



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 4/9/2024

File #: 24-393

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Clerk/Recorder

Agenda Section: Consent

Vote Requirement: Majority

SUBJECT:

Certification of the Results of the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary Election

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept the Certified Statement of Results of the Official Canvass for the March 5, 2024, Statewide Primary Election.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (1100)

DISCUSSION:

Immediately upon the close of the polls on Election Day, the Humboldt County Elections Office began the canvass of the vote. The activities undertaken during the official canvass include:

1. Processing and counting any valid vote by mail and provisional ballots not included in the election night totals;
2. An inspection of all materials and supplies returned by Vote Center Staff;
3. A reconciliation of the number of signatures on the precinct roster with the number of ballots recorded on the ballot statement;
4. A reconciliation of the number of ballots counted, spoiled, or rejected due to damage;
5. Counting any valid write-in votes;
6. Reproducing any damaged ballots, if necessary;
7. Conducting a hand count of the ballots cast in one percent of the precincts; and
8. Reporting the final results as required.

Elections Code, Section 15372(a), requires the county elections official to complete the official canvass no later than the 30th day after the election and submit a certified statement of the results to the governing body, the County Board of Supervisors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

<i>Expenditures (1100140)</i>	FY23-24	FY24-25 Projected*	FY25-26 Projected*
<i>Budgeted Expenses</i>	1,970,402.00		
<i>Additional Appropriation Requested</i>	0.00		
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	1,970,402.00		

**Projected amounts are estimates and are subject to change.*

<i>Funding Sources (1100140)</i>	FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26
<i>Projected*</i>			
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General Fund	1,612,679.00
State/Federal Funds	182,723.00
Fees/Other	175,000.00
Use of Fund Balance	0.00
Contingencies	0.00
Total Funding Sources	1,970,402.00

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Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:

The approximate cost of the election is \$903,206.05 which was already included in the budget.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports the following areas of your Board’s Strategic Framework.

- Core Roles: Enforce laws and regulations to protect residents
- New Initiatives: Provide community-appropriate levels of service
- Strategic Plan: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The alternative to staff recommendations would be for the Board to not accept the Certified Statement of Results. This is not recommended as that would leave the Board out of compliance with Elections Code, Section 15400.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Certificate of Final Election Results
- Attachment 2: Summary of Election Results
- Attachment 3: Precinct by Precinct Report

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

- Board Order No.: N/A
- Meeting of: N/A
- File No.: N/A