

Pierce County General Election - November 4, 2014

Canvassing Board Report

November 21, 2014

Status Report

Ballot Statistics as of 11/20/14

Voter Statistics	
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	441,987
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	61,864
Total registered voters in all precincts	503,851

Ballot Statistics	
The total number of ballots issued	441,987
Total number of ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	221,908
Total ballots counted*	220,458
*includes overseas, out of state, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
Ballot Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)	
Ballots returned by mail	99,886
Ballots returned at drop boxes	118,918
Ballots returned at the Elections Division customer service counter	1,550
Ballots returned at Voting Centers	649
Ballots returned at UWT staffed collection site	75
Ballots returned electronically (fax and email)	215
Ballots counted on touch screen	615
Provisional Ballots	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	117
Total number of provisional ballots sent to other counties	80
Valid provisional ballots received from other counties	28
Total provisional ballots counted	37

Voter Turnout Statistics	
Total ballots counted	220,458
Overall turnout percentage	49.88%

Challenge Ballot Statistics	
Unsigned ballot envelopes	
Total unsigned ballot envelopes received	732
Signature updates received and processed	485
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response	247
Signature Discrepancies**	
Total signature discrepancies received	1,462
Signature discrepancies resolved and processed	552
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response	910
**Includes signatures that do not match, wrong signers, and envelopes signed with Power of Attorney	
Total ballots currently challenged	1,157

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To Be Canvassed

Ballots

Voter Intent Unclear - Refer to Voter Intent Statewide Standards on What is a Vote

Group 1, ballots 1-6 (valid votes in target area - pages 2, 5, 8, 11, 15, 17-19)	6
Group 2, ballots 7-20 (hesitation marks or overvotes? - pages 2, 5, 11, 15, 17-19, 60-61)	14
Group 3, ballots 21-47 (overvotes? - pages 44-55, 60-61)	27

Group 4, ballots 48-158 (similar mark, marks inside and outside the target area, pattern of similar marks used for candidates, another pattern used for measures - pages 24-38, 43) 110

Group 5, ballots 159-161 (Questions on Federal Write-in Ballots - page 84) 3

Group 6, ballots 162-219 (voter intent/anything else - page 56-59, 83-85) 58

Group 7, ballot 220 (two ballots, one envelope - page 90) 1

Group 8, ballot 221-224 (two envelopes, one ballot) 4

Group 9. It was business as usual when a team of drop box workers emptied the Fife drop box on 11/3/2014. They unsealed the box, began their seal verification protocol and emptied the ballots into a bag. The worker removed the seal from the drop box door and placed it on the top of the seal oath. During the placing, she rubbed the ink right off the seal with her thumb. The team then was unable to verify that the seal number matched the oath. We have not had this happen in the past, we believe it was a result of the seal being very wet. The ballot drop box was locked and the seal was in place when the team arrived. Do we count these ballots?

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Pierce County runs ballots in batches. A comparison of the ballot processing logs to the 400C ballot scanner logs indicates two of our 1398 logs don't reconcile. It appears that in one batch a ballot was not counted. The other log indicates that a ballot was counted twice. The variance of two votes would not affect the outcome of any contest. However, we strive to ensure that our tallies are correct and accurate.

Options

- Do nothing and certify the election with the existing count.
- Open the sealed containers, hand count the number of ballots in each batch and rescan.

Considerations

- There is no legal requirement to recount and rescan.
- There is risk involved. It could require the deleting and rescanning of multiple merged batches to resolve. We may be unable to resolve this.
- Opening the sealed containers requires approval from the Canvassing Board.
- We estimate the additional work may take between 3 - 4 hours.

Total ballots canvassed

276

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Rejected Ballot Statistics	
Ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)	
Voter cancelled after ballot had been issued (29 sent to other counties, 1 moved out of state, 7 deceased)	37
No ballot in envelope	11
Missing ID - voter registered but did not provide identification	1
Ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)	
Cannot identify voter (returned secrecy or ballot, but no outer envelope)	73
Wrong election	231
Received too late at customer service or a ballot drop box	53
Voter returned their own ballot and also signed another's ballot	37
Civilian voter failed to return hard copy ballot	11
Total ballots rejected	454

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Random Check of Ballots

On November 4, representatives of the Republican and Democratic political parties requested a manual tally of ballots. The request was made to perform a random check of Initiative Measure No. 594 in the 26th, 27th and 28th legislative districts. Four batches of ballots and four machines were chosen at random. Results from all four batches matched exactly. The audit was performed on November 6 in the presence of the official political party observers.

Touch Screen Audit

In accordance with state law, Pierce County conducted an audit of results of votes cast on the touch screen voting machines. Initiative Measure No. 591, State Supreme Court No. 7, and District Court Position No. 6 were audited and one machine chosen at random was audited. To conduct the audit, an election worker read the results from the voter verifiable paper audit trail and another election worker tallied the results. These results were compared to the results accumulated in the election tabulation system. No discrepancies or anomalies were found. The audit was conducted on machine 35324 used at Gig Harbor Civic Center.

