

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
AUGUST 2, 2011

The Niceville City Council/Canvassing Board met in special session at 7:00 PM, August 2, 2011 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members except for Councilman Swihart, and the Mayor was present. Also present were City Clerk, Dan Doucet, Asst City Attorney Dixie Powell; and 9 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:	1,500
Number of Unused Ballots:	<u>578</u>
Number of Voted Ballots:	<u>922</u>
Number of Spoiled Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Provisional Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Stubs # 1	<u>922</u>
Number of Stubs # 2	<u>922</u>

INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE VOTES

GROUP ONE CANDIDATES

Debbie Lewis	<u>321</u>
Bill Schaetzle	<u>601</u>

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

Total Number of Ballots Printed:	<u>60</u>
Total Number of Ballots Processed:	<u>46</u>
Total Number of Ballots Received:	<u>37</u>

Valid Ballots	<u>37</u>
Questioned Ballots	<u>0</u>
Voided Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Ballots not received:	<u>9</u>
Number of Unused Ballots on Hand:	<u>14</u>
Total Ballots Accounted for:	<u>60</u>

Mr Doucet presented the absentee log, and remaining 14 (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 37 sealed ballot envelopes 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 37 envelopes. The inner envelopes were shuffled, opened, and it was noted that there were actually *39 ballots counted. Note: The canvassing board rejected two ballots that were not applicable to this election. The remaining 37 ballots were then counted with the following results.

GROUP ONE CANDIDATES

Debbie Lewis	<u>13</u>
Bill Schaetzle	<u>22</u>

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

GROUP ONE CANDIDATES

Debbie Lewis 334

Bill Schaetzle 623

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

Mr Doucet stated that the Election Board arrived for work at 6:00 am. He then thanked Ms Freida Spence who served as the Election Clerk, and all the poll workers and the Bailiff for all their hard work. He thanked Wendy Farmer for processing and the accountability of the absentee ballots in this run-off election and the election held on July 19, 2011.

Attorney Dixie Powell swore in Bill Schaetzle for a 4 year term for the City Council Group One seat held by Councilman Swihart since July 19, 1983.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK