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TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

November 21, 2016

The Transylvania County Board of Elections reconvened to review and count provisional ballots, and conduct the canvass of the November 8, 2016 General Election on Monday, November 21, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the office of the Board, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard, Chairman David P. Morrow presiding. Others present were Secretary John K. Barker, Member Sara G. Champion, Director Tracie T. Fisher, Deputy Directors Jeff Storey and Laura Owen, Kathleen Barnes, James Kimzey and Cheryl Moss.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morrow. Mrs. Fisher informed the Board that the staff had received the required report from the state to complete the research for the provisional ballots. Mrs. Fisher presented the Board with an updated report showing that 6 additional Provisionals are recommended for approval. The recommendation includes two from the Department of Motor Vehicles report and four that were originally not approved. Under the direction of Kim Strach, Executive Director State Board of Elections, the four voters that voted on a paper ballot because they didn't want to vote on a voting machine should be counted. Ms. Champion made a motion to approve the additional 6 as presented by staff. The motion passed.

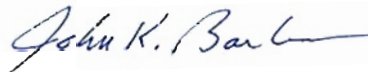
Prior to tabulating the six Provisionals the Board verified that the public count on the tabulators was 79 from the previous meeting. The Board processed the six additional ballots which finalized the provisional ballots approved at 85 and not approved at 131 for a total of 216.

The Board conducted the canvass for the November 8, 2016 General Election. Mrs. Fisher explained to the Board that two of the same-day registrants neglected to return the proper Help America Vote Act identification prior to canvass in order for their ballots to be cast and therefore, their ballots need to be removed from the ballots cast at one-stop early voting. Mr. Barker made a motion to extract the votes for the two same-day registrants that didn't provide Help America Vote Act identification prior to canvass. The motion passed. Mrs. Fisher presented the Board with various reports (see attached) indicating the total ballots cast in each reporting group and the total ballots reported from the tabulation software into the state reporting software. The report also indicated the total number of voters that voter history had been recorded for. Mrs. Fisher pointed out that one blank ballot was cast in TC7 giving the ballots cast total to be one more than voter history and that the total ballots for one-stop was two more than recorded voter history. Mrs. Fisher explained that the staff will continue to research the difference in the one-stop reconciliation. Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the reconciliation of the votes from the Director and execute the official abstract of the election. The motion passed.

Chairman Morrow asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

There was no further business for the Board's consideration. Chairman Morrow announced that the next meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, December 2, 2016 at the Board office, 150 South Gaston Street, Brevard. Following the meeting the Board will have an open house for the public to tour the new Election Center.

Respectfully submitted,



John K. Barker, Secretary

Approved by Board on: 12-02-2016

  
David P. Morrow, Chairman  
Sara G. Champion, Member