

The Canvassing Board met on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Supervisor of Elections Headquarters, 250 South Broadway, Bartow, Florida. The meeting was called to order by City Clerk Clara VanBlargan.

CANVASSING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Thornhill; Betty Wojcik; Terrye Y. Howell

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk/Chief Elections Officer

CALL TO ORDER

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Commissioner Wojcik made a motion to appoint Commissioner Thornhill as Chairman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell.

By Voice Vote:

All "YAY"; None "NAY"

REVIEW ABSENTEE BALLOT CRITERIA SHEET

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan reported that 1,893 absentee ballots were requested and mailed, of which 1,207 ballots were returned. She said she reviewed the returned ballots and 1,182 were valid and 24 were not. The Canvassing Board will review those 24 ballots.

The City Clerk asked for a motion to accept the absent ballots as reviewed by her and direct Supervisor of Elections staff to begin processing them. Commissioner Howell made the first motion and Commissioner Thornhill seconded the motion.

By Voice Vote:

All "YAY"; None "NAY"

The Canvassing Board recessed at 5:38 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:48 pm.

REVIEW 24 ABSENTEE BALLOTS AS RECOMMENDED BY CITY CLERK

The City Clerk reported that 16 of the 24 absentee ballots mailed were undelivered and the other 8 needed to be reviewed by the Canvassing Board. Seven of the 8 absent ballots is where husband and wife signed each other's ballot and the other one the signature needed to be reviewed.

Two more absentee ballots were received.

The Canvassing Board reviewed the 10 absent ballots and 6 were accepted and 4 were not. The City Clerk said the updated total valid absentee ballots were 1,188.

The City Clerk asked for a motion to direct Supervisor of Elections staff to begin processing the 6 valid absentee ballots reviewed by the Canvassing Board. Commissioner Thornhill made the first motion and Commissioner Wojcik seconded the motion.

By Voice Vote:

All "YAY"; None "NAY"

The Canvassing Board recessed at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:27 pm.

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Supervisor of Elections provided the unofficial Results of the Absentee Ballots to the Canvassing Board. The report is as follows:

Mayor; Seat 1, At-Large

Total unofficial absentee votes cast: 505

- Eugene Fultz received 349 votes or 69.11%
- Curtis Gibson received 156 votes or 30.89%.

Commissioner; Seat 4, District 27

Total votes cast: 504

- Pedro (Peter) Perez received 336 votes or 66.67%
- L. Jack VanSickle received 168 votes or 33.33%.

The Canvassing Board recessed at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:41 pm.

TOTAL UNOFFICIAL RESULTS INCLUDING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The Supervisor of Elections provided the unofficial Results including Absentee Ballots to the Canvassing Board. The report is as follows:

Mayor; Seat 1, At-Large

Total votes cast: 1,650

- Eugene Fultz received 1,107 votes or 67.09%
- Curtis Gibson received 543 votes or 32.91%.

Commissioner; Seat 4, District 27

Total votes cast: 1,686

- Pedro (Peter) Perez received 1,070 votes or 63.46%
- L. Jack VanSickle received 616 votes or 36.54%.

The City Clerk reminded the Canvassing Board will Certify the Final Official Results at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2015.

The Canvassing Board adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Chairman/Commissioner

ATTEST:

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan, MMC