



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE – BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

10:30 a.m.

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDEES

Legislators Dennis Mullen, Ron Ciotoli, and Bill Standinger.

Commissioners Kelly Johnson and James Wahls.

Guests: Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell, County Administrator Jackson Bailey.

Absent: Legislator Jake Brown.

#### APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

Motion by Legislator Ciotoli. Seconded by Legislator Standinger. All in favor. Carried.

#### FINANCIAL

The BOE Year to Date Budget Report was presented. Commissioner Wahls noted that December will be dedicated to completing grant paperwork and claims.

#### OLD BUSINESS

See October Minutes.

#### 2024 General Election Recap:

Voter turnout statistics were presented.

24,839 ballots were cast out of 35,268 registered voters (active and inactive), equating to 70.4% turnout. By comparison, the 2020 General Election had 71.0% turnout, and the 2016 General Election had 67.3% turnout.

Of the ballots cast, 2,006 (8.1%) voted by mail, 6,188 (24.9%) voted early in person, 16,278 (65.5%) voted in person on Election Day, and 366 (1.5%) voted by affidavit (out of 492 affidavit ballots submitted).

This was a record number of affidavits submitted/cast in Tioga County and took 2.5 days for six staff to complete the research.

The implementation of ePollbook connectivity was successful. All locations were able to connect, including locations known to have poor cellular service.

Per Election Law, counties must audit at least 3% of voting machines used in an election, and at least 3% of election districts for scanned mail ballots. In Tioga County, that

amounts two one machine from Early Voting, two machines from Election Day, and two election districts for the scanned mail ballots. These post-election audits were completed with no discrepancies uncovered.

Since additional mail ballots and affidavit ballots were scanned after the audits were completed, an additional audit must be conducted pursuant to state regulation. The Board scheduled the final audit of scanned mail ballots and affidavits to take place on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Tioga County election results were certified on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>, and notifications were sent to the winning local candidates.

Legislator Mullen commented that the Tioga County Board of Elections has been doing a commendable job and appreciated the Board's ability to work as a bipartisan team without conflict.

## NEW BUSINESS

We have received the 2024 Annual Survey for NYSBOE and will be working on that through January.

Both Commissioners and Deputy Commissioner Hoover plan to attend the NYS Election Commissioners' Association Winter Conference January 14-17, 2025.

## PERSONNEL

A total of 186 election inspectors worked for 2024 General Election. We were able to assign more than the minimum at many locations to accommodate the volume of voters, and not many people called out.

Commissioner Johnson was nominated by the Tioga County Republican Committee to continue serving for 2025-2026 term.

## RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

The following resolutions were presented, and were passed by the Committee:

- AUTHORIZE 2025 SALARIES/WAGES (BOARD OF ELECTIONS)
- APPOINTMENT OF REPUBLICAN ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Meeting adjourned.