

**HOUGHTON COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
MEETING
FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

The Houghton County Board of Canvassers held a meeting on Thursday, February 29, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Franklin/Quincy Township Building, Hancock, Michigan. The meeting was for the purpose of canvassing the February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary Election.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk, Jennifer Kelly at 9:04 am. The following responded to roll call by the County Clerk: Barbara Manninen, Democrat; Sharon Foix, Republican; Becky Bruin-Slot, Republican and Valorie Troesch, Democrat.

Also in attendance was Barry Fink from the League of Women Voters.

Minutes:

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin-Slot to approve the January 8, 2024 minutes as presented.

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

The Canvassers signed and prepared the red seals for re-sealing the Canvasser's envelopes.

Canvassing all Precincts:

Early Voting Center

The voter list was upside down and the consistency of where the voter list was in the poll book was of concern.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Houghton County Early Voting Center.

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

Adams 1

The Canvassers recommended not writing invalid write-ins on the write in page in the poll book. Only to write the valid write-ins to avoid any confusion.

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.

Calumet 1

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

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

Calumet 2

There is a note from a worker to Robin questioning if a voter is possibly deceased.

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

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

Calumet 5

A Motion was made by Barbara Manninen, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve Calumet Precinct 5.

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

Calumet 9

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Calumet Township 9.

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

Calumet AVCB

The voter list for the AVCB was missing. Clerk Kelly called Robin, Calumet Clerk, and she will bring it to the Canvassing. Robin appeared with the list. The Canvassers accepted it and approved it.

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

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

Chassell 1

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

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

Elm River 1

The Canvassers asked that the voter list be hole punched and put behind the “Voter Tab” in the poll book in the future.

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

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

Hancock Twp 1

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

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

Laird 1

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

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

Duncan 1

The Canvassers want the workers to put a single red line through the mistake on the Statement of Votes Page like they did, but ask the workers to please put their initials so they know who corrected the mistake/error.

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

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

Duncan 2

There was no tabulator tape in the County Clerk’s envelope. This should be a must. Canvassers did not require the Clerk to bring 1 in since there was 1 in the Canvassers envelope. Canvassers did ask the Clerk to have the workers hole punch all of their papers and put them under the appropriate tab.

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

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

Franklin 1

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

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

Franklin 2

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

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

City of Hancock 1

The Canvassers asked Clerk Kelly to return the worksheet to the City Clerk as it did not belong in the poll book.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, 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

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin Slot, to approve City of Hancock 2.

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

City of Hancock 3

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve City of Hancock 3.

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

City of Hancock AVCB

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

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

City of Houghton 1

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

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

City of Houghton 2

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

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

City of Houghton AVCB's 1 & 2

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin Slot, seconded by Sharon Foix, to approve City of Houghton AVCB's 1 & 2.

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

Osceola 1

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

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

Osceola 2

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

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

Osceola 4

Canvassers questioned why the 0 tape was in the Canvassers envelope. It should be in the "Local Clerks Envelope". On the Seal verification, there was a red line for a correction, but no initials. Please ask the workers to initial in the future.

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

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

Portage 2

The Canvassers ask that all paperwork be hole punched into the poll book.

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

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

Portage 4

The Canvassers asked that everything be hole punched into the poll book.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin Slot, to approve Portage 4.

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

Portage AVCB

The Canvassers asked that everything be hole punched into the poll book.

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

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

Quincy 1

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

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

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

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

Stanton 2

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

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

Torch Lake 1

The zero tape was in the County Clerk envelope. Please put the zero tape in the Local Clerk's envelope in the future.

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

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

Torch Lake 2

The zero tape was in the County Clerk envelope. Please put the zero tape in the Local Clerk's envelope in the future.

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin Slot, seconded by Barbara Manninen, to approve Torch Lake 2

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

Torch Lake AVCB

The voter list was missing from the poll book. Clerk Kelly called Mary Isola. Mary will email it to Clerk Kelly, and Clerk Kelly will print it & verify the 234 voters, and put it in the County Clerk AVCB envelope.

A Motion was made by Sharon Foix, seconded by Becky Bruin Slot, to approve Torch Lake AVCB.

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

Adjourn meeting:

A Motion was made by Becky Bruin Slot, seconded by Valorie Troesch, to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 pm.

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

Barbara Manninen

Valorie Troesch

Becky Bruin-Slot

Sharon Foix

Jennifer Kelly
Clerk of the Houghton County Canvassers