

Buffalo County Board of Canvass Minutes

April 16, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

The Board of Canvass met at 8:30 a.m. to canvass the results of the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary and Spring Election.

The Town of Alma closed the machine on election night and had counted all ballots. No information was released to the County Clerk. They met again to tabulate any late arriving absentee ballots on April 13, 2020.

The Town of Canton Presidential Preference totals are off by one vote (there is one more voter than ballot cast). The Canvass Board believes this to be an undervote and confirmed this by the Inspector's Statement.

The Town of Buffalo Presidential Preference vote is off by 8 votes (there are 8 more voters than ballots cast). Notes on the Inspector's Statement show that ballots were rejected as voter voted on both the Democratic and Republican ballot.

The Town of Gilmanton tallied both the paper and machine votes. This makes it hard to determine if any errors were made when counting paper ballots or machine votes.

The Town of Mondovi did not show an unrestricted delegation on election night but was shown on the tally sheet. This was corrected.

The Town of Nelson tally sheet numbers were off for Justice of the Supreme Court. Looking at what was called in on the night of tabulating votes did not help in determining where the error was. The Canvass Board called the Municipal Clerk and verified that what was called in was the correct numbers.

The Village of Cochrane had a voter that voted for only the Presidential Preference and no other contests. An undervote should have been carried forward to the rest of the contests to ensure the number of voters and votes cast equal.

The Village of Nelson showed the wrong number of paper ballots and machine votes on the Inspector's Statement. The Inspector's Statement showed 22 paper and should have been 33 paper. It also showed 38 voting on the machine, but the machine report shows 27 voted on the machine. The Municipal Clerk was called as there were other errors that needed answered. She verified there were only 60 voters and that she put down the wrong numbers on the Inspector's Statement. Ms. Halverson explained to the Municipal Clerk the Election Workers had tallied both the paper ballots and the machine totals. Doing this makes it very difficult to determine where an error in counting occurred. The Municipal Clerk indicated she would talk to the workers about not doing this in the future. After review the Presidential Preference votes are 1 more than the number of voters. All other contests show 60 votes cast for 60 voters.

The City of Buffalo City votes showed that 4 write-in votes were cast for William Bruegger for Buffalo County Board. There were various other write-in votes for other people totaling 15 write-in votes cast.

The County Board of Canvass adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk