

SPECIAL SESSION:

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson, to-wit:

At a Special Session of the Jefferson County Commission, continued and held at the Jefferson County Commission Meeting Room, located at 200 E. Washington Street located in Charles Town, WV, 25414 on Monday, June 15, 2020 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Jane Tabb, President
Ralph Lorenzetti, Vice President
Josh Compton, Commissioner
Caleb Hudson, Commissioner
Patsy Noland, Commissioner

STAFF: Nikki Painter, Chief Deputy Elections Officer
Stephanie Grove, County Administrator
Shaun Pacetti, Deputy Clerk, Elections
Jessica Carroll, Recording Clerk

The County Commission of Jefferson County, sitting as a Board of Canvassers, met this 15th day of June, 2020 at 9:30 am for the purpose of canvassing ballots cast in the June 9, 2020 Primary Election.

Commissioner Noland Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Motion by Mr. Compton to convene as a Board of Canvassers. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**

Ms. Painter stated one precinct would need to be selected for a hand count. Precinct 12 was randomly selected by staff.

The Board proceeded with the Canvass by reviewing each precinct, checking to make sure the counts were accurate. The Board also reviewed the provisional and absentee ballots from each precinct to determine if the ballot in question could or could not be accepted to be counted.

Ms. Painter also stated the bond amount for a recount must be set prior to the start of the canvass.

- **Motion by Ms. Noland to set the bond amount at \$300.00 in the event of a recount. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**

Ms. Painter then discussed the large number of absentee ballots received due to COVID-19. 8,761 absentee ballots were mailed; 6,573 absentee ballots were counted on election night; 92 absentee ballots needed to be recreated; 133 absentee ballots were received with a postmark on time; however, 517 absentee ballots were received the day after the election without a postmark.

- **Motion by Ms. Noland to accept the 517 absentee ballots received June 10, 2020 without a postmark. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by Ms. Noland to accept the 133 absentee ballots received in time with a postmark. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by Mr. Compton to reject the 56 absentee ballots received after June 10, 2020 without a postmark. Motion seconded and passes on a vote of 4-1 with Mr. Lorenzetti opposing.**
- **Motion by Ms. Noland to accept two absentee ballots that needed to be reissued as the first were never received. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**
- **Motion by Mr. Compton to reject two absentee ballots received without identification information. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**

After all provisional and absentee ballots were reviewed and discussed, a total of 119 provisional ballots and 652 absentee ballots were received, the Commission approved the addition of 863 ballots to the final count.

- **Motion by Ms. Noland to accept the addition of 863 combined provisional & absentee ballots and add to the total ballot count and adjourn and recess as a Board of Canvassers at 4:50 pm until the hand count of absentee and provisional ballots has been completed for the entire state and the results are ready to be certified. Motion seconded and unanimously approved.**

Jane Tabb, COMMISSION PRESIDENT