

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 18, 2011, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of certifying the October 4, 2011, regular Borough election.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Warren Keogh, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Noel Woods, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Ron Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*attended telephonically*)
Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5 (*entered at 5:05 p.m.*)
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6

Assemblymembers absent and excused:

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Ms. Sharon Huckins, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Debra Wetherhorn, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Joell Church, Records Management Officer
Ms. Elaine Flagg, Records Microfilm Scanning Technician
Ms. Holly Dubose, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Deena Paramo, School District Superintendent.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie:

- acknowledged the Clerk's Office staff for their efforts during the election;
- introduced and thanked the members of the Canvass Board for their hard work and dedication; and
- requested that Ms. Geraldine Keeling, Canvass Board Chairperson, provide the Canvass Board's report of the election.

Ms. Keeling:

- spoke to the total number of absentee ballots reviewed, which was 1,480;
- noted that the total poll votes cast was 7,790, for a total number of votes cast of 9,270;
- related that future ballots will include the card type in bold print at the top so there is no question on what type of card is being issued;
- spoke to the information that a voter must provide in order to cast a ballot;
- reported on how the different types of ballots are processed;
- spoke to the issues that occurred with the United States Post Office in processing the absentee by-mail ballots;
- spoke to concerns of the effects that online postage may have on ballots being returned; and
- advised that the only peculiarity was a city of Wasilla special needs ballot that was mistakenly turned into the Borough, but immediately returned to the City by the Clerk.

B. Certification of October 4 , 2011, Regular Borough Election

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to certify the election results for the October 4, 2011, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board. *(See attached Election Certification.)*

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials

Ms. McKechnie administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Steve Colligan to officially start as an Assembly Member on October 24, 2011.

D. Presentation of Borough Seal to Assemblymember Bettine.

Mayor DeVilbiss presented the Borough Seal to Assemblymember Cindy Bettine in appreciation for her service to the Borough.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

Dr. Deena Paramo, School District Superintendent thanked the Assembly for putting the school bonds forward at the election.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie advised that she will be swearing in Mr. Salmon during her meeting with him later in the week.

Assemblymember Colver:

- thanked Assemblymember Bettine for her service;
- thanked Assemblymember Ewing for his service; and
- stated that he may call on Assemblymember Bettine from time-to-time for her historical expertise.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- thanked everyone who signed the seal that was presented to her;
- stated that she has enjoyed working with the body; and
- noted that it has been an honor to represent the constituents of District No. 5, as well as the rest of the Borough residents.

Assemblymember Woods:

- welcomed the newly elected members;
- thanked Assemblymember Bettine for her service; and
- stated that it has been good to work with her.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- congratulated the newly elected officials;
- thanked the Clerk's Staff for a job well done on the election; and
- thanked Assemblymember Bettine for her service.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- stated that he has truly enjoyed serving with Assemblymember Bettine;
- noted that she was always well informed with the public's business; and
- thanked Assemblymember Bettine for her service to the community.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- stated that his relationship with Assemblymember Bettine has always been professional;
- noted that he looks forward to working with the newly elected officials;
- spoke to reasons why he did not publicly support anyone in the election; and
- invited the audience to share in the cake and punch to congratulate the new members of the Assembly.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

 Minutes approved: 11/15/11

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
OCTOBER 4, 2011, REGULAR ELECTION**

	<u>POLL</u>	<u>QUESTIONED</u>	<u>ABSENTEE IN- PERSON & SPECIAL NEEDS</u>	<u>ABSENTEE BY-MAIL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 4					
COLLIGAN, Stephen M., "Steve"	641	11	77	13	742
JOHNSON, Patrick C., "Pat"	527	12	69	15	623
Write-in	5	0	0	0	5
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 5					
SALMON, Darcie K.	840	7	64	46	957
Write-in	108	0	3	2	113
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT D					
LARSON, R. Ole	5751	264	535	227	6777
Write-in	287	11	33	5	336
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT E					
CORDERO, Erick	3898	169	343	104	4514
WARHUS, Lynette	2624	113	285	144	3166
Write-in	131	5	10	2	148
PROPOSITION NO. 1 - REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN					
YES	5327	245	553	230	6355
NO	2126	84	180	49	2439
PROPOSITION NO. 2 - FIFTY PERCENT STATE MATCH BOROUGH TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS BONDS					
YES	4594	251	442	147	5434
NO	3131	99	318	135	3683
PROPOSITION NO. 3 - FIVE-YEAR EDUCATIONAL AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS					
YES	4164	248	388	120	4920
NO	3624	108	373	162	4267

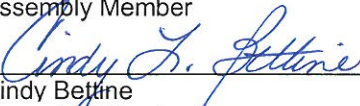
	CAST	COUNTED
TOTAL POLL VOTERS:	<u>7,858</u>	<u>7,858</u>
TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS:	<u>407</u>	<u>360</u>
TOTAL ABSENTEE IN-PERSON AND SPECIAL NEEDS BALLOTS:	<u>767</u>	<u>766</u>
TOTAL ABSENTEE BY-MAIL BALLOTS:	<u>306</u>	<u>286</u>
TOTAL:	<u>9,338</u>	<u>9,270</u>

WE, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly, jointly certify that the information listed herein is a true and accurate statement.

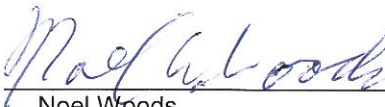
DATED this 18th day of October, 2011.


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ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk