

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF CARTERET  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
1510 LIVE OAK STREET  
BEAUFORT, NC 28516  
November 12, 2008**

**The Carteret County Board of Elections met on this date for a regular meeting. All three board members were present along with Director Lindy Lewis, Deputy Director Sharon Lewis and Elections Specialist Katie Muns. Bob Pruett, Observer representing the Carteret County Republican Party, was also present.**

**Chairman Henderson made a motion to move the challenge hearing that had been previously set for 9 AM this date to 11 AM on Friday, November 14, 2008 as part of the canvass meeting. Motion passed 3 -0.**

**No Public Comment.**

**Precinct sampling and audit was completed on this date. Ballot counters Liz Cantrell, Candace Fulcher and Board Members Henderson, Day and Verdon conducted the handcount. Carteret County was directed to hand count the Presidential Contest in the precincts of Mill Creek and Morehead 3. A bi-partisan team of ballot counters used tally sheets to count the votes and compare with the machine tapes printed at the polls on Election Night. A total of 278 ballots were cast in the Mill Creek precinct. These ballots were hand counted with no discrepancies noted. A total of 590 ballots were cast in the Morehead 3 precinct. Ballots were hand counted with one discrepancy noted. A voter had written in a name for the Presidential Contest on the write-in line provided. However, the voter did not color in the oval to indicate the write-in vote. The M100 tabulator in Morehead 3 recorded the vote as an under vote as no oval was marked in that race. However, during the hand count, the board voted to count the vote as a write-in vote. Colin Powell was the recorded write-in. Totals for Barack Obama, John McCain and Bob Barr remained the same with totals for under votes being decreased from 7 to 6 and write-in votes being increased to 1.**

**There were 348 provisional ballots cast during the One-Stop Early Voting period and on Election Day. Staff provided recommendations to the board on whether provisional ballots should be approved or not approved based on research of voter registration records and records from other government agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. The board approved 177 provisional ballots and did not approve 166 ballots at today's meeting. Five provisional ballots require additional research and will be voted on during the canvass meeting on Friday. The board will be meeting at 11 AM on Friday, November 14, 2008 to canvass the votes.**

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

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**Respectfully submitted,**

**Bill Henderson, Chairman**

**Ben Day, Secretary**

**Sue Verdon, Member**

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