

Presidential Preference Primary Election- March 19th, 2024
County Board of Canvassers of Election
March 26th, 2024
Morris County Courthouse- 2:00 p.m.

The Morris County Commissioners met as the County Board of Canvassers on March 26th, 2024 at 2:07 p.m. Commissioners present were Jim Barber, David L. Fox and Wayne Kohler. County Counselor, Bill Kassebaum and County Clerk/Election Officer, Chelsey Schmidt were also present.

Others present: Gary Floyd

Chelsey Schmidt, Morris County Election Officer, presented the commissioners with an election report and unofficial election totals.

ELECTION STATISTICS:

At the close of voter registration, we had a total of 3,944 registered voters.

- Mailed out a total of 175 single advance/permanent advance ballots and received back 133 ballots (75%)
- 98 early in person voters
- 248 voters cast a ballot at polls on election day
- A total of 479 voters cast a ballot; voter turnout of 12% for this election
 - The last Presidential Preference Primary Elections were in 1980 and 1992
- 48% of voters voted early in person or by mail; 52% of voters voted at the polls on election day
- 400 republicans cast a ballot (84% of total ballots cast); 79 democrats cast a ballot (16% of total ballots cast)

POST ELECTION AUDIT

The post-election audit was conducted on Friday, March 22nd. The following races in Morris County were audited:

PRECINCT- COUNCIL GROVE WARD 3

PRECINCT- TOWNSHIP 3

PRECINCT- TOWNSHIP 2

The audit results for all three precincts matched the unofficial election night results. No discrepancies were found.

(See the attached audit result pages)

The post-election audit results were submitted to the Secretary of State Office for review and were approved for Canvass.

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS: 16

RECOMMEND COUNTING:

- 3 Registered voters moved within the county; Did not re-register prior to election; Updated Registration at polling location and voted at new precinct (25-2316 (c)(b)), (25-2353)
- 1 Registered voter cast a ballot at the polls and did not have proof of their photo i.d.; voter did present proof of valid photo i.d. to County Election Officer prior to Canvass (25-2908 (e)), (25-3002 (b)(8))

4 SUBTOTAL

RECOMMEND NOT COUNTING:

- 7 Voter was not registered; Registered at CEO office after books closed or at the polling place on election day and voted at the same time (25-215), (25-2302), (25-2311(a)(6)), (25-2311(e))
- 4 Registered voter returned advance mail ballot via postal service; ballot was received after election day (25-106), (25-1132 (advance))
- 1 Registered voter requested and cast a different party's ballot than the one registered for (25-3301(c)), (25-3304(b))

12 SUBTOTAL

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve 4 provisional ballots to be counted. Motion carried.

4 provisional ballots were opened by the County Board of Canvassers.

The unofficial election totals were updated to include the 4 provisional ballots counted.

Updated election results were reviewed.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to approve and certify the election results as presented. Motion carried.

The County Board of Canvassers signed the March 19th, 2024 Presidential Preference Primary Election Official Results Certification.

Commissioner Kohler (Barber) moved to adjourn as the County Board of Canvassers and re-convene as the County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

The County Board of Canvassers adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF MORRIS COUNTY, KANSAS

David L. Fox, Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne Kohler, Member

**Chelsey Schmidt
Morris County Clerk**

Jim Barber, Member