

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 10, 2000, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Darcie K. Salmon. The purpose of the special meeting was to certify the October 3, 2000, election results and swear in the newly elected assembly members.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Larry DeVilbiss, Assembly District No. 1  
Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2  
Mr. Jim Colberg, Assembly District No. 3  
Mr. Dan Kelly, Assembly District No. 4  
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Jim Turner, Assembly District No. 6  
Mr. Doyle Holmes, Assembly District No. 7 (Deputy Mayor)

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra Dillon, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Duffy, Acting Borough Manager  
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Elizabeth Manfred, Borough Deputy Clerk  
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director  
Mr. Karl Borglum, Borough Assessor  
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Assemblymember Holmes.

**IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**A. CERTIFICATION OF OCTOBER 3, 2000, REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION**

Ms. Dillon:

- thanked the 130 election officials for maintaining the integrity of the election;
- introduced the clerk's office staff to the assembly and audience;
- stated that the canvass board worked hard in accomplishing the research necessary regarding the absentee and questioned ballots cast;
- introduced the canvass board members present; and

- presented the retiring canvass board member, Ms. Josie Lorentzen, a certificate of appreciation for past service as an election official.

Ms. Gerry Keeling, Canvass Board Chairperson:

- stated that 325 questioned ballots, 595 absentee ballots, and 20 special needs ballots were reviewed;
- reported that 194 questioned ballots were fully counted and 69 questioned ballots were partially counted with the majority discounted for failure to meet residency requirements;
- remarked that 587 absentee ballots were counted and those discounted were for lack of proper signature;
- commented that the Division of Elections had made errors in assigning precincts to a few voters which discounted their district votes;
- spoke to a questioned ballot being recorded through the accu-vote counter at the precinct; and
- explained the personal representative ballot or special needs process and acknowledged the extra effort of a volunteer who assisted hospital patients with this election process.

Ms. Dillon read the election results into the record.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Holmes moved to accept the report of the canvass board and certify the election.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The motion passed without objection.

#### **B. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Ms. Dillon swore in newly elected Mayor Timothy L. Anderson and Assemblymembers Talis J. Colberg, Jim Colver, and Kelly Lankford Ladere.

#### **V. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Gatti:

- welcomed the new mayor and assembly members; and
- thanked the outgoing assembly members and mayor.

Ms. Dillon

- welcomed the new mayor and assembly member; and
- thanked the outgoing assembly members and mayor.

Mr. Scott:

- stated he was looking forward to working with the new mayor and assembly members; and
- thanked the mayor and assembly members for past support of employees and passage of the employee contract.

Assemblymember Colver:

- thanked his wife and family for support during the campaign;

- acknowledged the borough staff for their professionalism;
- commented that improvement to education will be a personal goal; and
- stated an interest in reviewing the Hatcher Pass management agreement.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere:

- expressed an interest in open government and sharing information with the public;
- commented that she has asked Mr. Janecek and Mr. Huggins to assist in representing her districts interests; and
- thanked District 7 voters for the opportunity to represent them.

Assemblymember Talis Colberg:

- appreciated the support received in his campaign.

Mayor Anderson:

- thanked the past mayor and assembly members for their efforts on behalf of the borough;
- acknowledged his wife's support during the campaign;
- commented on the potential of the new assembly members;
- stated his goal of continuing economic development and establishing a sound financial plan;
- requested the completion of the asset management plan;
- commented on the dedication and professionalism of the borough staff; and
- invited public input on all borough issues.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- congratulated the new mayor and assembly members; and
- extended appreciation and best wishes to the outgoing mayor and assembly members.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- appreciated the opportunity to work with the past mayor and assembly members;
- acknowledged that the Fishhook precinct had a higher voter turnout than Lazy Mountain;
- expressed a desire to combine state and borough elections on the same date; and
- welcomed the new mayor and assembly members.

Assemblymember Kelly;

- commented that the outgoing mayor and assembly members served the citizens with the best interests of the borough; and
- noted that several of the present assembly members had served as planning commissioners.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- welcomed the new assembly members;
- acknowledged Assemblymember Holmes' historical perspective to borough issues;
- thanked Assemblymember Colberg for his strong leadership skills;
- thanked Assemblymember Turner for his straightforwardness; and
- asked the assembly and public for assistance in working toward an honorable and true consensus in the valley.

Assemblymember Turner:

- thanked the attorney for his past assistance;
- acknowledged the clerk's constant professionalism;
- appreciated the manager's integrity and enthusiasm; and
- thanked the assembly for maintaining the borough's best interests as a goal.

Assemblymember Jim Colberg:

- appreciated the borough staff for attending assembly meetings;
- spoke to the importance of the democratic process;
- stated the assembly has been fiscally responsible and expects the continuation of this goal; and
- appreciated the opportunity to work for the borough.

Assemblymember Holmes

- thanked the borough staff for assistance received during his tenure;
- thanked his wife for her support over the years;
- welcomed the new mayor and assembly members; and
- presented a gift to Manager Mike Scott.

Mayor Salmon:

- introduced re-elected School Board Member Robert Wells and the newly elected School Board Member Carl Gatto;
- congratulated the new mayor and assembly members;
- acknowledged the high integrity and professionalism of the borough staff;
- stated that Mr. Gatti is very knowledgeable in municipal law;
- thanked the borough clerk for skills and talents that are second to none; and
- commented that it was a great honor to serve as mayor.

Ms. Dillon:

- presented gifts from the clerk's office and the assembly to the retiring mayor and assembly members;
- announced that a photographer is available to take pictures of the mayor and assembly members; and
- invited the assembly and audience to share cake and coffee.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The special assembly meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
for SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: November 7, 2000

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION**

**REGULAR ELECTION  
OCTOBER 3, 2000**

The results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election of October 3, 2000, are as follows:

<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>POLL</b>	<b>ABSENTEE</b>	<b>QUESTIONED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ANDERSON, Tim	4485	332	134	4951
SALMON, Darcie K.	3919	256	117	4292
Write-in Votes	45	3	2	50

<b>BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD - SEAT A</b>	<b>POLL</b>	<b>ABSENTEE</b>	<b>QUESTIONED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
WELLS, Robert F. "Rob"	6307	458	179	6944
Write-in Votes	292	23	10	325

<b>BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD - SEAT B</b>	<b>POLL</b>	<b>ABSENTEE</b>	<b>QUESTIONED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
FAIRFIELD, John H.	3113	271	86	3470
GATTO, Carl J.	4155	227	116	4498
Write-in Votes	100	10	3	113

<b>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 3</b>	<b>POLL</b>	<b>ABSENTEE</b>	<b>QUESTIONED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
COLBERG, Talis J.	741	49	4	794
LARKIN, William B. "Bill"	84	19	1	104
SCOTT, Bruce	355	21	4	380
Write-in Votes	0	0	0	0

<b>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 6</b>	<b>POLL</b>	<b>ABSENTEE</b>	<b>QUESTIONED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
COLVER, Jim	795	62	2	859
TURNER, Jim L.	466	32	4	502
Write-in	0	0	0	0

<b>BOROUGH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 7</b>	<b>POLL</b>	<b>ABSENTEE</b>	<b>QUESTIONED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
HUGGINS, Charlie	457	42	5	504
JANECEK, Michael J.	428	29	12	469
LANKFORD LADERE, Kelly	470	25	19	514
Write-in	8	0	0	8

**PROPOSITION NO. 1 - Shall the Matanuska-Susitna Borough incur debt and issue bonds for schools and related capital improvements?**

YES	5469	391	168	6028
NO	2878	203	79	3160

**PROPOSITION NO. 2 - Shall the Matanuska-Susitna Borough incur debt and issue bonds for recreational facilities, trails, etc.?**

YES	5045	346	177	5568
NO	3314	249	73	3636

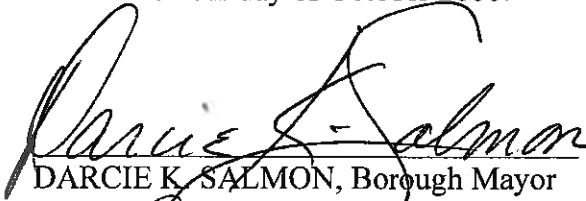
**PROPOSITION NO. 3 - Shall certain properties in the Justin Road area be annexed to the Greater Butte Road Service Area No. 26?**

YES	0	2	0	2
NO	0	0	0	0

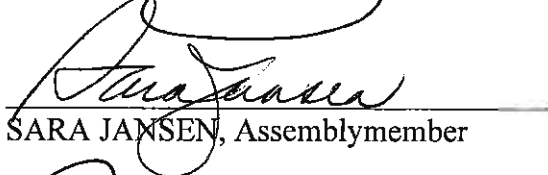
TOTAL POLL VOTERS:	8578
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED:	587
TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS COUNTED:	263
TOTAL PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE BALLOTS COUNTED:	17
TOTAL VOTERS:	9,445

We, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly, jointly certify that the information listed herein is a true and accurate statement of the votes cast in the regular borough election of October 3, 2000, and hereby declare said election to be held valid to the best of our knowledge and belief.

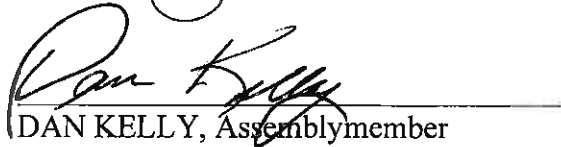
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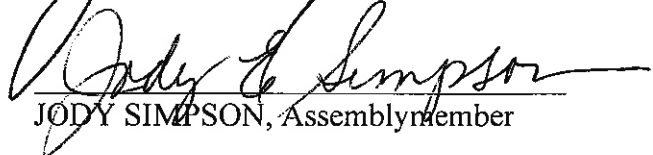
  
DARCIE K. SALMON, Borough Mayor

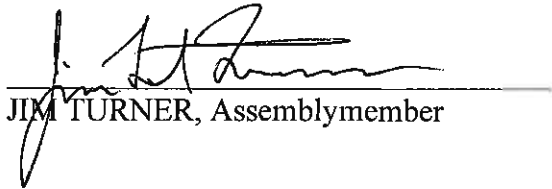
  
LARRY DEVILBISS, Assemblymember

  
SARA JANSEN, Assemblymember

  
JIM COLBERG, Assemblymember

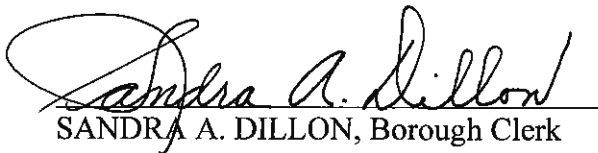
  
DAN KELLY, Assemblymember

  
JODY SIMPSON, Assemblymember

  
JIM TURNER, Assemblymember

  
DOYLE E. HOLMES, Assemblymember

ATTEST:

  
SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk