

**State of North Carolina
County of Carteret
1510 Live Oak Street
Beaufort, NC 28516
May 9, 2006
Canvass**

The Carteret County Board of Elections met on this date at 10 AM in the Elections' office for the precinct sampling hand-to-eye count and canvass. All three board members along with office staff and ballot counters were present. A bi-partisan team of four ballot counters were contracted to hand count ballots for the Otway/Straits and Stacy precincts. Counters were Dot Hewitt, Liz Cantrell, Al Behler, and Pat Kelly.

Counters were to count the office of Supreme Court Associate Justice (Wainwright seat) only for a sampling of two precincts. The ballots for the Otway/Straits precinct ballots were counted first with a total of 391 ballots. The Stacy precinct ballots were then counted with a total of 75 ballots. Totals for all candidates matched the totals printed by machines on election night. A copy of each tally sheet was attached to the hand-counted ballots and the other copy was included in the precinct's return envelope. A post-election ballot audit report was completed and forwarded to the NC SBOE.

Board members began the canvass proceedings by reviewing provisional ballots. 48 provisional ballots were approved, 8 were not approved. The approved ballots were opened and hand counted. The board was then presented with 34 additional ballots from 7 different precincts. These ballots had been issued incorrectly by poll workers and could not be read by the machine due to the error. Poll workers had been instructed to secure the ballots, give a written explanation for each one, and return to the board for them to handle. Each ballot was considered and votes were tallied based on the races for which each voter had been entitled to vote. Board members were also presented with one over voted ballot from Morehead 2. The board tallied votes for all races other than the over voted race. The board was presented with one ballot which was a transfer vote. This ballot had been returned to the poll workers by the voter rather than inserted into the tabulator. The votes were recorded and included in totals. Totals were presented to the SEIMS operator, Sharon Lewis, to update in the system. The official results report was generated and signed by all three board members. One copy was mailed to the NC SBOE; another was mailed to the Darlene Leonard, Clerk of Court; and the third will be kept with original returns in the Elections' office.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bill Henderson, Chairman

Harry Rivers, Secretary

Sue Verdon, Member