

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CARTERET
1510 LIVE OAK STREET
BEAUFORT, NC 28516
November 20, 2006**

The Carteret County Board of Elections met on this date at 1 PM in the Board of Elections office for a machine recount. Chairman Henderson and Secretary Rivers were present along with Al Behler who was the observer for the Republican party in Member Verdon's absence. Director Lindy Lewis and staff were also present. Ray Muns and Wade Nelms, both candidates for the District 2 County Commissioner race were present. Mr. Nelms was accompanied by his legal counsel, Jerry Meek who is also Chairman of the NC Democratic Party.

Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 1 PM. Chairman Henderson made the motion that if the loser after today's machine recount requested a hand-to-eye recount that it be a complete hand-to-eye count. Motion was seconded by Secretary Rivers and passed, 2-0. Chairman Henderson stated that it was his opinion that in a race this close it must be done in the most accurate manner with a complete count. He further stated that he and the office staff had been notified approximately an hour before the recount that the M650 high-speed counter should not be utilized during the recount as it had not been utilized during the election period.

Director Lewis called in workers to complete the recount including Candace Fulcher, Liz Cantrell, Bev Stone, Betsy Behler, Chris Flynt and Mike Bertino. Ballots that would not scan in the M100's were reviewed by the board and hand-counted by a team of 7 ballot counters including Chairman Henderson, Secretary Rivers, and Al Behler.

Chairman Henderson announced the results at 12:15 PM. Incumbent Commissioner Ray Muns continued to be the winner by a margin of 9 votes. Official results are attached to these minutes.

Candidate Wade Nelms immediately requested a hand-to-eye recount. His written request is attached to the minutes. Chairman Henderson and Secretary Rivers announced that the recount would be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 beginning at 9 AM. Director Lewis is to search out a suitable location for the recount which will be announced.

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 12:25 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,



Bill Henderson, Chairman



Harry Rivers, Secretary



Sue Verdon, Member

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