

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CARTERET
1510 LIVE OAK STREET
BEAUFORT, NC 28516
November 17, 2006**

The Carteret County Board of Elections met on this date at 11 AM in the Board of Elections office for canvass. All three board members were present along with Director Lindy Lewis and Elections Specialist Sharon Lewis. Members of the media were present from The Gam, Carteret County News-Times, and TV-49 Headline News. District 2 County Commissioner candidates Ray Muns and Wade Nelms were both present.

197 Provisional ballots were presented to board members by Director Lewis and Elections Specialist Sharon Lewis. Beaufort 1 had returned 6 provisional envelopes to the office that did not contain ballots. Office staff had contacted Chief Judge Wilson who verified that the voters had inserted their ballots in the M100. Poll workers had failed to complete the transfer information and had erroneously completed the provisional envelopes as the address changes. Emerald Isle had also returned 1 empty provisional envelope for the same reason. Board of Elections office staff recommended 139 ballots for approval, 58 for non-approval. There were an additional 2 ballots that had been returned to the board; one by Newport 2 and one by Merrimon which were not readable by the M100. These ballots had been stored in the auxiliary ballot bin for the board to review per staff's instructions. Member Verdon made the motion to approve 139 provisional ballots per staff's recommendation. Motion was seconded by Secretary Rivers and passed, 3-0. Member Verdon also made the motion to not approve 58 provisional ballots per recommendation. Secretary Rivers seconded the motion. Chairman Henderson voiced concerns regarding the voters who were registered in other counties regarding eligibility to vote in state-wide races. Motion passed, 2-1. Board members and staff opened the approved provisional envelopes and tabulated them in an M100. There were seven ballots that had to be hand-counted by the board. Tally sheets for these ballots are attached to the minutes. The two ballots returned to the board for review were also hand-counted and included in the totals. After canvass, Chairman Henderson announced the totals. Incumbent District 2 County Commissioner Ray Muns had received the majority of the votes from the provisional ballots and was now the winner for this race. Candidate Wade Nelms immediately presented Director Lewis with a written request for a recount. The board set the date and time for the recount (machine) as Monday, November 20, 2006 at 1 PM in the Board of Elections office. Member Verdon stated that she would be out of town for the entire next week and could not be present. Republican Party Chairman Bob Pruett was present and stated he would also be out of town and would appoint Al Behler as the observer in Member Verdon's place for the recount.

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A list of the provisional voters and the official results after canvass are attached to these minutes.

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Henderson, Chairman



Harry Rivers, Secretary



Sue Verdon, Member

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