

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS

RECOUNT OF BANGOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH, 1988

THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS MET TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1988 AT 9:00 A.M. TO RECOUNT THE VOTES CAST FOR THE POSITIONS OF BANGOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES. THE BALLOTS TO BE RECOUNTED WERE FOR THE FOUR FOLLOWING CANDIDATES: CLARENCE V. BENNETT, DICK CASEY, EDWIN R. DAVIS AND GORDON WILSON, AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS FROM THE AUGUST 2, 1988 PRIMARY ELECTION. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENT FOR THE RECOUNT PROCEDURE:

LINDA TOBER, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
 CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK
 DONALD CHEVALIER, CHAIRMAN
 WALTER WOZNIAK, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN
 RICHARD BRZEZINSKI, BOARD MEMBER
 WALLACE NIELSEN, BOARD MEMBER
 MARY IDA DOAN, TALLY CLERK
 DELORES NIEDZINSKI, TALLY CLERK
 GORDON WILSON, CANDIDATE
 EDWIN R. DAVIS, CANDIDATE
 MICHAEL STUDDERS, CANDIDATE
 BERNADINE VERITY, REPRESENTING D. CASEY

THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS WERE DOCUMENTED DURING THE RECOUNT OF MACHINE PRECINCTS.

<u>BANGOR TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT #1</u>	<u>BENNETT</u>	<u>CASEY</u>	<u>DAVIS</u>	<u>WILSON</u>
MACHINE NO. 95208	62	33	39	57
PUBLIC COUNTER 173				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN 16183				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE 16356				
SEAL NO. 6296				
MACHINE NO. 95209	38	29	38	49
PUBLIC COUNTER 137				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN 17345				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE 17482				
SEAL NO. 6227				
<u>BANGOR TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT #2</u>				
MACHINE NO. 75541	30	47	40	47
PUBLIC COUNTER 136				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN 17549				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE 17685				
SEAL NO. 10407				
MACHINE NO. 73300	33	54	49	47
PUBLIC COUNTER 152				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN 23922				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE 24074				
SEAL NO. 6242				

BANGOR TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT #3

		<u>BENNETT</u>	<u>CASEY</u>	<u>DAVIS</u>	<u>WILSON</u>
MACHINE NO.	144566	48	27	36	41
PUBLIC COUNTER	136				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	7253				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	7389				
SEAL NO.	582768				

MACHINE NO.	144572	55	25	64	52
PUBLIC COUNTER	187				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	9535				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	9722				
SEAL NO.	583596				

BANGOR TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT #4

MACHINE NO.	75502	40	43	27	45
PUBLIC COUNTER	139				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	15011				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	15150				
SEAL NO.	8415				

MACHINE NO.	111505	36	38	24	36
PUBLIC COUNTER	113				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	12939				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	13052				
SEAL NO.	8414				

BANGOR TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT #5

MACHINE NO.	75549	14	11	16	12
PUBLIC COUNTER	48				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	16093				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	16141				
SEAL NO.	583997				

MACHINE NO.	75504	53	45	49	47
PUBLIC COUNTER	167				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	14546				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	14713				
SEAL NO.	583998				

MACHINE NO.	77110	42	38	52	40
PUBLIC COUNTER	145				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	11903				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	12048				
SEAL NO.	584000				

BANGOR TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT #6

		<u>BENNETT</u>	<u>CASEY</u>	<u>DAVIS</u>	<u>WILSON</u>
MACHINE NO.	75546	27	16	26	17
PUBLIC COUNTER	96				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	13999				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	14095				
SEAL NO.	7496				

MACHINE NO.	75553	19	14	19	11
PUBLIC COUNTER	83				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	16929				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	17012				
SEAL NO.	582766				

UPON INSPECTION OF MACHINE 75553, DON CHEVALIER STATED THAT THIS WAS THE MACHINE IN WHICH THE PROTECTIVE COUNTER TOTAL AT THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS HAD BEEN CORRECTED OFF OF THE RETURN SHEET. IT HAD ORIGINALLY READ THE CLOSING TOTAL OF 17,095 AND THEN AMENDED WITH THE DOCUMENTATION OF CHAIRMAN MAXINE GUTHRIE, TO READ 17,012 FOR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES CAST AS 83 ON THE MACHINE. SEE CANVASS OF 8/4/88 MINUTES.

MACHINE NO.	73318	21	25	31	23
PUBLIC COUNTER	108				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	14040				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	14148				
SEAL NO.	7497				

MACHINE NO.	111506	10	8	8	9
PUBLIC COUNTER	47				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	16261				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	16308				
SEAL NO.	582771				

BANGOR TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT #7

MACHINE NO.	73308	18	19	19	15
PUBLIC COUNTER	78				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	11400				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	11478				
SEAL NO.	1582791				

MACHINE NO.	121580	17	15	12	9
PUBLIC COUNTER	61				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	8981				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	9042				
SEAL NO.	582778				

BANGOR TOWNSHIP - PRECINCT #8

MACHINE NO.	75543	1	2	3	1
PUBLIC COUNTER	12				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN	16074				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE	16086				
SEAL NO.	7438				

<u>BANGOR - PRECINCT #8 CON'T</u>	<u>BENNETT</u>	<u>CASEY</u>	<u>DAVIS</u>	<u>WILSON</u>
MACHINE NO. 119602	53	34	46	14
PUBLIC COUNTER 158				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN 11342				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE 11500				
SEAL NO. 13453				

IN REVIEWING THE SEAL NUMBERS OF MACHINE 119602, LINDA TOBER DISCOVERED THAT THE SEAL NUMBERS LISTED ON THE RETURN SHEET DID NOT MATCH THE NUMBERS AS OBSERVED BY THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS ON THE MACHINE. THE RETURN SHEET INDICATED THAT SEAL 13422 HAD BEEN USED TO SEAL THE MACHINE. THE POLL BOOK SEAL NUMBER MATCHED THE SEAL NUMBER ON THE MACHINE OF 13453. SINCE THE POLL BOOK SEAL NUMBER HAD BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE ELECTION INSPECTORS OF THAT PRECINCT, RICHARD BRZEZINSKI MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE POLL BOOK SEAL NUMBER OF 13453, FOR THE RECORD. WALLACE NIELSEN SUPPORTED THE MOTION AND IT WAS PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE OF 4 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

MACHINE NO. 73280	35	28	38	30
PUBLIC COUNTER 131				
PROTECTIVE-OPEN 17831				
PROTECTIVE-CLOSE 17962				
SEAL NO. 6564				

THE BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS RETURNED TO THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP HALL ON THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1988 TO RECOUNT THE ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS FOR BANGOR TOWNSHIP. CHAIRMAN DONALD CHEVALIER EXPLAINED HOW THE RECOUNT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS WOULD BE CONDUCTED. HE INSTRUCTED THE TALLY CLERKS TO RECORD A SLASH ON THE TALLY SHEET/ STATEMENT BOOK FOR EVERY VOTE CAST FOR THE CANDIDATE. FURTHER THAT THE VOTES WOULD BE CALLED ONLY FOR CANDIDATES BENNETT; CASEY; DAVIS; AND WILSON. THE CHAIRMAN WENT ON TO ESTABLISH THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A SPOILED BALLOT AND A SPLIT BALLOT AND THAT THE CANVASSERS WOULD BE EXAMINING THE BALLOTS TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE NEITHER OF THE ABOVE. TO CONCLUDE HIS PRESENTATION HE INFORMED THE CANDIDATES THAT THEY WERE PERMITTED TO STAND BEHIND THE CANVASSERS AND REVIEW THE BALLOT FOR ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT THEY MAY WANT TO CHALLENGE. ANY CHALLENGED BALLOTS WOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT THE END OF THE REVIEW PROCESS. THERE WERE THREE CANS OF A.V. BALLOTS TO REVIEW, CHAIRMAN CHEVALIER BROKE SEAL NUMBER 8454 ON CAN NUMBER ONE, ALSO REFERRED TO AS TOWNSHIP CAN NUMBER SEVEN, BEFORE BREAKING THE SEAL OF THE BAG, NUMBER 584313. BOTH CAN AND BAG NUMBERS CHECKED WITH THE POLL BOOK AS CERTIFIED BY THE ELECTION INSPECTORS. THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS REVIEWED THE INDIVIDUAL BALLOTS AND FOUND THAT FOUR HAD BEEN SPOILED BY A SPLIT TICKET AND BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THERE WERE NO VOTES CAST IN THE NON-PARTISAN AND QUESTION SECTION OF THE BALLOT THESE WERE SET ASIDE AND MARKED SPOILED BY THE DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK. A NUMBER OF BALLOTS WERE PLACED ASIDE AS A RESULT OF INDIVIDUALS SPLITTING THEIR PARTY DESIGNATION. UPON REVIEWING ALL THE BALLOTS IN CAN NUMBER ONE, ALSO TOWNSHIP SEVEN, THE BALLOTS WERE PLACED BACK INTO THE CAN ITSELF, AND SEALED WITH SEAL NUMBER 583036 ON THE BAG, SEAL NUMBER 583031 ON THE CAN. AT THE COMPLETION OF CAN NUMBER ONE, THE TALLY CLERKS CONFIRMED THE CANDIDATES TOTALS OF BENNETT 62, CASEY 50, DAVIS 34, AND WILSON 48. THE THE SPOILED/SPLIT BALLOTS HAD BEEN PLACED BACK INTO THE BALLOT BAG BEFORE IT WAS RESEALED.

THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS PROCEEDED TO REVIEW ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS IN CAN NUMBER TWO, ALSO REFERRED TO AS BALLOT CAN NUMBER FIVE BY THE TOWNSHIP. THE SEAL NUMBER 584310 ON THE CAN, AND BAG NUMBER 8438 WERE CHECKED WITH THE POLL BOOK DOCUMENTATION AND THEN BROKEN. AS THE BOARD MEMBERS REVIEWED THE BALLOTS THEY HELD OUT ANY BALLOTS THAT WERE SPLIT AND ANY WHICH NEEDED FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR ACCEPTANCE. ONE BALLOT IN QUESTION INVOLVED A WRITE-IN VOTE FOR FRANK RECHSTEINER ON THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET IN THE AREA DESIGNATED FOR A DAVIS VOTE. THE BOARD MEMBERS CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS A PROPER WRITE IN VOTE BUT DID NOT EFFECT THE DAVIS COUNT IN ANY WAY. AT THIS POINT THE BOARD HAD COLLECTED A TOTAL OF 31 SPLIT BALLOTS AND HAD SET THEM ASIDE. UPON THE CONCLUSION ON CAN NUMBER TWO, ALSO TOWNSHIP FIVE, THE BALLOTS WERE PLACED IN THE BAG AND SEALED WITH METAL SEAL NUMBER 583021. SINCE THE BALLOT BAG DID NOT FIT INTO THE CAN AFTER BEING SEALED, THE SEAL HAD TO BE BROKEN TO REARRANGE THE BALLOTS IN THE BAG. THE BAG WAS THEN RESEALED WITH SEAL 583008, PLACED INTO THE BALLOT CAN AND THEN SEALED IN THE CAN WITH SEAL NUMBER 583006. THE TALLY CLERKS COMPARED TOTALS AT THE END OF CAN NUMBER TWO AS BENNETT 174, CASEY 170, DAVIS 143, AND WILSON 166. AT THE END OF THE DAY SEAL NUMBER 583041 HAD BEEN BROKEN ON CAN NUMBER ONE IN ORDER

TO OBTAIN THE SPLIT/SPOILED BALLOTS FOR A TOTAL COUNT OF THESE FOR ALL THREE CANS. THE BALLOT CAN NUMBER ONE WAS THEN SEALED WITH TAG NUMBER 583031. THE CANVASSERS CONCLUDED THE DAYS SESSION AT 4:20 P.M. TO RESUME THE RECOUNT OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1988 AT 9:00 A.M.

THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS RESUMED THEIR RECOUNT OF BANGOR TOWNSHIP ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN THE RACE FOR THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AT 9:15 ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1988, AT THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP HALL. THE CANVASSERS AND GUESTS FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY WERE ALL IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE ADDITION OF GERALDINE ELDRIDGE, REPRESENTING EDWIN DAVIS. THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS TO OPEN BALLOT CAN NUMBER ONE, ALSO REFERRED TO AS TOWNSHIP CAN NUMBER SEVEN, SINCE THE SPOILED/SPLIT BALLOTS HAD BEEN PLACED IN THERE OVERNIGHT AND HAD NOT BEEN COUNTED SEPERATE. THUS SEAL NUMBER 583031 WAS BROKEN TO OBTAIN THE SPOILED/SPLIT BALLOTS FROM THE PREVIOUS DAY. ONCE THE BALLOTS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BAG, WHICH HAD BEEN SEALED PRIOR WITH TAG NUMBER 583036, AND SET ASIDE, THE BAG WAS RESEALED WITH TAG NUMBER 583001 AND CAN SEALED WITH METAL TAG NUMBER 583035. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 52 SPLIT BALLOTS UP TO THIS POINT.

THE CANVASSERS PROCEEDED TO OPEN ABSENTEE BALLOT CAN NUMBER THREE, ALSO REFERRED TO AS TOWNSHIP CAN NUMBER FOUR. THE CAN SEAL NUMBER 13423 AND BAG SEAL NUMBER 14505 HAD BEEN CHECKED WITH THE POLL BOOK BEFORE BEING BROKEN BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN. IN REVIEWING THE BALLOTS THE BOARD DISCOVERED A BALLOT WHICH THEY CONSIDERED TO BE A "MARKED" BALLOT. IN OTHER WORDS THE MARKINGS ON THE BALLOT INDICATED THE NAME OF THE VOTER AND WAS THUS THROWN OUT OF THE COUNT AS A SPOILED BALLOT. THIS BALLOT HAD ALSO BEEN A SPLIT BALLOT. THE SPOILED NUMBER OF BALLOTS HAD THEN INCREASED TO FIVE.

THE CANVASSERS THEN FOUND ANOTHER BALLOT WHICH WAS CONSIDERED BY ALL BOARD MEMBERS TO BE A MARKED BALLOT, SINCE THE INDIVIDUAL WROTE THEIR NAME NEAR A VOTE IN WHICH THEY HAD CORRECTED. THIS ADDED TO THE SPOILED BALLOTS INCREASED THE TOTAL TO SIX.

THE INTENT OF THE VOTER WAS THEN QUESTIONED ON ANOTHER BALLOT IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL VOTED FOR TWO CANDIDATES, CASEY AND WILSON. THE INTENT OF THE VOTER WAS CLEAR ON THE CASEY VOTE SINCE THE CHECK MADE IN THE BOX HAD A VERTEX, OR INTERSECTING LINES, IN THE DESIGNATED AREA. THE VOTE FOR CASEY WAS CALCULATED WHILE THE VOTE FOR WILSON WAS REJECTED SINCE THE INDIVIDUAL HAD ONLY DRAWN A STRAIGHT LINE IN THE BOX NOT INDICATING A DEFINATE VOTE BY INTERSECTING LINES. THE TALLY CLERKS CALCULATED ONE VOTE FOR CASEY, ONLY.

THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS ALSO DISCOVERED A BALLOT IN WHICH WHITE OUT CORRECTION FLUID HAD BEEN USED TO CORRECT SOME VOTES CAST BY THE INDIVIDUAL. IT APPEARED THAT THE PERSON CHANGED HIS MIND IN THE PARTY HE WANTED TO SUPPORT SINCE THE VOTES WERE CAST FOR REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES, THEN CORRECTED WITH WHITE OUT, AND CAST AGAIN FOR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES. IN CONSULTING THE CANVASSERS MARKING OUTLINE, THE BOARD WAS INFORMED THAT WHITE OUT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO USE ON A BALLOT. AS A RESULT BENNET, DAVIS AND WILSON HAD ALL RECEIVED ACCEPTABLE VOTES BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE BOARD MEMBERS.

THE CANDIDATES HAD CHALLENGED TWO BALLOTS IN CAN NUMBER THREE. BOTH BALLOTS WERE CHALLENGED FOR THE MARKINGS MADE BY THE INDIVIDUAL VOTERS AND IF THEY WERE ACCEPTABLE OR NOT. ONE BALLOT WAS CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE BY THE BOARD MEMBERS SINCE AFTER MAGNIFYING THE MARKS FOUND THEY INTERSECTED IN THE BOX AND WERE OF A CONSISTANT STYLE ON THE ENTIRE BALLOT. IT WAS A CHECK MARK WITH A QUESTIONABLE VERTEX IN THE BOX. THE SECOND BALLOT WAS CHALLENGED BY THE CANDIDATE SINCE THE MARK MADE BY THE VOTER DID NOT INTERSECT IN THE BOX DESIGNATED. THE BOARD MEMBERS AGREED THAT THE LINES DID NOT INTERSECT AND DISALLOWED THE TABULATION OF ANY VOTES ON THE BALLOT. IT WAS BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE BOARD MEMBERS.

THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS CONCLUDED THEIR RECOUNT OF THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WITH A TOTAL OF SIX SPOILED BALLOTS AND 81 SPLIT BALLOTS FOR THE BANGOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES WHO REQUESTED THE RECOUNT ONLY. THERE WERE ADDITIONAL SPLIT BALLOTS IN THE GROUP, WHICH DID NOT EFFECT THE RACE FOR THE TRUSTEES.

ALL MATERIALS WERE PLACED BACK INTO THE BALLOT BAG AND SEALED WITH METAL SEAL NUMBER 583016. THEN PLACED INTO THE CAN AND SEALED WITH METAL SEAL NUMBER 583030. THE TALLY CLERKS GAVE THEIR NEW RESULTS AS FOLLOWS: BENNETT 948 VOTES (INCREASE OF 9 VOTES); CASEY 833 VOTES (INCREASE OF 2 VOTES); DAVIS 870 VOTES (INCREASE OF 5 VOTES); AND WILSON 862 VOTES (INCREASE OF 1 VOTE). THE RESULTS OF THE NEW CANVASS/RECOUNT DID NOT EFFECT ANY OF THE POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY AWARDED TO THE TRUSTEES WITH THE LARGER NUMBER OF VOTES.

THE CANVASS HAD CONCLUDED AT 10:55 AM. THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1988.

Donald C. Chevalier
DONALD CHEVALIER, CHAIRMAN

Walter Wozniak, Jr.
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Linda L. Tober
LINDA TOBER, DEPUTY CLERK