

Report of the Canvassing Board which convened on December 7, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 515 Reid Street, Palatka Florida, to canvass absentee ballots received.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Tim Smith, Chairman
Supervisor of Elections Don Hersey
Commissioner Hernan Azula
Commissioner Ish Edwards
City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT: Susan McCool, Administrative Assistant; Christina C. Noyes, Avice Cothron, and Melanie Mcnett, Deputy Supervisors of Election; Kim Hankemeyer, S.R. Programmer; Rayel Christianson, Data Processing MIS; Lyle Jungenburg and Billy Bennett, Voting Equipment Technicians; Pam Keen, PC Specialist; and John Hodge, Public Viewing Coordinator.

The absentee ballot voting equipment was tested; a zero report was run, test ballots were run including over votes and under votes, and a final zero report was run which concluded the logic and accuracy test on the absentee ballot voting equipment. The absentee ballot box was tested and in a ready mode awaiting canvassing of absentee ballots. Decisions on any questions will be decided by a majority vote.

Absentee ballots must be signed by the voter with a signature of a witness and their address (sufficient to locate them). Reasons for rejecting absentee ballots per F.S. 101.65 are: not voter's signature, witness did not use adequate mailing address, and no voter signature.

125 absentee ballots were issued; 1 ballot was voided as the voter was deceased prior to the election, and one was voided and re-issued, leaving 123 valid absentee ballots. 90 ballots were returned. One ballot was rejected as illegal for no signature and no witness, and one was rejected for no witness. The following ballots were questioned:

(3) ballots with incomplete witness address, but included witness' voter I.D. #: A motion was made by Commissioner Azula and seconded by Mr. Hersey to accept these ballots; motion passed unopposed.

(2) ballots with incomplete witness address, but witnesses indicated they were registered Putnam County voters; they were verified by election staff as voters registered in Putnam County, with addresses on file. A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by Commissioner Azula to accept these ballots; motion passed unopposed.

(1) ballot with no witness address, but included witness' voter I.D. #: A motion was made by Commissioner Azula and seconded by Mr. Hersey to accept this ballot; motion passed unopposed.

(3) ballots notarized with no notary addresses; notarial seals were affixed to the envelopes: A motion was made by Commissioner Azula, seconded by Mr. Hersey, to accept these ballots; motion passed unopposed.

The board opened the envelopes and separated the ballots from the envelopes. (1) ballot was duplicated (01-1) and 88 valid absentee ballots were counted at 7:00 p.m.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS(88 ballots to count)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 44 votes; George E. Sanders received 44 votes

PRECINCT 14 – Frank George Apts. (626 registered voters; 167 ballots cast; 26.68% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 91 votes; George E. Sanders received 76 votes;

PRECINCT 15 – Old Post Office Bldg. (557 registered voters; 162 ballots cast; 29.08% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 109 votes; George E. Sanders received 53 votes

PRECINCT 16 – Greater Shiloh Baptist Church (820 registered voters; 179 ballots cast; 21.83% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 171 votes; George E. Sanders received 8 votes

PRECINCT 17 – Bridge Club Village (1019 registered voters; 282 ballots cast; 27.67% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 105 votes; George E. Sanders received 177 votes

PRECINCT 18 – Armory/Moseley Ave. (1247 registered voters; 305 ballots cast; 24.46% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 135 votes; George E. Sanders received 170 votes

PRECINCT 23 – St. Johns Community College (18 registered voters; 5 ballots cast; 27.78% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 3 votes; George E. Sanders received 2 votes

PRECINCT 25 – St. Johns Community College (90 registered voters; 13 ballots cast; 14.44% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 11 votes; George E. Sanders received 2 votes

PRECINCT 32 – St. Johns Community College (111 registered voters; 21 ballots cast; 18.92% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. received 20 votes; George E. Sanders received 1 votes

PRECINCT 33 – St. Johns Community College (499 registered voters; 88 ballots cast; 17.64% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr., received 33 votes; George E. Sanders received 55 votes

TOTAL VOTES (4987 registered voters; 1310 ballots cast; 26.27% turnout)

COMMISSIONER GROUP 1

James Norwood, Jr. 722 votes

George E. Sanders 588 votes

All voting equipment was checked in. Precinct #18 equipment was missing keys. Precinct #17 was missing Picture ID Paper. Post-election Logic and Accuracy tests were run to verify the equipment. The Canvassing Board adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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