

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JULY 17, 2012

The Niceville City Council/Canvassing Board met in special session at 6:30 PM, July 17, 2012 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All council members except for Councilman Rominger, and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Clerk, Dan Doucet and 15 visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

Total Number of Ballots Printed:	<u>100</u>
Total Number of Ballots Processed:	<u>52</u>
Total Number of Ballots Received:	<u>40</u>
Valid Ballots	<u>40</u>
Questioned Ballots	<u>0</u>
Voided Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Ballots not received:	<u>12</u>
Number of Unused Ballots on Hand:	<u>48</u>
Total Ballots Accounted for:	<u>100</u>

Mr Doucet presented the absentee log, and remaining **48** (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. Under the direction of the Canvassing Board Mr Paul Lux, the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Election proceeded to conduct the Logic & Accuracy Test of the Absentee Voting Tabulating Equipment. Results of the L & A test were verified by the canvassing board.

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 **40** ballots to the Canvassing Board. Members of the board opened the outer envelope and removed the inner sleeve containing the ballot. The contents were shuffled and the sleeves removed from the ballots. The canvassing board then reviewed the ballots and determined there were no under/over votes. The canvassing board confirmed there were **40** voted ballots. Mr Doucet then handed the absentee ballots to Mr Lux who scanned/processed the ballots. It was determined that 18 of the absentee ballots were slightly too wide to feed into the Accue-Voting Equipment. Mr Lux made a recommendation which was accepted by the canvassing board to use 18 unused Municipal Ballots and transcribed the votes from the faulty absentee ballots to the chosen regular ballots then those ballots scanned without a problem. .

The canvassing board then took a brief recess until the polls closed and accountability checks of the Municipal Ballots were performed by the Election Board.

CLERK OF THE ELECTION BOARD:

Municipal Ballots:

Total Number of Ballots Printed	<u>1200</u>
Number of voted Ballots:	<u>551</u>
Number of Unused Ballots	<u>646</u>
Spoiled Ballots	<u>2</u>
Number of Stubs # 1	<u>554</u>
Number Provisional Ballots	<u>0</u>
Number of under votes	<u>0</u>
Number of over votes	<u>1</u>
*Number of votes not counted	<u>1</u>

*Note: One ballot was not counted as confirmed on the Polling Place Daily Log. Mr Ham stated that a ballot went through but did not register a count. Mr Ham checked the machine and the ballot had already dropped through.

Mr Bill Ham the operator of the Accue-Vote equipment then ran the election totals for the Municipal Ballots and Mr Paul Lux ran the election totals for the Absentee Ballots.

The Canvassing Board reconvened to certify the Election Results.

Ms Spence then announced the results of the election.

INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATE VOTES

ABSENTEE BALLOT RESULTS:

Judith "Judy" Boudreaux	<u>23</u>
Robert Edwards	<u>6</u>
Barry Reed	<u>11</u>

REGULAR MUNICIPAL BALLOT RESULTS:

Judith "Judy" Boudreaux	<u>286</u>
Robert Edwards	<u>97</u>
Barry Reed	<u>168</u>

FINAL VOTE TABULATION:

Judith "Judy" Boudreaux	<u>309</u>
Robert Edwards	<u>103</u>
Barry Reed	<u>179</u>

Mr Doucet stated that since Ms Boudreaux received at least 50% plus one vote in this election becomes a clear winner. Mr Doucet stated as a result there is no need for a run-off election. Congratulations to Ms Boudreaux and a special thank you to the candidates who participated in the election. 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: Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Smith-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. Mr Doucet expressed appreciation to Mr Bill Ham, who actually works for the County Supervisor of Election as a trainer. He was in charge of the Accue-Vote Tabulating Equipment for this election. His guidance and assistance during this election was much appreciated. Mr Doucet commended Wendy Farmer in our finance office for her support in the processing of all absentee ballots in this election. Mr Doucet thanked Mr Paul Lux, the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections and his staff for the recommendations and support provided during the election.

Mr Doucet stated that this is the first election to his knowledge to use the Accue-Vote Tabulating equipment.

Mayor Wise swore in Ms Boudreaux to fill the unexpired term held by Mr Thomas.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK