

Madison County Board of Elections

Meeting Minutes – Special Session

November 3, 2020 General Election Hand to Eye Recount North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Seat 01

December 7, 2020

The Madison County Board of Elections met on Monday, December 7, 2020 at the Beech Glen Community Center Gymnasium, 2936 Beech Glen Road, Mars Hill, NC 28754 to conduct a hand to eye recount of the North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Seat 01 Contest. Board of Election Members and the Director of Elections maintained the required presence at all times during the recount. Present during the recount session were:

Recount Team Members: Dennis McMahan (Rep), Jacob Ray (Dem), Dean Benfield (Dem), Gloria Sundquist (Rep), David Goforth (Dem), and Fay Ball (Rep);

Board Members: Jerry Wallin (Dem), Chair; Brian Ball (Dem), Member; Dyatt Smathers (Rep), Member; and Sandra Tolley (Dem), Member;

Director of Elections: Kathy Ray (Dem); and

Public/Political Party Observers: Shearon Roberts, Representative for Cheri Beasley.

Chair Wallin called the hand to eye recount session to order at 8:30 a.m. and introduced the Board members present. The Director provided the recount team members with ballot handling procedures and all present with copies of *State Board of Elections Numbered Memo 2019-07 What Constitutes a Vote* and *Numbered Memo 2020-32 Statewide Recount*. She conducted a short training session accordingly and administered the oath to the recount team members.

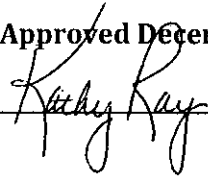
The recount of the Laurel Precinct's two hundred fourteen (214) ballots commenced without incident, and no ballots were identified as needing Board adjudication regarding voter intent.

The recount team and Board members compared the results of the hand to eye recount with the November 20-23, 2020 machine recount results for the North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Seat 01 contest, found no difference between the results, and signed the hand to eye tally sheets.

Motion, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (4,0) for the Director to complete the North Carolina State Board of Elections survey with the results.

Motion, Seconded (DS, BB) and Carried (4,0) to adjourn the hand to eye recount meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Minutes Approved December 16, 2020.


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