

November 9, 2016

The Tazewell County Electoral Board met in the General Registrar's office Wednesday, November 9, 2016 for the purpose of conducting the canvass of votes obtained during the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Emma Hagy at 2:00pm. In attendance were Beth Grindstaff, Vice Chair, Sherman Cain, Secretary, Brian Earls, General Registrar and Alicia Kitts, Deputy Registrar. Also present was Chris Ratliff, Chairman of the Tazewell County Republican party and George McCall.

Sherman Cain made the suggestion to go into a publically closed session, pursuant to §24.2-653, to allow the Board to consider the provisional ballots cast during the Tuesday vote. Chair, Emma Hagy made the following motion:

"I move that the Electoral Board of Tazewell County convene in closed session pursuant to Section 24.2-653(B) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of considering whether each person who submitted a provisional vote at the election was qualified to do so, and I also move that the General Registrar and Deputy Registrar be allowed to remain in the room during the closed meeting, and that any persons who cast provisional votes and who are present be allowed to enter the room while their qualifications are considered and to present any relevant information on their behalf to the Board."

The motion was seconded by Beth Grindstaff and unanimously carried. The guests for the canvass vacated the room during the provisional consideration period with Director of Elections Earls and Deputy Registrar Alicia Kitts remaining in the room.

Upon completion of the determination of each provisional ballot the board proceeded to count and record the qualified vote results for each candidate and the issues. A single provisional ballot cast due to the voter not having photo identification could not yet be considered at this time. The board will await the qualifying document which is due prior to 12pm Monday, November 14, 2016.

Emma Hagy made the following motion to reconvene the meeting in open session:

"I move that the Electoral Board of Tazewell County certify that in the closed session just concluded the only matters discussed were the qualifications of provisional voters, as directed by Section 24.2-653 of the Code of Virginia, and as identified in the motion to close the meeting pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act."

The motion was seconded by Sherman Cain and unanimously carried. The public was invited back into the room whereby Emma Hagy made the motion to take a roll call vote certifying the closed meeting session, seconded by Sherman Cain:

Upon completion of the canvass of results and related documents the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn until 1pm Monday, November 14, 2016

The board thanked Director of Elections, Brian Earls, Deputy Registrar, Alicia Kitts and the staff for their outstanding job during the 2016 election season.

Respectfully submitted:

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Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

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Secretary