

BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 20, 1988

THE BAY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION MET FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1988 IN THE OFFICE OF THE BAY COUNTY CLERK, BARBARA ALBERTSON. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CLERK AT 2:10 P.M.

PRESENT WERE: BARBARA ALBERTSON, BAY COUNTY CLERK
 PAUL DONER, PROBATE COURT JUDGE
 EDWARD LEWANDOWSKI, BAY CO. TREASURER

BAY COUNTY CLERK, BARBARA ALBERTSON, EXPLAINED A PROBLEM WHICH HAD SURFACED WITH THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT. MS. ALBERTSON STATED THAT THE VOTING MACHINES FOR THE PRECINCTS COULD NOT ACCOMODATE ALL OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION. IN A PREVIOUS LAYOUT OF THE CANDIDATES NAMES ON THE BALLOT, MS. ALBERTSON FOUND THAT THERE WERE FOUR OFFICES TO GO ON THE MACHINE AND THAT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH ROOM AVAILABLE FOR THEM.

MS. ALBERTSON INDICATED THAT BAY WAS NOT THE ONLY COUNTY WHICH ENCOUNTERED THIS CONFLICT IN BALLOT ARRANGEMENT. SHE THEN READ A PORTION OF A LETTER FROM THE STATE DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT THE PART OF THE BALLOT WHICH COULD NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE VOTING MACHINE, BE PRINTED ON PAPER BALLOT AND SHOULD INCLUDE THE NON-PARTISAN, UNCONTESTED CANDIDATES. ACCORDING TO THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW RULE, THE CANDIDATES FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOULD BE THE CANDIDATES TO BE PLACED ON PAPER BALLOTS IF NECESSARY. SINCE THERE WERE NO LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION ON THE BALLOT, THEY SUGGESTED THAT ONLY UNCONTESTED GO ON, HOWEVER, THE CLERK HAD CONFERRED WITH DOUBLEDAY BROTHERS PRINTERS, THE STATE, AND LOCAL PRINTERS, AND IN SO DOING FOUND THAT THE COUNTY COULD UTILIZE PAPER BALLOTS WHERE THE CONTESTED RACES OCCURED. BARB ALBERTSON RECOMMENDED THAT THE DELTA COLLEGE TRUSTEES FOR THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BE PLACED ON THE SEPERATE PAPER BALLOT WHICH WOULD BE USED THROUGHOUT ALL THE TOWNSHIP VOTING PRECINCTS. THERE WAS SOME ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION HELD ON THE CANDIDATES AND WHICH COUNTY THEY WOULD BE RUNNING IN. MS. ALBERTSON RECOMMENDED THAT THE PAPER BALLOTS BE ISSUED FOR THE ENTIRE GROUP OF DELTA COLLEGE TRUSTEES, EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE TWO CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR MIDLAND COUNTY.

MOTION: WITH THE ABOVE EXPLANATION GIVEN, BAY COUNTY TREASURER, EDWARD LEWANDOWSKI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE PRINTING OF PAPER BALLOTS FOR THE VOTING MACHINE PRECINCTS FOR BANGOR THROUGH WILLIAMS TOWNSHIPS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE DELTA COLLEGE TRUSTEES. ALSO, THAT BARB ALBERTSON, CLERK, BE DIRECTED TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL ELECTION WORKERS, INCLUDING THE TOWNSHIP CLERKS AND PRECINCT ELECTION WORKERS, BE INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO HANDLE THE PAPER BALLOTS FOR THE DELTA COLLEGE TRUSTEES, IN THE PROPER MANNER. JUDGE PAUL DONER SUPPORTED THE MOTION AND IT WAS PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE OF 3 YEAS, 0 NAYS.

MS. ALBERTSON FURTHER EXPLAINED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT ONCE THE BALLOT HAD BEEN PRINTED, SHE WOULD CALL ANOTHER MEETING TO APPROVE IT. THE BALLOT WOULD THEN BE SENT TO LANSING FOR FORMAT APPROVAL AND THEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE CANDIDATES (PROOF-BALLOT), BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL. THE CANDIDATE WOULD VERIFY THE INFORMATION ON THE PROOF-BALLOT AND THEN RETURN TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

WITH NO OTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE SESSION WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


BARBARA ALBERTSON
BAY COUNTY CLERK