

**MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WEBER COUNTY**

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

Commission Chambers, 2380 Washington Blvd., Ogden, Utah

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WEBER COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS: James Ebert, County Commissioner; John Ulibarri, County Assessor; and John Bond, County Treasurer.

OTHER STAFF PRESENT: Ricky D. Hatch, County Clerk/Auditor; Chris Crockett, Deputy County Attorney; and Fátima Fernelius, of the Clerk/Auditor's Office, who took minutes.

A. WELCOME – Commissioner Ebert

B. ACTION ITEM:

1. APPROVE THE WEBER COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASS - 2016 ELECTION

Ryan Cowley, County Elections Director, stated that 22 of the 29 Utah counties voted by mail resulting in the highest number of votes cast thus far. It was a rather grueling election. Mr. Cowley praised the poll workers who dealt admirably with difficult situations and an inordinate number of provisional ballots (2,333) and registration issues. The communities pulled together and a lot of volunteers assisted in the process. Roy and Ogden Cities shared employees and resources to help alleviate the long lines, the Assessor's Office provided employees, the Democratic Party provided water, chairs and snacks to voters while maintaining polling place neutrality, his staff worked tirelessly and made personal sacrifices, and many other county staff also assisted. An audit of the election was conducted and the results matched 100%. He said that 15% of the voters voted in person, over 73,000 voted by mail, and over 103,000 ballots were mailed out. He referred to the Election Summary Report before the board for all the county races.

John, Ulibarri, commended Mr. Hatch and the Election staff for the many, many hours and the personal sacrifices and expressed thanks. Mr. Ulibarri's staff that helped on election night had reported that it was a very professional and organized process. John Bond, County Treasurer, expressed appreciation for the Election staff's efforts and said that Mr. Hatch's comments in the Standard Examiner yesterday was very helpful and included an invitation to the community to come and see how the process works. Commissioner Ebert noted that voting by mail gets the information before the voters earlier and creates an overall better process. He commended Mr. Hatch for taking a lead on this process and for an amazing team that made it happen. Mr. Hatch thanked staff for the exhausting work of 15+ hour days for many weeks. He is proud of the county's election process and said that the team does so much with so little.

Mr. Bond moved to approve the Weber County Board of Canvass for the 2016 Election; Mr. Ulibarri seconded.

Mr. Bond – aye; Mr. Ulibarri – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

D. ADJOURN

Mr. Ulibarri moved to adjourn at 11:13 a.m.; Mr. Bond seconded.

Mr. Bond – aye; Mr. Ulibarri – aye; Commissioner Ebert – aye

Attest:

Matthew G Bell, Chair
Weber County Commission

Ricky D. Hatch, CPA
Weber County Clerk/Auditor