

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
JULY 16, 2019

The Niceville City Council/Canvassing Board met in special session at 6:30 PM, July 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. Members of the Canvassing Board consisted of Councilman Henkel, Councilman Schaetzle, Councilman Rominger, Mayor Wise and Attorney Powell. Also present were City Clerk, Dan Doucet and 22 visitors in the audience. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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

Total Number of Ballots Printed:	<u>100</u>
Total Number of Ballots Processed:	<u>40</u>
Total Number of Ballots Received:	<u>38</u>
Valid Ballots:	<u>38</u>
Questioned Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Voided Ballots:	<u>0</u>
Number of Ballots not received:	<u>2</u>
Number of Unused Ballots on Hand:	<u>60</u>
Total Ballots Accounted for:	<u>100</u>

Mr Doucet presented the absentee log and remaining 60 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 38 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 38 voted ballots.

Ms Jacque Blankenship, the operator of the DS-200 voting equipment, along with Mr. Bill Ham then ran the election totals for the absentee ballots.

Mr Bill Ham then announced the results of the absentee voting as follows.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT RESULTS:**

Judy Boudreaux (Group 3)	<u>20</u>
Stephen Shelton (Group 3)	<u>17</u>
Cathy Alley (Group 5)	<u>24</u>
Paul Keith (Group 5)	<u>9</u>
Warren Meigs (Group 5)	<u>3</u>

The Canvassing Board at this time waited for the Municipal ballots to be counted after the polls closed at 7:00PM.

**CLERK OF THE ELECTION BOARD:**

Mr Ham, the Clerk of the election board announced the following information regarding the status of the Municipal Ballots.

**Municipal Ballots:**

Total Number of Ballots Printed:	<u>900</u>
Number of voted Ballots:	<u>712</u>
Number of Unused Ballots:	<u>185</u>
*Spoiled Ballots:	<u>3</u>

Number Provisional Ballots:        0

Number of under votes:            0

Number of over votes:            0

Mr Ham the Clerk of the Election Board then announced the voting results of the regular municipal ballots as follows.

**REGULAR MUNICIPAL BALLOT RESULTS:**

Judy Boudreaux (Group 3)            412

Stephen Shelton (Group 3)            280

Cathy Alley     (Group 5)            402

Paul Keith     (Group 5)            164

Warren Meigs   (Group 5)            137

Mr Doucet then announced the final election results that included the absentee ballot totals and the municipal ballot totals:

**FINAL VOTE TABULATION:**

Judy Boudreaux (Group 3)            432

Stephen Shelton (Group 3)            297

Cathy Alley     (Group 5)            426

Paul Keith     (Group 5)            173

Warren Meigs   (Group 5)            140

Mr Doucet stated that since there were only two candidates running in the Group 3 race the candidate receiving the most votes is the winner of the Group 3 race. He stated that the winner in the Group 3 race is Ms Judy Boudreaux.

He stated that in accordance with the City Charter the winner of the Group 5 race must receive 50% of the votes plus 1 to be a clear winner. Otherwise, there must be a runoff election on July 30, 2019 to determine the winner. The top two candidates would then compete in the run-off election.

Mr Doucet stated that the final totals in the Group 5 race resulted in a candidate receiving the required votes to be elected without having a runoff election. That candidate's name is Ms Cathy Alley. Congratulations to winners in both races and a special thank you to Mr Stephen Shelton; Mr Paul Keith; and Mr Warren Meigs who were candidates in the election. Councilman Rominger 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; Schaeztle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion Passed.

Mr Doucet thanked Mr Bill Ham who served as the Election Clerk, Mrs Judy Krueger as the Asst Clerk, and all the poll workers and the Bailiff for all their hard work. Mr Doucet commended Wendy Farmer in our finance office for her support in the processing of all absentee ballots to include other assistance provided during the election. Mr Doucet thanked Ms Jacque Blankenship representing the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections and the staff for the recommendations and support provided during the election.

Mr Doucet stated that at this time Attorney Dixie Powell will swear in the winner to fill the Group 3 seat and the winner to fill the Group 5 seat to serve a four year term.

Attorney Powell will also swear in Mayor Randall Wise and Councilman Schaeztle since they both ran unopposed and will be serving a new four year term. A special thank you to Councilman Rominger for his service as a member of the City Council during his tenure from July 19, 2011 to July 16, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK