

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CARTERET  
1510 LIVE OAK STREET  
BEAUFORT, NC 28516  
November 29, 2006

The Carteret County Board of Elections met this date at 8:00 AM in the Board of Elections office. All three board members were present along with Director Lindy Lewis.

Transfer ballot bags were loaded and the November 7, 2006 ballots were securely transported to the site which previously housed the Beaufort Elementary School cafeteria for the recount. Secretary Rivers accompanied the ballots and was assisted by Public Buildings staff.

Director Lewis addressed the teams of ballots counters at 8:30 AM and provided written and oral instruction on the recount process. A copy of the instructions along with team assignments is attached to the minutes.

At the conclusion of the hand-to-eye recount, Chairman Henderson announced the results. Board members had canvassed the tally sheets prior to this announcement to double-check the accuracy of each tallied line. Candidate Wade Nelms was announced as the winner by a 3 vote margin. Incumbent candidate Ray Muns presented Director Lewis with a handwritten letter of protest which was presented to the board. A copy of the protest is also attached to the minutes.

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting.

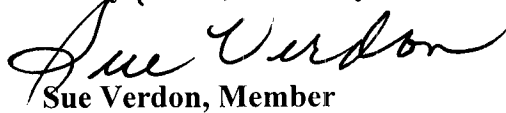
Respectfully submitted,



Bill Henderson, Chairman



Harry Rivers, Secretary



Sue Verdon, Member

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29 NOV 2006

To The Carteret County Board of Elections:

I protest the results of the recount of 29

November 2006. I believe there are

errors in the count and unexplained discrepancies

in the tabulations, due to the variance in

the results.

The results of the original count indicated

a one-vote victory. The machine recount

resulted in a nine vote victory, but

the hand-eye recount resulted in a 33 three

vote loss.

Raymond M. Pfen

## **Instructions for Ballot Counters**

**You have been assigned to a team of six workers per table. There will be a caller and two workers separately keeping a tally sheet. Each of these three workers will have an observer of the opposite political party working with them. Our goal is to accurately hand count the ballots in the District 2 County Commissioner race.**

**The District 2 County Commissioner seat will be the only race counted during this hand-to-eye recount. This race is located on the front page of your ballot and is the third race in the second column. The Straight Party Ticket is also located on the front page of your ballot and is the first box in the first column under the instructions to voters.**

**CALLERS – Candidates will be called by LAST name only. You will need to look at the individual race first and call for the candidate marked in this box. THIS BOX WILL ALWAYS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET MARKING therefore, if this block has a distinguishing mark, there is no need to look at the Straight Party Ticket box. IF there is NO mark in this block, you WILL need to look at the Straight Party Ticket Box. If there is a mark in this box, you will need to call the correct candidate's last name who will receive this vote (not Democrat or Republican). If there is no mark for either candidate in either of these boxes, you will need to call for an under vote to be recorded. If a ballot has been marked incorrectly with a mark for both candidates, you will need to call for an over vote to be recorded. IF the marking of the ballot is unclear in any manner, you will need to place the ballot in an envelope provided in the center of your table marked "Ballots for Review by the Board" for the precinct being called. The board will review these ballots after all other ballots for the precinct have been tallied but before the precinct totals have been tabulated. See instructions below for tally recorders regarding the use of tally sheets. Ballots will be stacked in groups of approximately 40 – 50 ballots. Please stop and reconcile before beginning a new stack of ballots. Once you have reconciled, please turn those ballots face down on your table. This periodic check will prevent workers from rechecking an entire group of 100 ballots should there be a discrepancy.**

**OBSERVERS – You need to be positioned so that you can clearly see the ballot that is being called. You will be responsible for examining the ballot just as if you were calling from that ballot. Be certain that the caller is correctly reading the ballot and calling the correct candidate. If there is any discrepancy, stop the process for clarification. Both caller and observer must agree on each ballot called. If the caller and observer do not agree on a ballot, there should be no further discussion. At this point, the ballot should immediately be placed in the envelope provided to be reviewed by the board after all other ballots have been counted for your precinct.**

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Ballot Counter Instructions

**TALLY RECORDERS** – Your job is to correctly “record the tally of votes for each candidate on paper while stating aloud after each choice is read on the fifth tally for a particular candidate, the word “tally.” This description is taken directly from Election Law, Administrative Code 8 NCAC 9.0106. Tally sheets will be provided, one for each recorder, for each precinct. The recorder needs to record either a vote for one of the candidates, an over vote, or an under vote from each ballot called. Every time you mark a tally line, you need to call “tally” out loud. If the other recorder in your team does not have a tally, the process needs to stop until both recorders are reconciled. When one candidate reaches an increment of 100, total all four lines. You will resume counting the next increment of 100 on the line below. See example of tally sheet attached.

