

CANVASSERS

The Gladwin County Board of Canvassers met at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2004 to canvass votes cast at the August 3 Primary Election.

Present were members Offenbecker, McGillis and Gavin. Member Crandall was absent.

Canvassers reviewed all Precincts and found all to be in order except for Billings and Bentley.

It was determined that the Billings Inspectors would be called in for 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 5 and that the Bentley Inspectors would be called in for 1 p.m. on Thursday.

Board then recessed at 4 p.m. to reconvene at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 5.

Board reconvened at 9 a.m. on Thursday, August 5. Members present were Offenbecker, Gavin, McGillis and Crandall.

Also present were the Billings Board of Election Inspectors. The Billings transfer case was opened (removed seal #367371) and all documents and ballots reviewed.

Workers recalled 7 ballots that had been removed from the pad in advance and that were inadvertently picked up and included when ballots were being processed at night's end. The seven "unvoted" cards were discovered and removed. The number of ballots then totaled 685 to be counted which agreed with the poll book figures and applications.

As the tabulations would not change – the ballots were not counted again. The Board will certify the totals as tabulated on election night.

Canvassers then continued with review of Bentley poll book entries and completed Certificates of Determinations for all Townships, excepting Bentley which will be further addressed at 1 p.m. this day.

Recessed for lunch.

Reconvene at 1 p.m. Review was then conducted and questions put to the Bentley Board regarding discrepancies in their election reports. The transfer case was opened (seal #367393) It was determined that 27 ballots had been deemed to be "cross over votes" and those were put into a separate envelope. Laws regarding processing of ballots were reviewed and the 27 ballots were then counted with the original 163 ballots for a total of 190 ballots. Poll book entries were clarified and it was determined that there were 190 persons casting ballots.

The transfer case was resealed with seal #489998. Canvass reports were corrected and the remaining forms were filled out to complete the canvass.

Election Results were Certified. As there was no further business to conduct the Board adjourned at 2 p.m.



Laura Flach
County Clerk/
Clerk to the Board of Canvassers