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**MINUTES
PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSION
SITTING AS A BOARD OF CANVASSERS
FOR THE
NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**

Commissioner Stephen A. Andes, Ronald R. Foster, and R. Andrew Skidmore were present when the Board of Canvassers convened on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. by County Clerk Brian Wood.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to approve and sign the orders presented. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

All preliminaries were taken care of and the canvassing of ballots began. There were 337 provisional ballots, 130 were counted and 207 were not counted.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to approve ballots of people quarantined for COVID after absentee deadline. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Skidmore amended his motion to accept 18 ballots, but deny 1 ballot for a voter registered in Kanawha County. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count 108 Early Voting I and Early Voting II ballots on Election Day for voters not registered or registered in another county. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count 71 ballots for voters that were cancelled. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count 4 ballots for first time voters that failed to show identification. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept 2 ballots where the voters changed their names. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept a ballot where voter requested an absentee, but the County Clerk did not receive the request. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept the 33 ballots where the voters requested absentee ballots, but did not return them and voted at polls. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept 9 ballots except the out of delegate district for election workers that voted at the poll they worked in. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count 10 ballots for voters who are registered in Putnam County, but gave an out of county address. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept 26 ballots for voters who moved within the county and voted in their new precinct. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept a ballot for a voter registered in one precinct, but voted in another precinct within the same polling location. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept 21 ballots except the out of delegate district for voters registered in one precinct, but voted in another precinct and for voters who moved, but went to their previous precinct. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept 5 ballots for voters where the pollworker overlooked them in the book. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept the 4 ballots where there were clerical errors. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count a ballot where the voter owns property in the county and is registered to vote in Putnam County, but moved to another county. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept 2 ballots where absentee voters did not list a reason for requesting absentee ballots. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept 3 ballots where the voter requested a second absentee ballot, but the first one did not come back. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept a ballot where the voter used the Primary Election application instead of General Election application. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept the ballot with a poor signature. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count 3 ballots that post office cannot verify when they received them and the County Clerk received them on November 5, 2020. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept a ballot for a voter who is registered and active. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count the absentee ballot that came back on November 3, 2020. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept ballots except the out of delegate district for voters that possibly moved, but are registered in Putnam County. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count 6 ballots that were postmarked after the deadline. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept 3 second ballots where the first one was never returned. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept a ballot from an incarcerated voter who failed to have a correctional officer sign it initially. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept an absentee ballot for a voter that turned it into another voter at the Valley Park location. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept ballots except the out of delegate district for a first time voter who did not provide significant identification that matched their voter registration. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to not count a ballot without an outside envelope and does not have any information on it. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skidmore made a motion to accept a ballot for a voter in the hospital on Election Day. Commissioner Andes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Foster made a motion to accept the ballot for a voter in the military that failed to request a military ballot or apply for an absentee ballot and voted on a write in ballot. Commissioner Skidmore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Precinct #17 and Precinct #26-1 were selected to hand count. Two counting teams were set up. The two teams consisted of two people to tally, one person to read and one person to watch over readers' shoulder. The hand count was completed. Precinct #17 and Precinct #26-1 came within the 1% of the machine count as required by West Virginia State Code. All provisional ballots marked (vote) by the Commission were run through the electronic tabulator.

DECLARE

Commissioner Skidmore moved to declare the results of the November 3, 2030 General Election. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion and the motion carried. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 5:33 p.m., Commissioner Skidmore moved to adjourn as a Board of Canvassers. Commissioner Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

On Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 8:00 a.m., hearing no objection from candidate or member of the public, Commissioner Foster moved to certify the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election. Commissioner Andes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcie Kimberling
Secretary