April 1, 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, Secretary of State Liaison Susie O'Brien, Members of the public Barb Phillips.

Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

Approve minutes from March 19, 2024 meeting.

Board Member Steele moved to approve the minutes with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Election Review

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider communicated that the election went smoothly. Director Clay noted that during balancing North Union High School had one ballot not scan and in speaking with the polling location manager she noted that a ballot was placed in the OVO auxiliary bin. If that ballot was run the polling location would balance.

Board Member Steel made a motion to approve running the ballot with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Clay noted that all other polling locations balanced with three walk offs.

Rule on Provisionals

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider presented provisional ballots for the board to review and approve.

Recommended Accepting- 49 ballots

- 36 changes of address, 3 change of names, 2 undeliverable acknowledgement, 4 absentee sent, and 4 no ID but provided.

Board Member Steel moved to approve accepting the ballots with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board to Rule on- 4 ballots

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider presented 4 ballots for the board to rule on.

- 3 ballots were presented where the poll worker did not realize that the republican ballot had an issue on the back of the ballot. The voter was given both a republican ballot and an issues only ballot. It was recommended to combine the two ballots by filling in the voters desired selection onto the republican ballot.

Board Member Luke motioned to accept the ballot by combining the two ballots to one with Board Member Robinson seconding it. Motion passed unanimously.

- 1 ballot was presented where the voter was checked in on the poll pad as wanting an issues only ballot but wanted to change to a republican ballot. The poll worker had the voter vote provisionally. During balancing it was discovered that Liberty Township Building was missing one vote. If the extraneous check were removed and the provisional counted the location would balance.

Board Member Luke motioned to soil the one check in and let the provisional ballot stand with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Recommended for rejection- 24 ballots

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider presented 24 ballots for rejection.

- 17 not registered and 6 with no ID

Board Member Steele motioned to reject the ballots with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Rule on Absentee

Recommended for acceptance- 8 ballots

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider presented 8 ballots for approval that were postmarked from the post office on time.

Board Member Luke motioned to accept the ballots with Board Member Robinson Seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Recommended for Rejection- 4 ballots

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider presented 4 ballots for rejection. 2 ballots due to late arrival and 2 ballots due to return from post office undeliverable.

Board Member Steele motioned to reject the ballots with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Audit

Deputy Director Forrider reminded the board that the audit will take place on April 11, 2024 at 9am. The total number of votes for the March 19, 2024 primary equalled 12,424. The audit requires 5% of the votes to be audited which equated to 621 votes.

Board Member Steele motioned to conduct the audit by selected precincts with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Precincts were randomly chosen by Board Member Robinson and included Claibourne, Jackson, and Plain City.

Director Clay and Deputy Director Forrider recommended auditing the Sheriff's race since it was a county wide race.

Board Member Steele motioned to accept auditing the Sherriff's race with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills

Deputy Director Forrider presented three bills for approval.

- Outside the Box
- Know Ink
- Pitney Bowes

Board Member Steele motioned to accept the bills with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Misc

Deputy Director Forrider informed the board that the Board of Elections will be hosting a Poll Worker appreciation open house on April 15, 2024.

Board Member Steele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:49am with Board Member Robinson seconding the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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