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Meeting Minutes · Special Meeting · November 20, 2024 · 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Chair Edward E. Lewis, Member Paula Clarity, Member Randy Pelton

Staff Present: Director Sara LaVere, Deputy Director Adrienne Rushton, Elections Computer Technician Butch Johnson, Election Logistics Technician Ryan Childress, County Attorney Bryan Batton

Bipartisan Recount Team: Mark Allen, Sandy Batson, Roger Orman, and Carla Wisniewski

Meeting Opening

Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order and everyone in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Clarity made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Recount of the Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court contest

Summary:

The canvassed results for the Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court contest are:

Jefferson G. Griffin	64,410
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Allison Riggs	41,457
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Every ballot included in the canvass total will be scanned by bipartisan teams under the supervision of the board. The procedures outlined in Numbered Memo 2024-08 Statewide Recount will be followed.

Preliminary Consideration of Election Protest

Summary:

Jefferson Griffin filed an election protest on November 19, 2024. Per Mr. Batton's direction, the board will determine (1) whether the protest has substantially complied with the form requirement, and (2) whether the protest establishes probable cause. Evidence may not be heard, the board is deciding if there is cause to move forward and hear evidence at a hearing.

Upon review of the form and deliberations, the board agreed that the threshold for moving forward to a hearing has been met.

Ms. Clarity made a motion to schedule a hearing to hear the election protest. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Clarity made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Note: The recount continued over several days, with bipartisan board representation present, though not all days had quorum constituting a meeting.