

CANVASSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2001

Mayor Quesinberry called an emergency meeting of the Canvassing Board to order at 6:41 p.m. at Tanner Hall, 29 W. Garden Street, Winter Garden, Florida.

PRESENT: Mayor Jack Quesinberry, Commissioners, Theo Graham, John Harriman and Howard Marbury (arrived at 6:47 p.m.); City Manager Hollis Holden and City Clerk Kathy Montoya and resident Lonnie Hayes

ABSENT: Commissioner John Rees

Mayor Quesinberry opened the meeting stating that the purpose of the meeting was to count the run-off election votes for Anderson and Dixon.

City Clerk Montoya stated that Mr. Lonnie Hayes was present to address the Canvassing Board regarding his absentee ballot.

Mr. Lonnie Hayes, 865 Klondike Street, Winter Garden, Florida, stated that he was present to request that the Canvassing Board accept the ballot he just cast and reject the absentee ballot returned by the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office (OCSEO) because he did not vote on an absentee ballot. He stated that the reason he was before the Canvassing Board was because of a phone call he received from the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office (OCSEO) asking him if he voted. He stated he did not vote absentee and they advised him to contact Ms. Montoya, which he did. Ms. Montoya informed him that he could cast his vote at Tanner Hall at 6:30 p.m. and make a request to the Canvassing Board that they accept his ballot, which is what he is present to ask to Board to do.

Motion by Commissioner Harriman to accept Mr. Lonnie Hayes vote at Tanner Hall and reject the absentee ballot. Seconded by Commissioner Graham and carried 4-0. (For tallying purposes, this vote was included in the absentee totals.)

At this time, the Board canvassed the 15 absentee ballots received.

Anderson 5 Votes

Dixon 9 Votes

Note: Mr. Hayes' absentee ballot was removed as a rejected ballot per his request.

The Board recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:14 p.m. after receiving the last 15 absentee ballots from the OCSEO of which, 8 were accepted and 7 needed to be reviewed on the advice of OCSEO.

Mayor Quesinberry and the Board reviewed the 7 irregular signatures and City Manager Holden read the notations made by the OCSEO when they tried to contact the voter.

Motion by Commissioner Harriman to reject the 7 irregular signature absentee ballots received. Seconded by Commissioner Graham and carried 4-0.

Of the 8 acceptable ballots, one ballot had an "X" as the signature. The Canvassing Board compared the signatures. **Motion by Commissioner Graham to accept the absentee ballot with an "X" that the Orange County Supervisor of Elections has verified as a valid signature. Seconded by Commissioner Marbury and carried 4-0.**

ABSENTEE BALLOT SUMMARY OF THE 46 REQUESTED, AS REPORTED BY OCSEO:

22 Accepted

7 To be checked

1 Returned undeliverable by the post office (kept by Orange County)

16 Not returned

At this time, the ballots from Precinct 3103 were received in a sealed ballot box. Mayor Quesinberry broke the seal and removed the ballots. There were 90 ballots cast and the final count was Johnnie Mae Anderson 50 and Mildred Dixon 40.

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Absentee Ballots</u>	<u>West Orange Library</u>	<u>UNOFFICIAL</u>
TOTALS:			
Anderson	6	50	56
Dixon	17	40	57

(Note the total absentee ballots includes Mr. Hayes vote)

After lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Canvassing Board not to certify the election results pending additional information from the OCSEO regarding the absentee ballots. The meeting was adjourned until the regular City Commission meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2001, 6:30 p.m. The election results remain unofficial.