

# **BOTETOURT COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD**

## **November 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

On November 9, 2022, a post-election meeting of the Botetourt County Electoral Board was held in the Registrar's Office in Fincastle. All members of the Electoral Board were present, as was Traci Clark, the GR/DOE. Chairman John Rader called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

Vice-Chairman Steve Vaughn then moved to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2022, meeting, which had been previously submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Traci then gave the Board a report on the elections which had been held on the previous day, November 8, 2022. The turnout had been higher than expected, but only minor problems had been encountered. Several voters had taken advantage of the new same-day registration law. In two precincts, Traci said, the Chiefs had sealed the voters' registration applications into the corresponding provisional ballot envelopes. This prevented the applications from being processed promptly. John made a motion that Traci be directed to open the envelopes and remove the applications without looking at how the ballots were marked. The motion passed unanimously, and Traci removed the applications in the Board's presence. The envelopes containing the provisional ballots were then resealed.

Secretary Buck Heartwell then added that the Board had visited each of the election precincts on the preceding day and that no significant problems had been observed or reported.

Traci then presented each Board Member with a printed summary of the results of the various contests. General Elections had been held for the U. S. House of Representatives (6<sup>th</sup> District), and for the Mayor and Town Councils of Buchanan, Fincastle and Troutville. There were also special elections held in Fincastle and Troutville to fill the terms of councilmen who were no longer serving. And there was a special county-wide election to fill the unexpired term of the Treasurer as that office had also fallen vacant. No candidate had qualified to be on the ballot for Mayor of the Town of Buchanan, so that office was filled by write-in votes.

The Board proceeded to canvass the votes. The summary totals, which had been taken from the Statement of Results as tabulated in each precinct, were compared to the totals shown on the digital tapes produced by the voting machines. The figures reconciled perfectly.

The Board then hand- counted the write-in votes which had been cast for Mayor of Buchanan. The winner was Tristan Harris who received 153 votes. During the counting process, five votes were disallowed because the intent of the voter could not be ascertained. A list of all persons who received votes for this office, and the number of votes that each received, is attached to these minutes.

Following this process, the canvass was continued until Monday, November 14, 2022, at 2:00 pm when the absentee ballots post-marked not later than November 8<sup>th</sup>, and provisional ballots found to be valid, would be canvassed.

On November 14, 2022, the continued post-election meeting of the Botetourt County Electoral Board was held in the Registrar's Office in Fincastle. All members of the Electoral Board were present, As was Traci Clark, the GR/DOE. Chairman John Rader called the meeting to order at 2:12 pm.

Traci gave each Board member an updated election totals summary – one that included the lawful absentee ballots received post-election. These additional votes were canvassed by the Board and found to be in order.

Traci then asked the Board to go into closed session to consider the provisional ballots which had been cast during the election, and Buck made the motion to do so. The motion passed unanimously. During the closed session the Board made a preliminary determination as to which of the 72 provisional ballots should be counted.

After a period of time, the Board returned to open session. A roll-call vote was then taken certifying that (1) only public business lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and (2) only such matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session, were heard, discussed or considered. Each Board member voted "aye" to this certification. Buck then made a motion that 70 of the provisional ballots, as had been identified in the closed session, be counted. The motion passed unanimously, and Traci was directed to add these votes to the totals shown on the summary.

It now appearing that all ballots had now been canvassed and found to be in order, Steve made a motion that the election results be certified in accordance with the totals shown on the revised summary. The motion passed unanimously. The Board directed Traci to file copies of the election abstracts and the final summary of results in the Board's minute book, and to make same available for public viewing when so requested.

The Board's next meeting was set for December 14, 2022, at 2:00 pm. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Buck Heartwell, Secretary

**NOVEMBER 8, 2022 GENERAL & SPECIAL ELECTIONS  
WRITE-INS -- MAYOR, TOWN OF BUCHANAN**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	EARLY VOTING	VOTE BY MAIL	POST ELECTION	301 PRECINCT	PROV.	TOTAL VOTES
BARBOUR	CHARLES	0	0	0	2	0	2
BOBLETT	SARAH	0	0	0	1	0	1
BREEDEN	BOONE	0	0	0	1	0	1
BROUGHMAN	BRYAN	0	0	1	0	0	1
BRYANT	CRAIG	0	1	0	1	0	2
BURTON	JESSIE	1	0	0	0	0	1
CAMPBELL	BRANDY	0	0	0	1	0	1
CRABB	CLYDE	0	0	0	1	0	1
EUBANK	JAMES	0	1	0	2	0	3
FRITZ	MITCHELL	0	1	0	1	0	2
GORDON	ROBERT	0	0	0	3	0	3
GORE	DALE	0	0	0	3	0	3
HARRIS	TERESA	0	0	0	1	0	1
<b>HARRIS</b>	<b>TRISTAN</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153</b>
HENSLEY	BRIAN	0	0	0	1	0	1
JASPER	PATRICIA	0	1	0	0	0	1
KELLY	MARY	0	0	0	1	0	1
LEWIS II	JAMES M.	0	0	0	1	0	1
LINKENHOKER	ZACHARY	0	0	0	1	0	1
MANSPILE	JAMIE	6	0	0	53	1	60
MCGEE	DAVID	0	0	0	1	0	1
MEDLEY II	DANNY	0	0	0	1	0	1
MERIAN	CLAIRE	0	0	0	1	0	1
MORRIS	DALLAS WAYNE	0	0	0	1	0	1
NOSZEK	BRENDA	1	0	0	0	0	1
PETTY	CHRIS	0	0	0	4	0	4
SANDIGE	AARON	0	0	0	2	0	2
SCHECHTERLY, JR.	E. D.	0	0	0	2	0	2
SMITH	TRISTA	0	0	0	1	0	1
SOBIESKI	RILEY	0	0	0	1	0	1
SPANGLER	GREG	1	0	0	0	0	1
SPANGLER	JOSIE	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOLLEY	J. PATRICK	0	0	0	1	0	1
TYREE	SCOOP	0	0	0	1	0	1
WITT	CHRISTOPHER	6	1	0	11	0	18
WRENN	ADAM	0	0	0	1	0	1
WRIGHT	ROCK	0	0	0	1	0	1
BLANK		1	0	0	5	0	6
INVALID (first name only)		0	0	0	3	0	3
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>288</b>