

STAUNTON ELECTORAL BOARD

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November 9, 2022

Members Present:

Tom Long, Chair
Sheila Ahmadi, Vice Chair
Anne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Guest present: Christi Linhoss, Registrar

Tom Long called the Canvass to order at 10:04 am.

Results were reviewed and the following changes were made:

Ward 1:

Congressional

Write ins changed to 3 and total votes cast changed to 1157

City Council

Write-ins changed to 26 and total votes cast changed to 2604

School Board

Write-ins changed to 19 and total votes changed to 2566

There were 8 provisional ballots.

There were no incidents.

Ward 2:

City Council

Write-ins changed to 25 and total votes cast changed to 2835

School Board

Write-ins changed to 18 and total votes changed to 2830

There were 16 provisional ballots.

Incidents:

At 6:45am, licenses were scanned, but officers did not check in voters. The backup voter log allowed for the Chief to manually check in the voters and all were accounted for.

A voter who requested an absentee ballot did not bring the ballot back. They cast their vote on the machine instead of provisionally. The voter has not voted absentee and the registrar will be monitoring absentee mail-in ballots.

Around 6pm they noticed that there was 1 more vote on the machine than on the pollbook.

Ward 3:

Congressional

Write-ins changed to 3 and total votes cast changed to 1170.

City Council

Write-ins changed to 32 and total votes cast changed to 2634

School Board

Write-ins changed to 15 and total votes changed to 2563

There were 9 provisional ballots.

Incident: A voter placed their ballot in the absentee ballot bag. The Chief had to break the seal off the bag to retrieve the ballot and vote it on the machine.

There were 1177 votes on the machine and 1176 voters checked into the pollbook. They believe a voter was canceled instead of confirmed when the print dialogue popped up

Ward 4:

Congressional

Write-ins changed to 3 and total votes cast changed to 998.

City Council

Write-ins changed to 13 and total votes cast changed to 2247

School Board

Write-ins changed to 15 and total votes changed to 2200

There were 9 provisional ballots.

Incident report: A voter abandoned a ballot and did not return. They were checked into the pollbook.

There were 2 more votes on the machine than checked into the pollbooks.

Ward 5:

Congressional

Write-ins changed to 2 and total votes cast changed to 1033.

City Council

Write-ins changed to 17 and total votes cast changed to 2408

School Board

Write-ins changed to 15 and total votes changed to 2298

There were 4 provisional ballots.

Incident report:

There were 1035 voters on pollbook and 1037 votes cast on the machine.

There was a Federal Only voter who requested an absentee ballot. Voter was told they could vote provisionally. Voter quickly cast ballot before chief could complete provisional ballot work.

Central Absentee Precinct Mailing

Ward 1

Congressional

Lewis: 116

Cline: 40

Write-In: 1

Total: 157

City Council

Arrowood: 72

Woods: 97

Edwards: 89

Curren: 56

Y. Wilson: 39
Lawhorn: 24
Write-In: 4
School Board
Mason: 80
Brown-Bundy: 72
Siegel: 97
J. Wilson: 39
Hatter: 57
Write In: 3

Ward 2

Congressional

Lewis: 100
Cline: 55

City Council

Woods: 82
Edwards: 62
Y. Wilson: 50
School Board

Mason: 71
Brown-Bundy: 70
Siegel: 84
Hatter: 55

Ward 3

Congressional

Lewis: 108
Cline: 51

City Council

Arrowood: 75
Woods: 90
Edwards: 96
Curren: 75
Y. Wilson: 30
Lawhorn: 44
School Board

Mason: 96
Brown-Bundy: 78
Siegel: 104
J. Wilson: 40
Hatter: 71

Ward 4

Congressional

Lewis: 150

Cline: 46

City Council

Arrowood: 108

Y. Wilson: 31

Lawhorn: 37

School Board

Brown-Bundy: 106

J. Wilson: 31

Hatter: 53

Ward 5

Congressional

Lewis 164

City Council

Arrowood: 121

Woods: 115

Edwards: 133

Curren: 81

Y. Wilson: 27

Lawhorn: 29

School Board

Mason: 122

Brown-Bundy: 97

Siegel: 149

Hatter: 44

Central Absentee Precinct—In-Person Voting

Ward 1

No Changes to record

Ward 2

No Changes to record

Ward 3

Congressional

2 Write-ins

Ward 4

Congressional

1 Write-ins

Ward 5

No Changes to record

There were 4 provisional ballots.

Canvass stands in recess until Monday, November 14th at 12pm.

November 14, 2022

Members Present:

Tom Long, Chair

Sheila Ahmadi, Vice Chair

Anne Fitzgerald, Secretary

Guests present: Christi Linhoss, Registrar
Barbara Lee

Mr. Long called the meeting back to order at 12:39pm.

Provisional ballots were reviewed. The Board voted to accept the following:

Ward 1: 4 ballots

Ward 2: 16 ballots

Ward 3: 9 ballots

Ward 4: 9 ballots

Ward 5: 4 ballots

Early Voting: 5 ballots

Please see attached spreadsheet for results.

The board reviewed the updated counts from CAP. Please see the attached spreadsheet for the final results.

Post-election thoughts

- The new software allows for the pollbook officer to print a voter receipt upon check-in. We could use this receipt in lieu of the green ballot cards.
- Have Jason H. lead a session for chiefs on how to close the polls.
- Include additional training on provisional ballots and Same Day Registration training with Chiefs.
- Use 4 officers along with the Chief and Assistant for each election. The chief should not assign themselves into the shift rotation.
- Need to get larger envelopes for election night reports to go into.
- Update training on poll watcher authorizations.
- Use an electronic pollbook for CAP.
- We should reserve a full day in the caucus room for both canvass days.
- Review absentee ballot drop bags, the security tags, and the sheets.
- Order 2 more curbside voting ring bells.
- Send out 6 privacy screens per precinct. Consider ordering more in time for presidential. Make sure the Mark Your Ballot sign is on the screen.
- Consider using a greeter for local election or elections that have a referendum to encourage voters to look at the ballot prior to entering.
- Review cell phone policy.
- Review campaigning rules for outside polls.

The meeting adjourned at 3:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Taetzsch Fitzgerald
Secretary, Staunton Electoral Board