

Scott County Board of Supervisors  
June 11, 2024 8:30 a.m.

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Dickson, Maxwell, Paustian, Rawson and Beck present.

Auditor Kerri Tompkins reviewed there were 129,150 registered voters on election day. There was a 6.5% turnout for a total of 8,390 votes cast. 21% voted absentee, 79% voted on election day. She also reviewed the new Tenex software and iPads for poll workers including the software issue for 17-year-olds. They were all still able to vote. She also reviewed the city-wide power outage in Eldridge. EMA and Sheriff's offices were involved, and the site was able to continue running at capacity. Kudos were given to all of the offices providing support with elections including FSS, Sheriff's department, polling locations, IT, Secondary Roads and EMA. She also thanked all of the departments for their understanding and flexibility with the takeover of the conference rooms. She reviewed there were a total of eight 17-year-olds who voted and a higher usage of the Express vote machine. She thanked people for the calls with any concerns or questions.

Supervisor Paustian asked about the timing of results.

Auditor Tompkins reviewed the posting deadline is 10:00 p.m. and results were posted at 9:57 p.m. Scott County was number 83 of the 99 counties reporting.

Supervisor Paustian also asked about the issue with Tenex and 17-year-olds voting.

Auditor Tompkins reviewed it was something reset in an update and now is a known item to test for in the future.

Supervisor Dickson expressed concern that Tenex was presented to the Board as having familiarity with Iowa law, and it was important that we not rely on Tenex to follow law but rely on the Auditor's office. She asked if the testing had been done.

Auditor Tompkins reviewed the software was updated and when testing they did not see that screen. They then reset and that is when the screen popped up. She also reviewed that without the Tablets being connected, an update could not be pushed to fix the issue within minutes. The work-around of a provisional ballot was used. All of their provisional ballots were cleared and counted.

Supervisor Dickson reviewed that would not be an issue for November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Auditor Tompkins reviewed that was correct as it was not a primary. The rule is primary specific.

Supervisor Dickson asked about some 17-year-olds being turned away whose birthdays are on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Elections Manager James Martin reviewed that was his fault. When asked what day the fall election was on, he replied November 4<sup>th</sup>. He later realized his mistake and called

them back to vote, and that is when they learned of the issue for 17-year-olds in the software. He reviewed that they did come back and vote, and their provisional ballots had been counted the previous day. He apologized for his mistake.

Supervisor Rawson wanted to be clear, there were eight 17-year-old voters throughout the county that voted on election day, all were able to vote and did vote.

Auditor Tompkins reviewed yes, as soon as the issue was found, messages were sent out to the polling locations, and all were able to vote provisionally.

Chairman Beck reviewed that all who had an issue did get to vote and their vote counted.

Supervisor Paustian reviewed that for a 17-year-old going in for their first-time voting, and being given a provisional ballot, he doesn't believe it is a good start for young voters.

Auditor Tompkins reviewed it would not be an issue going forward and was grateful that eight 17-year-olds came in and voted.

Supervisor Maxwell reviewed that it's always something and hopefully we can get the kinks worked out.

Elections Manager James Martin compared election day to planning a wedding and something always going wrong. Election day is like sixty-six weddings all on one day. He reviewed it's not if something goes wrong, it's how you handle it. Does everyone get to vote and does everyone's vote count. He reviewed they put on an election several times a year that meets those criteria. He next reviewed that the Libertarian ballot was all write-ins and there were two races with a tie, House District 70 and House District 93, the Board would need to draw names to determine the winners. The drawing would need to take place before the canvass was certified. He asked who would like to draw the names.

The Board chose Supervisor Paustian.

Supervisor Paustian pulled Donald Duck for House District 70 and Pat Grassley for House District 93.

James Martin then reviewed that Donald Duck was the winner of the House District 70 Libertarian Nomination and Pat Grassley was the winner of the House 93 Libertarian Nomination.

The rest of the nomination results were:

Board of Supervisors: 2 seats  
Democratic Party: Maria B. Bribiesco, Vacant  
Republican Party: Ken Beck, Rita Rawson  
Libertarian Party: Two Vacancies

County Auditor:

Democratic Party: Matt Trimble  
Republican Party: Kerri Tompkins  
Libertarian Party: Vacant

County Sheriff:  
Democratic Party: Thomas Gibbs  
Republican Party: Tim Lane  
Libertarian Party: Tim Lane

Moved by Maxwell, seconded by Dickson approval of the Canvass of Votes for Scott County Primary Election. Roll Call: All Ayes.

Moved by Paustian, seconded by Rawson at 8:49 a.m. a motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

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Ken Beck, Chair of the Board  
Scott County Board of Supervisors

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ATTEST: Kerri Tompkins  
Scott County Auditor

A video recording of the meeting is available on the Scott County website at:  
<https://www.scottcountyiowa.gov/board/board-meetings>.