

FREMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 19 , 2023

Present for the meeting was: Commissioners Scott Kamachi, Blair Dance, and Rick Hill.

Also attended by: Clerk Abbie Mace and Deputy Clerk Kim Fletcher

Commissioner Kamachi led the pledge.
Commissioner Dance offered the prayer.

Commissioner Kamachi opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

Commissioners RE: Canvass Votes from May 16, 2023 Election

Elections Clerk Bonita Sutton discussed the statistics from this election. We started the election with 7,344 registered voters and by the end of the election we had 7,385. Island Park voters were especially active this election. We had 168 absentee ballots requested, 148 of them were returned. 100 of those were requested from Island Park. There was one ballot mailed back on the 16th, so we didn't receive it until the day after the election and the vote was not able to be counted.

Both elections required a simple majority vote to pass. The Island Park Auditorium District had 198 in favor and 207 against, so it lost by 9 votes. The Ambulance District had 694 in favor and 498 against, and passed by majority.

She has received paperwork for a few contested voters. She is still reviewing those voters but so far none of them are coming up as registered incorrectly. This won't change the outcome of the election.

Commissioner Dance asked if we had any irregularities reported from this election.

Clerk Mace stated all of our ballot counts came out exact. We had 1 voter challenged by a Chief Judge that will be sent a challenge letter. The list we received of other contested voters was received anonymously, so it wasn't done properly and there isn't a lot we can do about these other than to perform our due diligence, which is what Ms. Sutton is currently doing. She has discussed the issue with the Secretary of State and our Civil Attorney Blake Hall, so they are aware of the situation. Even if any of these challenged voters are removed, it will not change the outcome of the election.

Ms. Sutton stated she has full confidence in her poll workers and their knowledge of proper procedure. The concerns are valid, but everything has been done properly.

Commissioner Dance made a motion to accept the election results from the Fremont County Election held May 16, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

Commissioner Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 a.m. Commissioner Dance seconded the motion. A full voice vote was heard with all commissioners voting in favor.

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned.

L. Scott Kamachi, Chairman
Fremont County Commissioner

Attest: _____
Abbie Mace, Clerk