

**BUTTE-SILVER BOW COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2022
AT 4:30 PM
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

ROLL CALL

PRAYER AND PLEDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM(S) ON THE AGENDA

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING

J.P. Gallagher, Chief Executive is calling for a Special Meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners for Monday November 21, 2022, at 4:30 pm in the Council Chambers, Room 312 to authorize Linda Sajor-Joyce, Clerk & Recorder, and the Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners and the Canvas Board to canvass and certify the 2022 General Election.

1.COMMUNICATION NO. [2022-553](#)

Linda Sajor-Joyce, Clerk & Recorder requesting Council of Commissioners permission to call a Special Meeting with the Council of Commissioners and the Canvass Board to meet on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 4:30 P.M. in Room 312 Council Chambers to canvass and certify the 2022General Election.

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Special Meeting
November 21, 2022
County Canvass

The special meeting of the Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners to canvass the results of the General Election November 8, 2022, convened at 4:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Present:

Shawn Fredrickson, District 1
Hattie Thatcher, District 3
Justin Fortune, District 5
John Riordan, District 8
Dan Callahan, District 12

Michele Shea, District 2
John Sorich, District 4
Jim Fisher, District 6
Cindi Shaw, District 11

JP Gallagher, Chief Executive; Eileen Joyce, County Attorney; and Tom Powers, District Courts Clerk, substituted for absent Commissioners.

Copies of the State Canvass report and a Canvass Abstract were given to Commissioners as source documents to review (documents attached). The Clerk & Recorder noted that the Canvass Abstract document had discrepancies in absentee ballots accepted (column I) and poll ballots issued (column H) versus tabulated ballots counted (columns F and E respectively) were highlighted. As most of these are off by one or two, they were not of concern. However, in Precinct 17, there were six more ballots counted than accepted. Commissioner Sorich made a motion to recount the precinct. Commissioner Shea asked if we were recounting the affirmation envelopes or the ballots. The Clerk and Recorder explained that her office had recounted the envelopes four times and came up with 428 (the smaller number). She further explained that a recount of ballots would mean appointing three members of the board and it would take approximately four hours. Commissioner Fisher suggested that a recount would not change the outcome of any race in the precinct and a recount would not be necessary. Commissioner Fisher made a motion to accept the count in precinct 17. A vote was taken with all members voting to accept Commissioner Fisher's motion.

Board members were given poll books, Precinct Summary Reports (Statistics), and the Ballot Reconciliation (Poll Book) forms to review. The Clerk & Recorder, asked the board to check the poll book total ballots issued against the Election Day Ballots Cast-Total (Summary Results) or against columns E and H of the Canvass Abstract and to also compare Columns F and I from the Canvass Abstract against each other. Minor discrepancies are due to human error either in counting or tabulation.

Upon completion of the canvass/review of the election results, commissioners accepted the results as presented and signed the Canvass Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



LINDA SAJOR-JOYCE
Clerk & Recorder/Election Administrator