**TALLY OBSERVERS** - Your job is to observe the person recording the tallies. Each tally recorder will have an observer assigned as a doublecheck for accuracy. Please listen carefully to the ballot caller and make certain that the tally sheet is marked correctly.

**NOTES**

I have initially assigned positions for each official. You may rotate and change positions within your team if you feel the need to do so.

The board members and our office staff will be available if you have questions as we will not be participating as part of a team.

Please turn all cell phones off and keep the noise to a minimum. We will be monitoring the public who will have access to the recount and we will not allow cell phones or conversation to take place within the building in order for you to concentrate on the task at hand. If a team needs to take a break, we would need to do so when ending the count on a precinct, rather than in mid-count.

The board and staff will assist you once you have completed the count of a precinct. We will come to your table, secure the ballots and all necessary documents. Each team official needs to sign both tally sheets for each precinct. Once the ballots and documents have been secured, we will assign another precinct to your team and provide you with the appropriate ballots and tally sheets.

Example

	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	TOTAL
WADE NELMS												100
RAY MUNS												99
UNDER VOTES												14
OVER VOTES												2

	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	TOTAL
WADE NELMS												99
RAY MUNS												100
UNDER VOTES												18
OVER VOTES												4

	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	TOTAL
WADE NELMS												
RAY MUNS												
UNDER VOTES												
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RAY MUNS												
UNDER VOTES												
OVER VOTES												

Not for official use - example only

**Ballot Counters**

**November 29, 2006 Recount**

**Team 1**

**Kenny Weiss (D)—caller  
Nancy Garner (R)—caller observer  
Dot Hewitt (D)—tally sheet  
Bev Stone (R)—tally observer  
Pat Kelly (D)—tally observer  
Sheryl Salter (R)—tally sheet**

**Team 2**

**Ben Day (D)—caller  
Mike Bertino (R)—caller observer  
Liz Cantrell (D)—tally sheet  
Betsy Behler (R)—tally observer  
Bonnie Davis (R)—tally sheet  
Cindy Robinson (D)—tally observer**

**Team 3**

**Treva Nelson (R)—caller  
Kay Chadwick (D)—caller observer  
Margaret Wallace (D)—tally sheet  
Jennifer Styron (R)—tally observer  
Clarence Williams (R)—tally sheet  
Miriam Phillips (D)—tally observer**

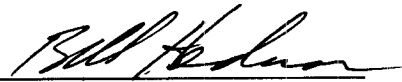
**Team 4**

**Elaine Tempel (R)—caller  
Marilyn Murdoch (D)—caller observer  
John Warrington (R)—tally sheet  
Christine Mitchell (D)—tally observer  
Ronald Chipman (D)—tally sheet  
Tish Tickle (R)—tally observer**

**Dorothy Childress (R) replaced John Warrington (R) at 11:00 AM. Team 4  
Nancy Forester (R) replaced Mike Bertino (R) at 11:00 AM. Team 2  
Carol Clark (R) replaced Clarence Williams (R) at 11:00 AM. Team 3  
Mary Frankle (R) replaced Bonnie Davis (R) at 11:30 AM. Team 2  
Mark Lietz (R) replaced Tish Tickle (R) at 12:30 PM. Team 4  
Evelyn Lewis (D) replaced Pat Kelly (D) at 1:30 PM. Team 1  
Vilma Morris (D) replaced Dot Hewitt (D) at 1:30 PM. Team 1  
Liz Cantrell (D) replaced Ben Day (D) at 1:30 PM. Team 2  
Pat Kelly (D) replaced Kenny Weiss (D) at 1:45 PM. Team 1  
Kay Haskins (D) replaced Liz Cantrell (D) at 2:00 PM. Team 2**

## Public Notice

**The Carteret County Board of Elections met on Monday, November 27, 2006 and voted to set the date for a preliminary consideration of election protest. The consideration is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2006 at 8AM and will be heard in the Board of Elections office which is located at 1510 Live Oak Street, Beaufort, NC.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Henderson", written over a horizontal line.

**Bill Henderson, Chairman**