

# Board of Elections

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## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

10:30 a.m.

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDANCE

Present: Legislators Ron Ciotoli, Tracy Monell, Bill Standinger. Commissioners James Wahls and Kelly Johnson. Absent: Legislator Jake Brown. Guests: Legislative Chair Martha Sauerbrey, Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, County Attorney Peter DeWind, County Administrator Jackson Bailey.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Legislator Ciotoli, seconded by Legislator Standinger. All in favor. Carried.

#### FINANCIAL

YTD Budget Report was presented. Commissioner Wahls added that two additional state grants were created with the FY2025 State Budget for general election and mail ballot expenses, and 2024 grants for electronic poll books and ballots by mail have been extended.

#### OLD BUSINESS

See June minutes.

Commissioners presented "I Voted" sticker finalists at Legislative Worksession. Legislators made final decision and winners to be recognized at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting. Commissioner Johnson noted that it was still unclear whether all the winners will be attending.

#### NEW BUSINESS

2025 Primary Election briefing:

1,024 voted in person on Election Day, 185 voted in person during Early Voting, 86 voted by mail, and 5 voted by affidavit for a total of 1,300 ballots cast. That is appx. 17% of voters who were eligible to vote in this primary.

Early Voting and Election Day ran smoothly. However, it occurred during a major heat wave and there were three polling locations without air conditioning. Those locations had fans and fortunately the election inspectors were able to manage, but the Board was prepared to move polling locations as an emergency measure if the heat had reached dangerous levels indoors. We are looking into purchasing portable, self-contained A/C units ahead of next Primary to keep our election inspectors and voters more comfortable.

The recanvass of all ballots was completed on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the results certified. Two contests, for County Legislator, 5<sup>th</sup> District, and Town of Berkshire Superintendent of Highways, each had a narrow margin of victory requiring a statutory manual recount. The recounts will be conducted on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

The commissioners delivered an update on the Strategic Plan, outlining progress for Taxpayer Value objectives, Accessibility to Services objectives, Workforce objectives, and Community Partnership objectives.

#### PERSONNEL

Letters were mailed to all election inspectors for summer/fall inspector trainings and classes are filling up. The first class is Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS – NONE

Meeting adjourned.