

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 19, 2010, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Mayor Talis J. Colberg for the purpose of certifying the October 5, 2010, regular Borough election.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ron Arvin, Assembly District No. 3
- Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
- 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
- Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Acting Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Cheryl D. Marino, 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. Kathy Tyson, Records Microfilm Scanning Technician
- Ms. Holly Dubose, Administrative Secretary
- Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Colberg 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 Ms. Jean Woods, a member of the audience.

## V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

### A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie:

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

Ms. Keeling:

- reported on the number of registered Borough voters;
- explained the questioned ballot process;
- spoke regarding the precincts' ballot accountability reports;
- reported on accu-vote machine jamming issues at the Butte precinct;
- spoke to an equipment change at the Greater Palmer precinct;
- stated that seven ballots at the Farm Loop precinct were issued incorrectly;
- spoke to the canvassing procedure when there is a change to the voter residence address;
- reported that the Canvass Board had observers present during canvassing;
- reported on the number of questioned and absentee ballots voted and counted;
- provided an overview of the Canvass Board's process;
- noted that there were 38 ballots that should of been hand counted during canvassing, but were put through the accu-vote machines;
- noted that these 38 ballots would not have affected the election results; and
- discussed the voter turnout for the October 5, 2010, election.

### B. Certification of October 5, 2010, Regular Borough Election

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to certify the election results for the October 5, 2010, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board. *(See attached Election Certification.)*

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

### C. Presentation of Borough Seal to Assemblymembers Woods and Houston

Mayor Colberg presented the Borough Seal to Assemblymember Lynne Woods and Assemblymember Pete Houston in appreciation for their service to the Borough.

### D. Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials

Ms. McKechnie administered the Oath of Office to Assemblymember Warren Keogh and Assemblymember Noel Woods.

## **VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)**

*(There was no one present who wished to testify.)*

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

Assemblymember Colver:

- congratulated Mayor Colberg on his new endeavor; and
- stated that he is looking forward to working with Assemblymembers Keogh and Woods.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- thanked Assemblymembers Houston and Woods and Mayor Colberg for their service; and
- noted that she is pleased that the members will continue public service.

Assemblymember Houston:

- spoke to the reasons that serving on the Assembly is among the most rewarding experiences of his life; and
- encouraged the public to take advantage of the opportunity to serve on the Assembly.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- stated that it is a unique situation serving on the Assembly;
- noted that he appreciated getting to know Assemblymembers Woods and Houston; and
- thanked Assemblymember Woods and Houston for their public service.

Assemblymember Woods:

- stated that she hopes that the Borough projects that have been worked on will continue and become a reality for the residents;
- thanked her husband and family for their support;
- spoke to the wonderful people that reside in her district;
- stated that it was a pleasure to serve the residents of Assembly District No. 1;
- congratulated Mr. Keogh; and
- noted that she enjoyed getting to know everyone.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- stated that it was a pleasure working with Mayor Colberg and Assemblymembers Woods and Houston; and
- noted that they will be missed.

Ms. Gray:

- stated that it was a pleasure to work with Mayor Colberg and Assemblymembers Woods and Houston;
- noted that she is looking forward to working on trails with Mr. Houston;
- spoke in appreciation of the knowledge and insight that Ms. Woods gave her over the past two years; and
- stated that she enjoyed working with Mayor Colberg.

Ms. McKechnie thanked Mayor Colberg and Assemblymembers Houston and Woods for their service.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

  
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RONALD ARVIN, Deputy Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 11/23/10

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATION OF REGULAR ELECTION  
October 5, 2010**

The results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election of October 5, 2010, are as follows:

	POLL	QUESTION	ABSENTEE & SPECIAL NEEDS	TOTAL
<b>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 1</b>				
KEOGH, Warren	<u>851</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>968</u>
RAUSCHER, George	<u>678</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>745</u>
TAPLEY, James A.	<u>149</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>158</u>
WALDEN, Bruce	<u>121</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>134</u>
Write-in	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NO. 2</b>				
BRAUND, Thomas E. "Tom"	<u>158</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>187</u>
HOUSTON, Peter L.	<u>457</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>532</u>
LEINER, John F.	<u>133</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>152</u>
WOODS, Noel W.	<u>819</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>939</u>
Write-in	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT C</b>				
POUGHER, Susan	<u>6541</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>7652</u>
Write-in	<u>1055</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1186</u>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT F</b>				
LACY, Neal T.	<u>4826</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>542</u>	<u>5575</u>
VAGUE, Colleen J.	<u>3830</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>537</u>	<u>4489</u>
Write-in	<u>122</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>138</u>
<b>SCHOOL BOARD SEAT G</b>				
GATTIS, Lynn	<u>4973</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>5811</u>
THOMPSON, Myrl "Boone"	<u>4327</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>4995</u>
Write-in	<u>92</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>105</u>
<b>PROPOSITION NO. 1</b>				
YES	<u>4709</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>5401</u>
NO	<u>5314</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>6277</u>

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**

YES	5065	231	679	5975
NO	5322	154	665	6141

**PROPOSITION NO. 3**

YES	5539	276	698	6513
NO	5030	125	654	5809

**PROPOSITION NO. 4**

YES	4443	231	515	5189
NO	5924	166	818	6908


**PROPOSITION NO. 5**


YES	2635	96	356	3087
NO	7722	285	978	8985


	CAST	COUNTED
<b>TOTAL POLL VOTERS:</b>	10,678	10,678
<b>TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS:</b>	470	411
<b>TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND SPECIAL NEEDS:</b>	1388	1366
<b>TOTAL:</b>	12,536	12,455

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

DATED this 19th day of October, 2010.

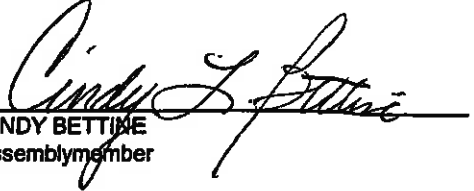
  
 TALIS J. COLBERG  
 Borough Mayor

  
 LYNNE WOODS  
 Assemblymember

  
 PETE HOUSTON  
 Assemblymember

  
 RONALD ARVIN  
 Assemblymember

Absent  
 MARK EWING  
 Assemblymember

  
 CINDY BETTINE  
 Assemblymember

  
 JIM COLVER  
 Assemblymember

Absent  
 VERN HALTER  
 Assemblymember

ATTEST:

  
 LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMO, Borough Clerk