

Minutes

Election Commission City of Aurora, Colorado

November 20, 2019

6:00 p.m

City Clerks office Room

Members Present:

Carolyn Boller
Jessica Chauvin
Scott Irvin
William McCartin
Joanna Floribus plus daughter

Staff present:

Steve Ruger, City Clerk
Barbara Shafer, City Clerk Analyst

The Chair Carolyn Boller called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m

The minutes of the, September 25, 2019 meeting were approved as presented. Moved by Bill, seconded by Scott.

Old Business:

Election Aftermath

Adams County- We discussed the issue of over votes and under votes. There was no impact to final results with 96 total undervotes and 13 overvotes. The new ballots worked and had no issues or impact on the outcome. The new ballot superseded the old ballot. If you turned in both ballots, your new ballot is the one that counted. Adams County did a great job fixing their error and getting the election back on track.

Douglas county was outstanding to work with. We had no issues in this county. They ran a smooth and flawless election.

Arapahoe County have bad communication. Disappointing to candidates as well. There is a spot on the website for additional information, but it wasn't working. Over 50% of the ballots were returned on Election day. We are putting together a communications plan to get all the counties to communication with us. Canvassing information was scarce. Needs more in the IGA. Some candidates were advised that ballots were sent early. Some were not advised. Communication is the key.

Precent 255- This has been like this since 2007. The election commission discussed ways to correct this issue. GIS folks set up the city and the county. Next redistricting is 2023 and will be tied to the census. Will have GIS folks here from the beginning to assist with the rewarding and get it done correctly.

Steve and Jessica will be canvassing on Friday at 9:00 am in Adams Co. Carolyn and Joanna will be going to Douglas same day. Steve and Bill will go to Arapahoe County on the 26th.

Election Code update ideas

Independent expenditures fail to register within so many days, can be fined.

Campaign Finance reform ideas. Website updates. Candidate handbook needs updated.

Webpages need organized. Reports were much better than years past. Steve did an outstanding job! Some are used to using federal and state systems for Campaign Finance.

We need to stress the use of city resources with the election flyers as well as Inappropriate to uses our Aurora logo

Our Aurora Votes logo was awesome. We got lots of good comments.

Drive thru ballot drop off was a huge success.

We are going to order large ballot boxes and not use the shred bins anymore.

Signs are still up. We discussed ideas to get them to remove them.

December 2nd we will swear in the new council. Please come.

New Business

Wednesday, January 15th is our next meeting in the City Clerk's office.

A Resolution from the Arapahoe County Republican Party, requesting Arapahoe County Clerk Joan Lopez to resign, was passed out.

Thank you to all the election commission for support and understanding with everything we do. 2019 was a challenging year with our election. The election commission is proof that we value the integrity of the election.

Adjournment – 7:33 p.m.

Carolyn Boller, Chair

