

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
JULY 19, 2011

The Niceville City Council/Canvassing Board met in special session at 7:00 PM, July 19, 2011 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members except for Councilman Swihart, and Councilwoman Boudreaux and the Mayor was present. Also present were City Clerk, Dan Doucet, Asst City Attorney Dixie Powell; and 36 visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Ms Freida Spence the Election Board Clerk reported the official ballot count as follows:

Total Number of Printed Ballots:	2,000
Number of Unused Ballots:	<u>1,072</u>
Number of Voted Ballots:	<u>927</u>
Number of Spoiled Ballots:	<u>1</u>
Number of Provisional Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Stubs # 1	<u>928</u>
Number of Stubs # 2	<u>927</u>

INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE VOTES

GROUP ONE CANDIDATES

Debbie Lewis	<u>290</u>
Barry Reed	<u>114</u>
Vickie Ritchson	<u>216</u>
Bill Schaetzle	<u>283</u>

Note: 22 ballots were blank!  
2 ballots were over voted!

## GROUP FIVE CANDIDATES

Judy Boudreaux 402Heath Rominger 490

Note: 35 Electors did not register a vote in this race!

Mr Doucet briefed the canvassing board on the status of absentee ballots.

Total Number of Ballots Printed: 75Total Number of Ballots Processed: 54Total Number of Ballots Received: 47Valid Ballots 47Questioned Ballots 0Voided Ballots: 0Number of Ballots not received: 7Number of Unused Ballots on Hand: 21Total Ballots Accounted for: 75

Mr Doucet presented the absentee log, and remaining 21 (unused ballots) to the canvassing board for review to confirm accountability. In addition, signature verification documentation regarding the absentee ballots was presented to the canvassing board for review.

Mr Doucet placed the unopened absentee ballots on the canvassing board table for inspection by the public in accordance with Chapter 101.572, Florida Statutes. Mr Doucet advised that Chapter 101.6104, Florida Statutes provides that if any elector present believes that any ballot is illegal due to any defect apparent on the voter's certificate, the elector may, file a protest against the canvass of such ballot specifying the reason he/she believes the ballot to be illegal. No one responded. Mr Doucet then delivered the 47 ballots to the Canvassing Board. Members of the board opened the outer

envelope and removed the inner envelope. A count of the inner envelopes established there were 47 envelopes. The inner envelopes were shuffled, opened, and the 47 ballots were removed and counted with the following results.

#### INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE VOTES

##### GROUP ONE CANDIDATES

Debbie Lewis 13

Barry Reed 5

Vickie Ritchson 12

Bill Schaetzle 17

##### GROUP FIVE CANDIDATES

Judy Boudreaux 26

Heath Rominger 21

Mr Doucet then announced the **final total vote:**

##### GROUP ONE CANDIDATES

\*Debbie Lewis 303

Barry Reed 119

Vickie Ritchson 228

\*Bill Schaetzle 300

\* Run-off Election

##### GROUP FIVE CANDIDATES

Judy Boudreaux 428

Heath Rominger 511

Since candidates running for Group # One did not receive 50% of the total votes cast plus one additional vote to be a clear winner then a run-off election will be scheduled for August 2, 2011 (7:00AM - 7:00PM). The top two candidates in Group # One are Debbie Lewis and Bill Schaetzle.

Councilman Smith moved the election results be certified and the election material be returned to the City Clerk for file. Councilman Henkel seconded. Council Vote: Smith-yes; Thomas-yes; Henkel-yes.

Mr Doucet thanked Ms Freida Spence who served as the Election Clerk, and all the poll workers and the Bailiff for all their hard work. A special thank you to Paul Lux, the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections for his attendance and the recommendations he provided during the election process.

Attorney Dixie Powell sworn in Mayor Wise for another 4 year term, and Councilman Thomas for another 4 year term since they ran unopposed. Attorney Powell also sworn in Heath Rominger to serve a 4 year term for the City Council Group Five Seat held by Councilwoman Judy Boudreaux since 1993.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK