

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

The Houghton County Board of Canvassers held a meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Franklin Township Office in Hancock, Michigan. The meeting held was for approving the November 8, 2022 election results.

The Canvassers completed their per diems, and reviewed the minutes from August 2022 meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Barbara Manninen at 9:00 am. The following responded to roll call to the County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Sharon Foix, Republican; Charles Markham, Republican and Joan Antila, Democrat.

Agenda:

A Motion was made by Joan Antila and seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the Agenda as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Minutes:

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Joan Antila to approve the August 3-5, 2022 minutes as presented.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Public Comments:

No comments were made. The Board wanted it noted the public in attendance: Kari-League of Women Voters, William Keith-Democrat Party Chairman, and Teresa Kariniemi.

Canvassing all Precincts:

Adams Township:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

Tyler Kinnunen received 121 write-in votes, and Amy Mattson received 21 write in votes.

The Board had Clerk Kelly contact Debbie Pindral. There were 768 voters and 770 were tabulated. Debbie will come to re-tabulate the precinct at 1:00 pm today. The Ballot Summary was missing from the poll book. Debbie will bring it with her.

Absentee Counting Board:

Tyler Kinnunen received 13 write-in votes, and Amy Mattson received 6 write in votes.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Joan Antila to approve the Absentee Counting Board for Adams Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Calumet Township:

Precinct 1:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

There were 88 write-in votes for Adam Loukus.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet Township Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 2:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

There were 117 write-in votes for Adam Loukus.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham to approve Calumet Township Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 5:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

There were 41 write-in votes for Twardzik (2 didn't count), 39 write-in votes for L'Esperance, and 42 write-in votes for Mueller.

The Canvassers suggested the workers make their remarks more clear so the Canvassers can understand them.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet Township Precinct 5 .

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 9:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

There were 86 write-in votes for Adam Loukus.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Calumet Township Precinct 9.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

AVCB:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

Chassell Township:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Chassell Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Duncan Township:

Precinct 1:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Duncan Township Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 2:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Duncan Township Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Elm River Township:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

Clerk Kelly will inform the Township Clerk that white out must not be used in the poll book.

There were 10 write-in votes for Jessica Koski, and 11 write in votes for Linda LaJeunesse.

Clerk Kelly will inform the Township Clerk to instruct the election workers to only put in valid write-ins on the Write In Sheet. Also, to question why the workers stated there was a spoiled ballot on the Remarks Page, but there is no mention of a spoiled ballot on the voter list or on the Ballot Summary.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Elm River Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Franklin Township:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

Clerk Kelly is to tell the Clerk that the back page on the voter list printed upside down.

Precinct 1:

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Franklin Township Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 2:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Franklin Township Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Hancock:

Precinct 1:

Clerk Kelly is to inform the Clerk that the Statement of Votes for the Provisional Ballots shows 387 and should be 0.

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve City of Hancock Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 2:

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Hancock Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 3:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

Clerk Kelly will inform the Clerk that the total voters show 446 and the poll book shows 447.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Hancock Precinct 3.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

AVCB:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Hancock AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Hancock Township:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

The Voter list was missing from the poll book. Clerk Kelly will inform the clerk.

Clerk Kelly will also inform the Clerk to instruct the workers to only list the eligible write in candidates on the write-in sheet in the poll book. Also, on the Canvassers copy, on the Statement of Votes, the ballot storage container number was changed, but the correction was not initialed or have a red line through the correction. The Clerk should inform the workers of this also. A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Joan Antila, to approve Hancock Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

City of Houghton:

Precinct 1: The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

The County Clerk shall inform the City clerk that the Canvassers requested tape not be used to secure the tabulator tape to the poll book.

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Houghton Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 2: The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

The County Clerk shall inform the City clerk that the Canvassers requested tape not be used to secure the tabulator tape to the poll book.

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Joan Antila, to approve City of Houghton Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

AVCB: The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

The County Clerk shall inform the City clerk that the Canvassers requested tape not be used to secure the tabulator tape to the poll book.

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve City of Houghton AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Laird Township:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

County Clerk shall inform the Clerk that the tabulator seal number was corrected, but no initials were written, and the correction should be made with one (1) red line through the mistake.

Denise Landeville received 18 write-in votes.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Laird Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Osceola Township:

Precinct 1: The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Osceola Township Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 2: The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Osceola Township Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 4: The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

Adam Loukus received 44 write-in votes.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Osceola Township Precinct 4.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Portage Township:

Precinct 2: The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals. The County Clerk will inform the township clerk that there was no single red line through the error on the ballot storage container, and no initials were written by the mistake in the poll book.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Laird Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 4:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

Sue Wilson received 2 write in votes.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Portage Township Precinct 4.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

AVCB:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

Clerk Kelly shall inform the Township Clerk to advise the workers that they should not put a voter list in the Canvassers envelope.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Portage Township AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Quincy Township:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Charles Markham, to approve Quincy Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Schoolcraft Township:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

There were 9 write-in votes for Adam Loukus.

A Motion was made by Charles Markham, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Schoolcraft Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Stanton Township:

Precinct 1:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Stanton Township Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 2-

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Stanton Township Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Torch Lake Township:

Precinct 1:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Torch Lake Township Precinct 1.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Precinct 2:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Torch Lake Township Precinct 2.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

AVCB:

The Canvassers reviewed the voting totals.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Torch Lake Township AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Portage Township AVCB.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Adams Township:

Adams Township, Debbie Pindral and Torey Kostamo ran all the ballots through one of Franklin Townships' tabulators. The total ballots tabulated equaled the 770 from election night. Clerk Kelly and Clerk Pindral discussed looking into the applications to vote to see if a worker accidentally did not enter 2 people into the E-Poll book.

A Motion was made by Joan Antila, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Adams Township.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

The County Clerk had the Canvassers sign all appropriate paperwork for the election.

Adjourn meeting:

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm.

The Motion carried by the following vote: Ayes 4, Nays 0.

Charles Markham

Joan Antila

Barbara Manninen

Sharon Foix

Jennifer Kelly
Clerk of the Houghton County Canvassers