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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chairwoman Rennie called the meeting to order at 8:44am.

Roll Call

Members of the Board Present: Chairwoman Mary Rennie; Vice-Chairwoman Ellen Schauerma; Carl Anderson, III; Scott Rastetter
Also Present: Election Clerk Douglas Smith; Deputy Clerk Nicole Inan; Elections Supervisor Tonia Fernandez

Hearing of the Public

Chairwoman Rennie called for Hearing of the Public 3 times; none to be heard.

Certification of Results of 2021 General Election, Judge of Commonwealth Court Election Results

Mr. Smith reported that the recount went smoothly. The vendor helped by arranging assistance and an extra scanner for use. He reported no significant issues with watchers. Mr. Smith reported that he additionally had received an email from a Republican attorney to express compliments on the Election Department and the way things were handled.

Election Supervisor Fernandez reported that during the recount, it was found that there were 60 ballots scanned twice. This was due to a Judge of Elections (Erie 6-12) error in which ballots were placed in the incorrect envelope, whereas they should have been in a write-in envelope; staff corrected this issue and the amended report reflects. Additionally, during the recount, it was noted that there were ballots unaccounted for spanning across several districts. Warehouse Manager, Jim Czerpak, did a second check of all the machines and found some that were remaining in the emergency bin, leaving 37 unaccounted.

Mrs. Fernandez reported totals:

Justice of the Supreme Court

Maria McLaughlin - 38,563

Kevin Brobson - 28,748

Justice of the Superior Court

Timika Lane - 30,029

Megan Sullivan - 36,303

Judge of the Commonwealth Court

Lori A Dumas - 32,331 (election day was 32,294; +37)

David Lee Spurgeon - 27,783 (election day was 27,749; +34)

Stacy Marie Wallace - 31,597 (election day was 31,584; +13)

Drew Crompton - 25,621 (election day was 25,615; +6)

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas
Marshall Piccinni - 54,196

Chairwoman Rennie asked Mrs. Fernandez to forward those numbers.
No questions were asked from the Board.

Mr. Anderson motioned to certify the recount results for the Judge of the Commonwealth Court, seconded by Mrs. Schauerman, and passed 4 to 0.
Mrs. Schauerman motioned to accept the final result, as amended; seconded by Mr. Rastetter, and passed 4 to 0.

**Questions and Comments
from the Board**

Mr. Anderson thanked Chairwoman Rennie, the Election Board, and staff for their extra work and attention to detail in the serious undertaking.
Chairwoman Rennie added additional kudos to the election staff and everyone in Council Offices for the work done. The staff came through with grace, not being condescending towards questions, and being as informative as possible.

Adjournment

Mr. Rastetter motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:55am.