



**CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS
CANVASSING BOARD MINUTES**

JANUARY 26, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Walton County Commissioners Board Room

The City of DeFuniak Springs Canvassing Board met in the Walton County Commissioner Board Room, and the Canvassing Board members present were: Councilmember Kevin Crystal, Councilmember Todd Bierbaum and Mayor Campbell. City Attorney Clay Adkinson and City Clerk Maryanne Schrader were present. Election Committee present were City Manager Mell Smigielski, Deputy City Manager Carisse LeJeune, Finance Director Debra Gibson. Deputy City Clerk Cynthia Permenter. Also present were Walton County Supervisor of Election Bobby Beasley, Ryan Messer, and Brandon Rose. City Marshal James Hurley, Jr. and Councilmember Robert McKnight were present after 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called for a recess and then reopened the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Walton County Supervisor of Election Bobby Beasley explained the process for unsealing the absentee mail ballots. The Election Committee began opening the ballots. It was confirmed there were 142 ballots. It was determined that there were five ballots returned as undeliverable by the Canvassing Board. It was noted that there was one ineligible ballot from a military ballot with an inaccurate change of address.

Canvassing board members confirmed the seal numbers on the DS450 machine with Supervisor of Elections staff. Mr. Randall Messer processed the ballots at 6:24 p.m. The canvassing board members confirmed the predetermined results. It was noted that there were three spoiled ballots from an inaccurate timing mark. The duplicate ballots were refeed into the machine and counted. The three spoiled ballots were marked as defective and placed into the spoiled ballot envelope. The duplicate ballots were marked as duplicate.

The Canvassing Board noted there was one provisional ballot cast which was placed in a sealed bag #3285410.

At 7:00 p.m. City Attorney Clay Adkinson announced the absentee/mail and polling results and then provided the unofficial result totals for the Charter Referendum as:

Election Poll Results	Mail and Absentee Results	Total
Yes = 161	103	264
No = 18	39	57

Total of Election Day and Mail/Absentee Ballots = 321



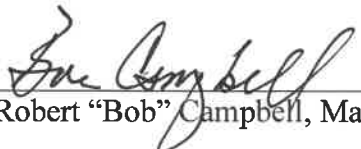
The Canvassing Board members verified seals on the 2021 election ballot containers and the DS450 machine.

The Canvassing Board signed the unofficial results for the City Referendum which were posted at the DeFuniak Springs City Hall, the DeFuniak Springs Community Center, and the Walton County Supervisor of Elections office, as well as on the DeFuniak Springs and Supervisor of Elections websites.

City Clerk M. Schrader stated the next meeting of the Canvassing Board is scheduled for Thursday, January 29th at 4:30 p.m. to verify the seals for the ballots and announce the election results.

Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

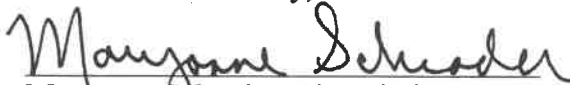
Adopted this 8th day of February 2021.


Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

Minutes taken by,


Cynthia Permenter

Minutes submitted by,


Maryanne Schrader, City Clerk
Proper notice having been duly given