Mailing Statistics

Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by USPS	4,428
Ballots postmarked too late	
Received - 11/6/14	880
Received - 11/7/14	127
Received - 11/10/14	59
Received - 11/12/14	12
Received - 11/13/14	10
Received - 11/14/14	3
Received - 11/18/14	4
Received - 11/19/14	4
Total number of ballots postmarked too late	1,099

**Ballots Returned by Day - November 4, 2014 General Election
REPORT #1**

Registered Voters		441,987	
Date	Ballots Received	Cumulative Total	Percent Received
10/20/2014	3,742	3,742	0.85%
10/21/2014	7,592	11,334	2.56%
10/22/2014	11,295	22,629	5.12%
10/23/2014	5,507	28,136	6.37%
10/24/2014	11,179	39,315	8.90%
10/27/2014	14,843	54,158	12.25%
10/28/2014	8,559	62,717	14.19%
10/29/2014	14,218	76,935	17.41%
10/30/2014	5,353	82,288	18.62%
10/31/2014	13,902	96,190	21.76%
11/2/2014	15,297	111,487	25.22%
11/3/2014	12,475	123,962	28.05%
11/4/2014	44,961	168,923	38.22%
11/5/2014	25,304	194,227	43.94%
11/6/2014	25,624	219,851	49.74%
11/7/2014	1,083	220,934	49.99%
11/10/2014	497	221,431	50.10%
11/12/2014	127	221,558	50.13%
11/14/2014	318	221,876	50.20%
11/18/2014	14	221,890	50.20%
11/20/2014	18	221,908	50.21%
11/21/2014			
11/24/2014			

Note: Turnout on this report is based on the cumulative number of ballots received (including challenged ballots) to the total number of registered voters in this election.

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 Ballot Return Statistics - Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)

Drop Boxes	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	Totals
72nd Park & Ride	44	0	101	0	131	0		154	0	180	0	163	0	183	213	1875	3,044
Anderson Island	25	0	62	0	34	0	0	39	0	34	0	33	0	0	62	78	367
Barney's Corner - Eatonville	10	0	66	0	113	0	0	101	0	107	0	140	0	115	105	730	1,487
Bonney Lake Park & Ride	61	0	280	0	314	0	0	457	0	543	0	528	0	580	481	4030	7,274
Browns Point Substation	28	0	142	0	125	0	0	221	0	259	0	215	0	285	214	1842	3,331
Central District	24	0	32	0	30	0	0	31	0	49	0	62	0	64	70	942	1,304
Community Connections	30	18	33	0	31	18	8	9	0	21	32	35	0	74	63	979	1,351
Edgewood City Hall	40	0	121	0	137	0	0	183	0	236	0	259	0	231	263	956	2,426
Fife City Hall	22	0	59	0	55	0	0	0	0	56	0	58	0	83	68	1376	1,777
Gig Harbor Fire Station	68	0	291	0	336	0	0	339	0	429	0	373	0	411	224	1797	4,268
Graham Fire & Rescue	19	0	55	0	54	0	0	70	0	101	0	117	0	136	126	1208	1,886
Kandle Park Substation	180	0	308	0	279	0	0	378	0	433	0	462	0	532	526	4615	7,713
Key Center Fire Station	22	0	96	0	115	0	0	137	0	190	0	184	0	208	117	1149	2,218
Lakewood City Hall	132	0	411	0	704	0	0	429	0	506	0	575	0	510	439	3484	7,190
Lakewood Park & Ride	20	0	20	0	17	0	0	31	0	50	0	51	0	42	71	495	797
Orting Public Safety	26	0	87	0	74	0	0	90	0	99	0	103	0	106	81	853	1,519
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	98	0	322	0	386	0	0	458	0	492	0	480	0	544	366	3788	6,934
PC Annex	124	0	490	0	503	0	0	557	0	720	0	800	0	1001	680	6286	11,161
Pt Fosdick	89	0	411	0	372	0	0	474	0	602	0	520	0	663	519	4046	7,696
Purdy Fire Station	19	0	71	0	110	0	0	154	0	190	0	221	0	234	208	871	2,078
Puyallup Library	104	0	414	0	394	0	0	494	0	558	0	644	0	598	501	4164	7,871
Ross Plaza - DuPont	32	0	104	0	67	0	0	116	0	116	0	112	0	103	158	651	1,459
Roy Y Park & Ride	21	0	156	0	250	0	0	259	0	269	0	312	0	356	297	2047	3,967
South Hill Library	105	0	491	0	583	0	0	693	0	805	0	747	0	799	691	6186	11,100
Steilacoom Library	84	0	222	0	171	0	0	263	0	242	0	212	0	246	237	1159	2,836
Sumner Library	71	0	277	0	267	0	0	301	0	342	0	344	0	427	370	2693	5,092
TACID	60	0	124	0	93	0	0	173	0	196	0	181	0	178	183	1528	2,716
Tacoma Dome Transit	23	0	47	0	34	0	0	48	0	79	0	51	0	49	118	541	990
University Place Fire Department	144	0	334	0	393	0	0	526	0	534	0	496	0	550	522	3567	7,066
Daily Totals	1725	18	5627	0	6172	18	8	7185	0	8438	32	8478	0	9308	7973	63936	118,918

In Person	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	Totals
Election Center	73	0	33	0	64	0	0	25	0	114	0	131	0	0	142	968	1,550
Gig Harbor Voting Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	139	139
Puyallup Voting Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	414	414
TACID Voting Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	96
UWT Collection Site	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	67	75
Daily Totals	73	0	33	0	64	0	0	25	0	114	0	131	0	0	142	1684	2,266

Grand Totals	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	Totals
	73	0	33	0	64	0	0	25	0	117	5	131	0	0	142	1684	2,274