

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS  
RECOUNTE OF GIBSON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

DECEMBER 14, 1988

THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS MET WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1988 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE RECOUNTE OF A.V. VOTES FOR THE OFFICE OF GIBSON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR. THE BALLOTS TO BE RECOUNTE WERE FOR THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES: BARBARA A. WENKEL, INCUMBENT, AND ALAN HITZ, AS CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS FROM THE NOVEMBER 8, 1988, GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE PRESENT FOR THE RECOUNTE PROCEDURE:

BARBARA ALBERTSON, COUNTY CLERK  
CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK  
DONALD CHEVALIER, CHAIRMAN  
WALTER WOZNIAK, JR., VICE-CHAIRMAN  
RICHARD BRZEZINSKI, BOARD MEMBER  
WALLACE NIELSEN, BOARD MEMBER  
DELORES NIEDZINSKI, TALLY CLERK  
BETTY CAVANAUGH, TALLY CLERK  
LARRY CAMERON, GIBSON TWP. CLERK  
GEORGE MULLISON, BAY CO. PROSECUTOR  
MRS. HITZ, REPRESENTING ALAN HITZ  
BARBARA A. WENKEL, INCUMBENT SUPERVISOR

CHAIRMAN CHEVALIER EXPLAINED TO THE CANDIDATES HOW THE RECOUNTE PROCEDURE WOULD BE CONDUCTED. AS THE RETURN SHEET SUBMITTED BY THE CLERK HAD INDICATED A TOTAL OF 40 VOTES CAST, THE BOARD COMPARED INFORMATION WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE POLL BOOK. THE CANDIDATES WERE INFORMED THAT THEY COULD CHALLENGE ANY BALLOT THEY SO DESIRED, BUT THAT THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO HANDLE ANY OF THE BALLOTS. THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS INSPECTED THE BALLOT CAN WHICH HAD BEEN PROPERLY SEALED WITH STATE OF MICHIGAN METAL TAG #583394. ONCE BROKEN, THE BOARD FOUND THE BALLOTS INSIDE, CONTAINED IN A BROWN PAPER BAG. SINCE THE BAG WAS INDEED SEALED THE BALLOT WERE REMOVED. THE TOWNSHIP CLERK, LARRY CAMERON, WAS THEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN THE PROPER BALLOT BAG WITH THE ZIPPER LOCK FOR A TAG SEAL PROTECTION IN THE FUTURE ELECTIONS. REMOVED FROM THE BAG WAS SEAL NUMBER 583385, WHICH CONTAINED THE DELTA COLLEGE BALLOTS. CLERK ALBERTSON HAD CAMERON PLACE ELECTION BALLOTS IN. ONCE REVIEWED, THE BALLOTS REFLECTED A TOTAL OF 27 VOTES FOR WENKEL, 12 FOR HITZ, AND ONE BALLOT NOT VOTED IN THE ABSENT VOTER BALLOT COUNT. THIS DID NOT CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION, EVEN THOUGH EACH CANDIDATE HAD OBTAINED ONE ADDITIONAL VOTE IN COMPARISON TO THE POLL BOOK ACCOUNT.

THE BALLOTS WERE INSERTED BACK INTO A BAG WHILE THE TOWNSHIP CLERK SEARCHED FOR A SEAL. AS THERE WERE NO SEALS AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, THE CLERK TRAVELED TO HIS NEARBY HOME TO RETURN WITH ONLY ONE SEAL. THE SEAL NUMBER 3215, WAS PLACED ON THE BALLOT BAG FOR SECURITY WHILE THE COUNTY CLERK OFFERED TO TRANSPORT THE BALLOT CAN SECURELY TO HER OFFICE FOR A PROPER SEAL. LATER THAT AFTERNOON, SEAL NUMBER 584311 WAS PLACED ON THE BALLOT CAN AS WITNESSED BY THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS.

Donald Chevalier  
DONALD CHEVALIER, CHAIRMAN

Richard Brzezinski  
RICHARD BRZEZINSKI, MEMBER

Walter Wozniak, Jr.  
WALTER WOZNIAK, JR.-VICE

Wallace Nielsen  
WALLACE NIELSEN, MEMBER

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BARBARA ALBERTSON  
BAY COUNTY CLERK