

**BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS
ESSEXVILLE CITY COMMISSION RECOUNT
NOVEMBER 8, 1993**

THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS MET ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1993 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ESSEXVILLE CITY HALL. MEMBERS AND GUESTS GATHERED TO CONDUCT A RECOUNT OF THE VOTES CAST FOR THE OFFICE OF ESSEXVILLE CITY COMMISSIONER IN THE NOVEMBER 2, 1993 CITY GENERAL ELECTION. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:30 A.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE.

ROLL CALL: WALT WOZNIAK, CHAIRMAN
 RICHARD BRZEZINSKI, MEMBER
 WALLY NIELSEN, MEMBER

EXCUSED: DONALD CHEVALIER

OTHER MEMBERS: BARBARA ALBERTSON, COUNTY CLERK
 LINDA L. TOBER, DEPUTY CLERK
 CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, SECRETARY
 MARY IDA DOAN, TALLY CLERK
 DELORES NIEDZINSKI, TALLY CLERK

ALSO PRESENT: MARY MONVILLE, CITY CLERK
 CAROL JAMES, CANDIDATE
 BYRON SAVAGE, CANDIDATE
 GEORGE SHAW, ATTN. FOR SAVAGE
 FRANK DAVENPORT, FOR SAVAGE
 LORRAINE MOULTON, POLL WORKER
 MABEL SCHULTZ, POLL WORKER
 JULEEN DERR, POLL WORKER
 LYDIA HODGES, BAY CITY TIMES

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY COUNTY CLERK BARB ALBERTSON, AT 9:30 A.M., WHO FIRST ASKED THAT THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSER MEMBERS, CANDIDATES AND THE GUESTS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES TO THOSE PRESENT. ONCE THE PROPER INTRODUCTIONS WERE MADE, CHAIRMAN WALT WOZNIAK EXPLAINED HOW THE RECOUNT WAS TO BE CONDUCTED. HE INDICATED THE MACHINES IN PRECINCTS ONE AND TWO WOULD BE CHECKED FIRST BEFORE REVIEW OF THE A.V. BALLOTS. THE FIGURES ON THE MACHINES WERE TO BE READ ALOUD FOR CONFIRMATION BY CANDIDATES AND OBSERVERS. FURTHER, CHMN. WOZNIAK TOLD CANDIDATES AND OBSERVERS, THEY WERE ABLE TO QUESTION THE MARKINGS OR VOTES ON ANY BALLOTS BUT THE CANDIDATES WERE NOT ABLE TO PHYSICALLY HANDLE THE BALLOT. ANY BALLOTS IN QUESTION, WERE TO BE PLACED ASIDE AND A RULING WAS TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE RECOUNT PROCESS. SINCE ONE OF THE CANVASSERS WERE EXCUSED ON THIS DATE, IT WAS THE DETERMINATION OF CHAIRMAN WOZNIAK THAT 2 OUT OF THE 3 VOTES OF THE MEMBERS, WOULD BE THE FINAL RULING.

RICHARD BRZEZINSKI PRESENTED A STATE APPROVED OUTLINE OF ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE BALLOT MARKINGS FOR REVIEW. HE INDICATED THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS WOULD BE FOLLOWING THOSE GUIDELINES.

WITH NO FURTHER QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THE BOARD, THE RECOUNT OF MACHINE PRECINCTS BEGAN. ESSEXVILLE MACHINE PRECINCT ONE (1) WAS FIRST.

CITY OF ESSEXVILLE, PRECINCT 1

BOARD OF CANVASS MEMBERS READ THE FOLLOWING MACHINE TOTALS FOR VERIFICATION BY THE CANDIDATES/OBSERVERS.

MACHINE	#73302	4A	BENDER	189 VOTES
PUBLIC COUNTER	# 477	5A	BERGEN	243 VOTES
PROTECTIVE	#030805	6A	JAMES	223 VOTES
SEAL	#34177	7A	LUTZ	310 VOTES
		8A	SAVAGE	203 VOTES
		9A	TROMBA	55 VOTES

CLERK ALBERTSON CONFIRMED THESE MACHINE VOTE TOTALS WITH THE POLL BOOK FIGURES SUBMITTED.

