

**SPECIAL IRON COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 19, 2024**

Minutes of the Special Iron County Commission meeting convened at 10:00 A.M. March 19, 2024 in Commission Chambers, at 68 South 100 East, Parowan, Utah.

Officers in attendance included:

Micheal Bleak	Commission Chair-Excused
Paul Cozzens	Commissioner
Marilyn Wood	Commission Chair Pro Tem
Jonathan T. Whittaker	County Clerk

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EXCUSE COMMISSIONER BLEAK, APPOINT COMMISSION CHAIR PRO TEM

Paul Cozzens excused Commissioner Bleak and made a motion to appoint Commissioner Wood Chair Pro Tempore. Second by Paul Cozzens. Voting: Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

CANVAS OF THE MARCH 5, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Jon Whittaker, Iron County Clerk, presented the Canvass of the March 5, 2024 Iron Presidential Primary Election. Jon explained this was the Democratic Presidential Primary Election. Only registered Democrats received a mail-in-ballot, and Republicans were referred to their caucus meetings to vote. The Logic & Accuracy test was performed and the turnout was accurate. Election day went smoothly, the ballots were mailed and returned smoothly. Jon reported that total turnout was 35.71% county wide. He noted that a Mid-Election Audit was held which Commissioner Wood participated. Marilyn Wood reported that she learned that there was a new process where a number was printed on each ballot, which made it easier to connect the ballot to the audit paper. Jon explained that the DS450 tabulation machine prints a unique number on each ballot. He reported that when the State of Utah made the change to paper ballots, there was a paper ballot for each vote cast and those paper ballots were kept for the required 22 months. Jon explained that the number placed on the ballot was part of the “cast vote” record. He was allowed to pull that number up to look at the ballot and the number on it to check that the number on it matched the number in the system. Commissioner Wood reported that another thing she found was interesting was the exact ballot was shown and if the voter made a mark other than filling in the oval, that was present on the when pulling the ballot and the record. She noted that the audit was perfect. Jon reported that the audit reflected the computerized cast vote record matched the physical ballots in hand. Jon explained the audit process. He reported that 715 total ballots were cast for a 35.71% turnout. One interesting fact was there were 715 ballots cast, but only 704 votes cast. Eleven ballots were returned with no voting mark in protest of the handling of the Isreal conflict. Joeseph R Biden, Jr received 620 votes or 88.07%. Jon reported that he recommended approval of the 2024 Democratic Presidential Primary Election canvass.

Paul Cozzens reported that there was only a 10% turnout of registered Republicans on caucus night. Paul asked Jon Whittaker if he thought the Republican Party would repeat the caucus night voting. Jon replied that he personally liked to attend his caucus meeting. Jon did express concerns about having no control at the caucus meetings, but he was not worried about fraud. It had been shown that Vote-by-Mail had a higher turnout. Jon reported that the decision

would come down to the Republican Party leadership. Discussion continued on caucus night voting.

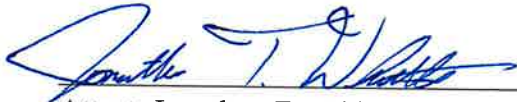
Paul Cozzens made a motion to approve the canvass of the March 5, 2024 Iron County Democratic Presidential Primary Election. Second by Marilyn Wood. Voting: Michael Bleak, Absent; Paul Cozzens, Aye; Marilyn Wood, Aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Marilyn Wood, Iron County Commission Chair Pro Tem, declared adjournment.



Signed: Marilyn Wood, Commission Chair Pro Tem



Attest: Jonathan T. Whittaker, County Clerk

