
2024 ADAMS COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Minutes

Approved 1/23/2025

The Adams County Election Board met on **Friday, November 15, 2024**, in the Election Room in the Adams County Courthouse building.

Those present were:

Dean J. ("J") Swygart, Democratic Board Member
Donald Kuhn ("Don"), Republican Member
Shelly M. Brite, Secretary/Clerk of Court
Cassie Hammond, Election Deputy
Jody Affolder, Deputy

Public present were:

Joe Spaulding, Daily Democrat
Judi Merkel

Election Board meeting called to order by J Swygart at 10:00 a.m.

Upon a motion by J Swygart to approve minutes of October 24, 2024, seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

OLD BUSINESS

Campaign Finance Reports

On October 21, 2024, delinquent letters were sent to those who had failed to file their committee campaign finance reports on time. All of them have filed their reports after receiving the letter.

The next campaign finance report deadline is for the Annual Report is January 15, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS

We received 2 mail-in ballots in the mail on November 12, 2024. Unfortunately, they were received past the deadline of November 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Provisional Ballots:

Provisional Ballot #1: missing signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18A Affidavit of Unsigned Ballot to cure the missing signature. Also, PRO-9 Notice of Provisional Hearing provided to voter. Voter provided the signed Affidavit in order to cure the missing signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to approve **provisional ballot #1**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #2: missing signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18A Affidavit of Unsigned Ballot to cure the missing signature. Also, PRO-9 Notice of Provisional Hearing provided to voter. Voter provided the signed Affidavit in order to cure the missing signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to approve **provisional ballot #2**, seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #3: missing signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18A Affidavit of Unsigned Ballot to cure the missing signature. Also, PRO-9 Notice of Provisional Hearing provided to voter. Voter did not provide the signed Affidavit in order to cure the missing signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #3**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #4: mismatched signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18B Affidavit of Mismatch. Voter did not provide the signed Signature Verification Affidavit in order to cure the mismatched signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #4**, seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #5: mismatched signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18B Affidavit of Mismatch. Voter did not provide the signed Signature Verification Affidavit in order to cure the mismatched signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #5**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #6: missing signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18A Affidavit of Unsigned Ballot to cure the missing signature. Also, PRO-9 Notice of Provisional Hearing provided to voter. Voter provided the signed Affidavit in order to cure the missing signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to approve **provisional ballot #6**, seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #7: mismatched signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18B Affidavit of Mismatch. Voter provided the signed Signature Verification Affidavit in order to cure the mismatched signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to approve **provisional ballot #7**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #8: missing signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18A Affidavit of Unsigned Ballot to cure the missing signature. Also, PRO-9 Notice of Provisional Hearing provided to voter. Voter provided the signed Affidavit in order to cure the missing signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to approve **provisional ballot #8**, seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #9: mismatched signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18B Affidavit of Mismatch. Voter provided the signed Signature Verification Affidavit in order to cure the mismatched signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to approve **provisional ballot #9**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #10: mismatched signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18B Affidavit of Mismatch. Voter did not provide the signed Signature Verification Affidavit in order to cure the mismatched signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #10**, seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #11: mismatched signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18B Affidavit of Mismatch. Voter provided the signed Signature Verification Affidavit in order to cure the mismatched signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to approve **provisional ballot #11**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #12: missing signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18A Affidavit of Unsigned Ballot to cure the missing signature. Also, PRO-9 Notice of Provisional Hearing provided to voter. Voter did not provide the signed Affidavit in order to cure the missing signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #12**, seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #13: mismatched signature on a mail in ballot. Adams County Election Board provided ABS-18B Affidavit of Mismatch. Voter provided the signed Signature Verification Affidavit in order to cure the mismatched signature on the mail-in ballot.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to approve **provisional ballot #13**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #14: Early Voting Ballot. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. ABS Board challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record was merged with family member. Voter registration roll was incorrect and voter was provided with provisional ballot. Voter registered before freeze period.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to approve **provisional ballot #14**, seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #15: Early Voting Ballot. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. ABS Board challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record was merged with family member. Voter registration roll was incorrect and voter was provided with provisional ballot. Voter registered before freeze period.

Therefore, upon motion by Shelly Brite to approve **provisional ballot #15**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #16: Early Voting Ballot. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. ABS Board challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record was merged another record. Voter registration roll was incorrect and voter was provided with provisional ballot. Voter registered before freeze period.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to approve **provisional ballot #16**, seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #17: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record inactive in Vigo County.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #17** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #18: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record in Marshal County.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #18** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #19: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record is pending due to registration updated after freeze period.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #19** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #20: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record is not shown in voter registration roll. Online registered but not shown.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #20** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #21: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record in DeKalb County.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #21** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #22: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record in Blackford County.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #22** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #23: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record in DeKalb County.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #23** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #24: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record is inactive in Jay County.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #24** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #25: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record was not updated before freeze period.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #25** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #26: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #26** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #27: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record was cancelled due to non-voting status in the previous general elections.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #27** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #28: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #28** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #29: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record active in Hamilton County.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #29** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #30: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record was cancelled due to non-voting status in the previous general elections.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #30** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #31: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #31** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #32: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record active in Jennings County.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #32** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #33: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record inactive in Wells County.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #33** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #34: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record inactive in Wells County.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #34** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #35: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #35** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #36: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #36** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #37: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #37** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #38: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #38** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #39: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #39** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #40: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #40** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #41: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter unable to provide proof of identification.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #40** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #42: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #42** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #43: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #42** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #44: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter is required to present additional documentation for proof of identity and address. Voter registration is also cancelled.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #44** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #45: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter is cancelled due to non-voting status in the previous general elections.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #44** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #46: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record inactive in Owen County.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #46** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #47: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #42** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #48: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #48** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #49: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #49** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #50: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by Don Kuhn to not approve **provisional ballot #50** seconded by J Swygart, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #51: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter is cancelled due to non-voting status in the previous general elections.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #51** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Provisional Ballot #52: Election Day. Pro-2 Affidavit provided to voter. Inspector challenged Affidavit, PRE-4, voter registration record not on voter registration roll.

Therefore, upon motion by J Swygart to not approve **provisional ballot #52** seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried. (3-0)

Certification of the 2024 General Election:

The Election Board entered the provisional ballots into the Microvote System and re-ran the reports and therefore the Election Board certifies the canvass reports of the Election Summary and Precinct Summary for the November 5, 2024 Election.

Post-Election Audit Form (PRE-16):

2024 General Election Discussion: In reviewing the audit form, there were no discrepancies or comments as to the vote center, equipment and etc.

Poll Worker Surveys

We received feedback on a few poll workers surveys.

Election Board Comments

Election Day – delivery and pickup went well.

Public Comments

Judi Merkel received positive discussion on poll workers.

Upon motion by Shelly Brite to recess upstairs to count the 11 provisional ballot(s) and canvass the 2024 General Election and J Swygart motion to adjourn at 11:33 a.m., seconded by Don Kuhn, motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly M. Brite
Secretary of CEB