

Scott County Board of Supervisors
June 12, 2018 8:00 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Beck, Kinzer, Holst, Earnhardt and Knobbe present.

This special meeting was called for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the June 5, 2018 Scott County Primary Election.

Moved by Beck, seconded by Kinzer a motion to certify the results of said election. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Roxanna Moritz, Scott County Auditor, addressed the Board about the primary election results. She said a total of 12,225 voters cast ballots, including 7,783 Democratic voters, 4,352 Republican voters and 90 Libertarian voters, resulting in a 9.28 percent voter turnout. She said this was the first election conducted under the new photo ID law, and reported she did not get a lot of complaints about the changes. She said there were some complaints about the requirement of verifying voter information out loud after voters had showed their identification. She said she would examine Iowa Code provisions to see what other ways voters could verify information. She said there were 118 affidavits from voters that did not give identification. She also informed the Board that new encryption requirements took a long time to install and to boot up on Election Day. She said changes in election laws require more work to be done by Auditor's Office staff. There were 189 different ballot styles. She also said she is struggling in the office with elections department workload.

Supervisor Earnhardt asked if Moritz had trouble finding poll workers.

Moritz said yes she did at the end, due to some workers having scheduling issues and some preferring not to work elections any more due to the pressure of learning new election laws. She said the poll workers take their job very seriously.

Supervisor Holst asked, since the Libertarian party was on the ballot, how long do they stay on ballots.

Moritz said the Libertarians have to receive two percent of the vote for governor in the next general election to maintain status as a political party.

Supervisor Beck asked about a delay in uploading data on election night.

Richard Bauer, Elections Supervisor, said there was a delay in results on the State website, but not on the Scott County website.

Moritz said that a county supervisor had previously asked the question, and that now staff uploads election results to the Scott County website first and then sends the data to the State, and staff updates every 15 minutes during the upload process. She said

the polls closed at 9:00 p.m. and poll workers needed to produce a write-in vote report before being able to send election results, but that all returns for Scott County were back in the office and uploaded by 10:15 p.m. on election night.

Supervisor Knobbe asked if the poll sites are using a scanning device for the IDs.

Moritz said each site has ID scanners which automatically populates information in the electronic poll book. She said that in the future it may be possible for voters to mark a ballot at home, record the ballot as a QR code, and then printout their ballots by scanning the QR code using the Express Vote voter assistance terminal.

Supervisor Kinzer commended the Auditor and office staff for the work and training done and said the election ran smooth at his voting location.

Moritz said that she believes more training sessions will be needed before the general election to ensure that precinct chairs know the details of the new voter ID law.

Supervisor Holst asked about the usage of the Express Vote voter assistance terminal.

Moritz said she encourages the use of the Express Vote and that at one precinct 47 ballots were cast using the machine.

Moved by Earnhardt, seconded by Beck at 8:16 a.m. a motion to adjourn the special meeting. All Ayes.

Tony Knobbe, Chair of the Board
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ATTEST: Roxanna Moritz
Scott County Auditor