

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING
NOVEMBER 7-8 & NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

The Houghton County Board of Canvassers held meetings on Thursday, November 7th & November 8th and November 12, 2024. November 7th began at 9:00 am in the Franklin/Quincy Township Building, Hancock, Michigan. The meeting was for the purpose of canvassing the November 5, 2024 General Election. The Canvassers adjourned at 4:17 pm. The Canvassing restarted on Friday, November 8, 2024 at 9:00 am and again on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Call to Order:

On November 7th, the meeting was called to order by County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly at 9:00 am.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The people in attendance did the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The following responded to roll call by the County Clerk: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Sharon Foix, Republican; Becky Bruin-Slot, Republican and Valorie Troesch, Democrat.

Renee Cunningham, Chief Deputy County Clerk read the checklist to the Canvassers.

The following people signed in for attending the Canvassing: Bill Fink, Teresa Kariniemi, Karen Timonen, Laura Singer, William Keith, Michele Michaelson, Barry Fink, Claire Snow, Joann Stark, Donna Cole, Cathy Campbell, Joan Schumaker, and Kristine Bradof.

Minutes:

Karen Timonen requested the minutes to be amended to include language that the milage for the Portage Lake District Library was missing from the Portage Township Precinct 4 ballots for the August election.

The Canvassers agreed the minutes should be amended to include that the millage was missing from the Portage Township Precinct 4 ballots for the August election.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix to approve the August 8-9, 2024 minutes with the one (1) change.

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

Public Comment:

Karen Timonen, William Keith, Bill Fink, commented on the missing language from the August ballot for Portage Township Precinct 4.

Teresa Kariniemi commented on errors on absentee ballots for Mike Rogers.

Lynn commented on the Houghton Portage Township School millage.

Review all election envelopes, tapes, and all documentation in every Houghton County Precinct and Early Voting Center of the November 5, 2024 election:

Adams 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Democrat and Republican did not sign the Election Certificate, and there was no Ballot Summary in the Pollbook. A worker made a correction “845” on the Cover Page, but there was no line in red through the correction. The County Clerk contacted the Clerk to have the 2 workers come to Canvassing to sign the Election Certificate.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Adams Township 1.

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

Adams AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Adams Township AVCB.

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

Calumet 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

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

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

Calumet 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Calumet Township 2.

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

Calumet 5

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet Township 5.

Calumet 9

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Democrat and Republican did not sign the Election Certificate. The County Clerk called the Clerk to have the 2 workers come to Canvassing.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Calumet Township 9.

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

Calumet AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Calumet Township AVCB.

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

Chassell 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers wanted it noted that on the Election Certificate, the Ballot Storage Number was crossed out, but not initialed by the worker. In the future, the Canvassers will require a worker to come to Canvassing to correct their error.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Chassell Township 1.

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

City of Hancock 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot seconded by Barbara Manninen to approve City of Hancock 1.

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

City of Hancock 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve City of Hancock 2.

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

City of Hancock 3

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve City of Hancock 3.

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

City of Hancock AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Hancock AVCB.

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

City of Houghton 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

No date was on the Preparation Certificate next to the Chair's signature, so Becky Bruin-Slot dated it. In the future, the Canvassers will have the worker come in to correct their error.

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

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

City of Houghton 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Houghton 2.

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

City of Houghton AVCB 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve City of Houghton AVCB 1.

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

City of Houghton AVCB 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve City of Houghton AVCB 2.

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

Duncan Township 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that the workers tally up the Write Ins on the Write in Page in the future.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Duncan Township 1.

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

Duncan Township 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

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

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

Elm River 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked the workers to draw a line in red through corrections and not to do strike overs on the cover page. The workers went from 157 to 154.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Elm River 1.

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

Franklin 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked that workers not be allowed to use white out in the poll book. A Democrat and Republican did not sign that the ballots were sealed on the Statement of Votes. They both came in and signed.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Franklin 1.

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

Franklin 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked the Township Clerk to check the date and time on the laptop as the date and time are wrong under the remarks page.

A Democrat and Republican did not sign the Election Inspectors Certificate. The County Clerk will contact the Township Clerk to have the workers come to Canvassing to sign.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Franklin 2.

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

Hancock Twp 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Hancock Twp 1.

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

Laird 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Laird 1.

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

ADJOURN CANVASSING UNTIL FRIDAY MORNING

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot to adjourn canvassing until Friday, November 8, 2024 at 9:00 am.

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

BEGIN CANVASSING ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Becky Bruin-Slot at 9:00 am on Friday, November 8, 2024. The following responded to roll call by the County Clerk: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Sharon Foix, Republican; Becky Bruin-Slot, Republican and Valorie Troesch, Democrat.

Osceola 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Osceola 1.

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

Osceola 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers could not understand if someone was challenged. The County Clerk Called the Township Clerk and had her on speaker phone. The Clerk explained the voter was not challenged, the voter was under challenged status for residency.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Osceola 2.

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

Osceola 4

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

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

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

Portage 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Democrat and Republican did not sign the Election Inspector Certificate, and no date was written by the Chair. The County Clerk called the Township Clerk to have the 2 workers come to the Canvassing to sign. Becky Bruin-Slot wrote in the date. In the future, the Canvassers will have the worker come in to correct their error.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Portage 2.

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

Portage 4

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Portage 4.

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

Portage AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers asked the workers to put that it is the AVCB on the front of the Envelopes. Also, the boxes were not checked on the Preparation Certificate. The workers will be called in in the future to do this.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Portage AVCB.

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

Quincy 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers would like the workers to write their initials for any errors they do a cross out on the Election Inspectors Certificate. They need to know who did the correction.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Quincy 1.

