

Crystal Lake Township

Board Meeting, March 19, 2024

Elections Report

February 27 Presidential Primary

Results:

Early voting (2/17 thru 2/25): 42 electors voted

Election Day: 88 electors voted

Absentee Voter Counting Board: 258 AV ballots returned and tabulated

Total: $388/1025=38\%$ (our usual turnout for a one-issue election)

Welcomed several new election inspectors who were trained on various stations. Have a pool of 25 election inspectors to pull from to work elections. Had three inspectors agree to try out the chairman position for our "precincts." The county Board of Canvassers approved our election results and procedures. Congratulations to everyone who made the election a success!

May 7 Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools Millage Renewal Election

Absentee Ballot applications were sent on March 9 to those on the permanent AV list. Ballots to those on the permanent AV list and the permanent AV ballot list will be sent ballots the last week of March.

Possibility of Community Early Voting Site

Concerns were raised regarding the expense of individual, municipality early voting sites. A single, community site for Benzie County has been investigated and discussed by the clerks but found not to be feasible. Some of the smaller townships may partner and have a combined voting site. Clerks will notify County Clerk Tammy Bowers on or before March 27 whether they will pursue a partnership or continue holding early voting at their own location. For a variety of reasons, Crystal Lake Township will continue holding early voting at the township hall.

FYI

State Primary Election

Early Voting Dates: July 27 thru August 4

Election Day: August 6

General Election

Early Voting Dates: October 26 thru November 3

Election Day: November 5