

DeFuniak Springs City Council
Canvassing Board
April 9, 2019

The following canvassing board members were present: Councilmember Henry Ennis, City Electorate Jack Owen and Debra Gibson, City Manager Mell Smigielski, and City Clerk Loretta Laird. Walton County Supervisor of Elections representatives included: Bobby Beasley, Ryan R Messer, Brandon Rose, Randal G. Messer, Patty Broadway, and Karina Harris.

Councilman Ennis called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. at the DeFuniak Springs Community Center. Canvassing board members confirmed the seal numbers on the absentee ballot bags and ballot box. Committee members Kelly Schultz, Craig Drake, Mell Smigielski, Loretta Laird, Debra Gibson, and Jack Owen were given the absentee ballot batches to open.

There were five spoiled ballots which consisted of Spoiled Ballot 01 – Remarkd ballot due to check marks on original ballot; Spoiled Ballot 02 – Light pen mark in oval; Spoiled Ballot 03 – Light mark on Seat 1 oval; Spoiled Ballot 04 – Seat 3 over mark; Spoiled Ballot 05 – Overseas ballot. There were two rejected ballots due to signatures and five absentee/mail ballots that were processed that had original signature concerns.

Randal Messer, Walton County Supervisor of Elections representative, scanned all 516 absentee ballots into the digital scan machine. City Clerk Laird announced the absentee and polling results and then provided the unofficial result totals as follows:

	Election Poll Results	Mail and Absentee Results	Total
<u>Council Seat #1</u>			
Todd Bierbaum	557	258	815
Janie Griffith	272	242	514
<u>Council Seat #2</u>			
Robert McKnight	531	232	763
Kermit Wright	293	268	561
<u>Council Seat #3</u>			
Robert McKnight	523	222	745
Ron Kelley	311	275	586
<u>Council Seat #1</u>			
Donald L Graham	153	37	190
James Hurley Jr.	273	315	588
Mark Weeks	420	163	583

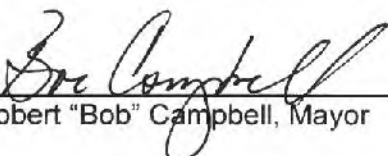
City Clerk Laird stated a machine audit would be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at the Walton County Supervisor of Elections Office located at 571 U. S. Hwy. 90 West, at 10 a.m. Laird stated the percentage is 0.367 percent which is less than the required 0.5 percentage; this is the reasoning for the machine recount In accordance with Florida Statute 102.141(7).

Committee member Smigielski made a motion to accept the unofficial election results as presented, seconded by Committee member Laird. Smigielski: Aye; Laird: Aye; Ennis: Aye; Gibson: Aye; Owen: Aye **Motion carried 5-0.**

The canvassing board members signed the unofficial results, which were posted at the DeFuniak Springs City Hall, the DeFuniak Springs Community Center, and the Walton County Supervisor of Elections office. The results were also posted on the DeFuniak Springs and Supervisor of Elections websites.

There being no further business, Chairman Ennis adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ADOPTED this 13 day of May, 2019


Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia Permenter, Deputy Clerk