

Scott County Board of Supervisors
October 10, 2019 3:00 p.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Knobbe, Croken and Maxwell present. Supervisors Beck and Kinzer were absent.

This special meeting was called for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast at the October 8, 2019 Davenport City Primary Election.

Roxanna Moritz, County Auditor, said there were 6,493 votes cast in the Davenport Mayoral primary race, with Mike Matson receiving 2,162 votes and eight votes separating Rita Rawson at 1,481 and Dan Portes at 1,473.

Moritz said her office implemented Informed Visibility mail barcodes for absentee mail ballots for the first time in this election. She said due to Informed Visibility, 15 ballots that voters mailed before election day, but arrived in the office after election day, were able to be counted even though they did not have a post mark. She said the barcode system reported every day when ballots hit the post office.

Supervisor Knobbe asked if the post office sprays the barcode.

Moritz said her office sprays the envelope and the Postal Service reads it. She said this will be mandatory for all Iowa elections starting next year.

Moritz said that Davenport mayoral candidate Dan Portes asked for a hand recount of his race, and by law that will happen this Monday.

Supervisor Croken asked if there are any circumstances under which a recount is automatic.

Moritz said no, that Iowa is not an automatic recount state. She said that the law requires post-election audits in general elections for one precinct in every county.

Maxwell asked if Portes had the right to ask for a hand recount.

Moritz said yes.

Croken asked if there is a requirement that he pay for a recount.

Moritz said no, that he was within the 50 vote threshold for requesting the recount without bond.

Moritz said each candidate will pick a judge to represent them and those two judges come together and decide who the third judge will be. She said the judges are selected and the recount will happen on Monday at 8:00 a.m. at the Tremont facility. She said Portes picked Betsy Brandsgard, candidate Rita Rawson picked Duncan Brooks, and

Brandsgard and Brooks picked Patrick Walton. She said it might take two days to count all mayoral race votes in the 32 precincts plus the absentee vote.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell a motion to certify the results of the October 8, 2019 Davenport City Primary Election. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell a motion authorizing a hand recount of the Davenport Mayoral Primary Election on the request of candidate Daniel H. Portes. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Croken, seconded by Maxwell at 3:10 p.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