CITY OF ESSEXVILLE, PRECINCT 2

MEMBERS CONTINUED THE RECOUNT WITH PRECINCT NUMBER TWO (2) MACHINE LOCATED AT THE ST. LUKES METHODIST CHURCH. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS ANNOUNCED.

MACHINE	#77127	4A	BERGEN	261 VOTES
PUBLIC COUNTER	# 506	5A	JAMES	240 VOTES
PROTECTIVE	#028590	6A	LUTZ	274 VOTES
SEAL	# 29392	7A	SAVAGE	256 VOTES
		8A	TROMBA	81 VOTES
		9A	BENDER	161 VOTES

BOARD MEMBERS, CANDIDATES AND GUESTS RETURNED TO THE ESSEXVILLE CITY HALL ONCE MACHINES IN PRECINCTS ONE AND TWO WERE RECOUNTED. THE RECOUNT OF A.V. BALLOTS BEGAN WITH REMOVAL OF SEAL #34105 FROM THE BALLOT CAN USED TO STORE THE DOCUMENTS. THE BALLOT BAG WAS REMOVED AND BAG SEAL #34102 WAS DETACHED TO OBTAIN THE BALLOTS. BOTH CAN AND BAG SEAL HAD BEEN VERIFIED WITH THE POLL BOOK FIGURES RECORDED BY ELECTION WORKERS. ESSEXVILLE CITY CLERK, MARY MONVILLE, STATED A 39% VOTER TURNOUT HAD BEEN RECORDED AT THIS ELECTION.

THE CANVASSERS DIVIDED THE BALLOTS INTO PILES OF 25 IN EACH PILE TO SIMPLIFY THE RECOUNT OF A.V.'S. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS COUNTED MATCHED THE POLL BOOK RECORD OF 109 TOTAL BALLOTS CAST. CHAIRMAN WOZNIAK READ ALOUD THE VOTES CAST PER CANDIDATE AS MEMBERS

BRZEZINSKI AND NIELSEN CONFIRMED THE VOTES. ONCE THE BALLOTS HAD BEEN REVIEWED, TALLY CLERKS CALCULATED THE A.V. BALLOT TOTALS AS FOLLOW:

BENDER	33 VOTES	BERGEN	54 VOTES
JAMES	52 VOTES	LUTZ	56 VOTES
SAVAGE	55 VOTES	TROMBA	15 VOTES

THEREAFTER, A TOTAL OF MACHINE AND A.V. VOTES FOR EACH CANDIDATE WAS DETERMINED BY THE TALLY CLERKS.

BENDER	383 VOTES	BERGEN	558 VOTES
JAMES	515 VOTES	LUTZ	640 VOTES
SAVAGE	514 VOTES	TROMBA	151 VOTES

THIS FINAL TALLY OF VOTES CONFIRMED THE ORIGINAL COUNT FROM ELECTION NIGHT WITH MS. CAROL JAMES AHEAD OF MR. BYRON SAVAGE BY ONE (1) VOTE, JAMES 515 VOTES AND SAVAGE 514 VOTES. CLERK ALBERTSON ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES IN REGARD TO THE RECOUNT PROCESS. THE CANDIDATES EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE RECOUNT HELD. CLERK ALBERTSON THEN DECLARED CANDIDATES BERGEN, JAMES AND LUTZ ELECTED TO THE ESSEXVILLE CITY COMMISSION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE FOR EACH CANDIDATE.

THE BALLOTS WERE RETURNED TO THE BALLOT BAG AND SEALED WITH MICHIGAN METAL SEAL #7744. ONCE PLACED INTO THE BALLOT CAN WERE FINALLY SECURED WITH METAL SEAL NUMBER 43044. BOTH OF THESE FIGURES WERE DOCUMENTED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. THIS CONCLUDED THE RECOUNT OF VOTES FOR THE ESSEXVILLE CITY COMMISSION RACE AT 10:45 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BARBARA ALBERTSON
BAY COUNTY CLERK