

November 9, 2021

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on November 9, 2021, in the Lincoln County Election Center, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Bennett, Commissioner Letcher, Commissioner Teske, and Clerk and Recorder Robin Benson.

10:00 AM **Canvass of Municipal General Election:** Present were Election Administrator Paula Buff and Amanda Eckart.

Paula presented the *Canvass of Votes and Declaration of Results* and the tabulator report of *Public Results* to the commissioners. Paula commented two provisional ballots were counted since the unofficial report went out to the public on election night. Certificates of Election were prepared for each winning candidate and Paula reported that she received a letter from the Commissioner of Political Practices confirming winning candidates had met financial reporting responsibilities.

Paula expressed enthusiasm over the percentage of ballots cast as follows:

Libby-61.6% Troy-65% Eureka-27%

Paula conveyed the average voter turnout is approximately 30% for municipal elections and that reaching 60+ percent is something for the electorate to be proud of...it's a great voter turnout.

Paula explained the Post-Election Audit process and commented that it was open to the public and was public noticed. Commissioner Bennett suggested requesting a commissioner to attend the audit moving forward.

Paula informed the commission there were 127 ballots cast at the polls for the City of Libby. Troy and Eureka Councils chose a 100% mail ballot election process.

Motion by Commissioner Teske to accept the Official Canvass of the Municipal General Election November 2, 2021, as submitted. Second by Commissioner Letcher, motion carried unanimously.

Robin commented that the electorate of Lincoln County and the elections processes are in very capable hands, commending Election Administrator, Paula Buff on her work ethic and knowledge of running a smooth and transparent election for the Municipalities.

Paula toured the commissioners through the Election Center, showing the ADA poll booths, new, large ballot drop box, locking/secure cabinets for ballot storage, and tabulator and Express Votes machines storage that is gated and locked. Paula pointed out the camera system within the Election Center facility.

11:15 AM **Break**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Bennett, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Robin A. Benson, Clerk of the Board