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

Schoolcraft 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers would like the workers to write their initials for any errors they do a cross out on the Election Inspectors Certificate. They need to know who did the correction.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Schoolcraft 1.

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

Stanton 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot, to approve Stanton 1.

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

Stanton 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

The Canvassers would like the workers to write their initials for any errors they do a cross out on the Election Inspectors Certificate. They need to know who did the correction.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Stanton 2.

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

Torch Lake 1

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to approve Torch Lake 1.

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

Torch Lake 2

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch, seconded by Becky-Bruin Slot, to approve Torch Lake 2

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

Torch Lake AVCB

The Canvassers completed the Checklist and verified the tabulator tape matched the Statement of Votes Cast report.

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

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

Houghton County Early Voting Center

The Canvassers completed the Checklist for all 3 tabulators and verified the 3 tabulator tapes matched the Statement of Votes Cast report for all precincts in Houghton County.

There were no initials on Day 5 with a cross out and on Day 9 the total voters should have been written nicely with a cross out and initials in red.

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve the Houghton County Early Voting Center.

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

TOTAL WRITE INS

President/Vice President-	
Peter Sonski	7
Claudia De la Cruz	3
Regent of the University of Michigan-	
Huwaida Arraf	8
County Clerk/Register of Deeds-	
Teresa Kariniemi	159
Duncan Twp Trustee-	
Donald Budd	30
Laird Township Trustee-	
Jeffery Ploskonka	12
Sarah Hiltunen	38
Laurium Village Trustee-	
Andrew Erickson	7
Dale Ninko	1
City of Hancock-Ward 2-Council Member-	
Dean Woodbeck	45

Adams School-Front Ontonagon County-	
Kristen Archambeau	17
Darren Niemi	16
Chassell School Board-	
Brady Tervo	6
Elm River School Board-	
Joyce Pirhonen	13
Jared Johnson	21
Calumet School Board-from Keweenaw County	
Elizabeth Anderson	426
Ryan Heinonen	328
Phyllis Locatelli	669
Adam Loukus	415
ETC-write ins	
Matthew Urbis	6
Luke Basel	5

ADJOURN CANVASSING UNTIL TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 AT 2:50 PM

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin-Slot and seconded by Barbara Manninen to adjourn canvassing until Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

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

BEGIN CANVASSING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Becky Bruin-Slot at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. The following responded to roll call by the County Clerk: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Sharon Foix, Republican; Becky Bruin-Slot, Republican and Valorie Troesch, Democrat.

Clerk Kelly explained the Canvassers needed to open and determine the votes for the military and overseas ballots and the cured signature ballots that were received by the City/Township Clerks by the November 11, 2024 deadline.

Hancock Township: Harris, Slotkin, Bergman, Corcoran, McMillan, Chadderdon, Balow, Ishac, Helmer, Sullivan, Kelly, Mattila, Wright, Tikkanen, Young, Amy Jo Maki, Moore, Pietila, Thomas, Bolden, Borrello, Maldonado, Bulleit, Strome. Lancour, Cline.

City Houghton-Precinct 2: Straight Republican, Fink, O'Grady, Bulleit

City Houghton-Precinct 2: Straight Republican, Foltz. No Houghton School milage.

City Houghton-Precinct 2: Harris, Slotkin, Barr, Corcoran, Schwartz, Hering, Ilitch, Diggs, Bahar-Cook, Stallworth III, Gaffney, Makhoul, Saaranen, Kelly, Mattila, Wright, Pekkala, Jansen, Fink, O'Grady, Borello, Maldonado, Bulle, Strome.

Osceola-Precinct 1: Straight Democrat. Straight Democrat. Straight Democrat. Straight Democrat. Jones, Schwartz, Ilitch, Oetman, Bahar-Cook, La Pietra, Jones, Schwartz, Ilitch, Oetman, Bahar-Cook, La Pietra, Jones, Schwartz, Ilitch, Oetman, Bahar-Cook, La Pietra, Jones, Schwartz, Ilitch, Oetman, Bahar-Cook, La Pietra, Demashkieh, Oakford, Helmer, Sullivan, Kelly, Mattila, Wright, Pekkala, Verberkemoes, Halkola, Gardner, Gardner, Wareham, Janke, Thomas, Bolden, Borello, Maldonado, Bulle, Strome, David Maki. Yes-Dollar Bay milage.

City Houghton-Precinct 2: Harris, Slotkin, Barr.

City Houghton-Precinct 2: Straight Democrat.

City Hancock-Precinct 3: Harris, Slotkin, Barr.

City Houghton-Precinct 2: Straight Democrat. Yes-Houghton School milage.

City Hancock-Precinct 3: Straight Democrat. Helmer, Sullivan, Thomas, Bolden, Borello, Maldonado, Bulle, Strome, Lounibos, Tanner, Emily Lancour, Michael Lancour.

Adams-Precinct 1: Harris, Slotkin, Barr, Corcoran, Jones, Hering.

City Houghton-Precinct 2: Straight Republican. Kelly, Fink, O'Grady, Borello, Bulle, Strome, Cole, Foltz, Irizzary, Baltensberger, Christopherson. Yes-Houghton School milage.

City Houghton-Precinct 2: Straight Democrat.

City Hancock-Precinct 3: Straight Democrat.

City Hancock-Precinct 3: Straight Democrat.

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot to approve all the votes for the military and overseas ballots and the cured signature ballot as presented by the various City/Township Clerks in Houghton County. A total of 16 ballots were counted.

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

A Motion was made by Valorie Troesch and seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 pm.

Barbara Manninen

Valorie Troesch

Becky Bruin-Slot or Charles Markham

Sharon Foix

Jennifer Kelly
Clerk of the Houghton County Canvassers