

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 20, 2015, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of certifying the October 6, 2015, regular Borough election.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Ron Arvin, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 5:05 p.m.*)
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Joell Church, Records Management Officer
Ms. Brenda Henry, Assistant Clerk
Ms. Elaine Flagg, Records Micrographics/Scanning Technician
Ms. Amy Bohmbach, Administrative Secretary I
Ms. Debra Wetherhorn, Administrative Secretary II
Ms. Benji Wood, Administrative Secretary I
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 Ms. Geraldine Keeling, Borough Canvass Board Member.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to the election process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to the contest of election that he filed: Mr. Doyle Holmes.

The following person congratulated the successful candidates in the 2015 regular election and thanked the Canvass Board for their work: Ms. Michelle Church.

The following person spoke positively about the canvassing process and thanked the Borough Clerk and her staff for their work in ensuring a fair and equitable election: Ms. Terry Snyder.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- provided a staff report on the grounds for election contest as outlined in Borough code;
- related that the Assembly may move forward with certifying the election results except for the Assembly District 7 race; and
- spoke to the process moving forward.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie:

- introduced and thanked members of the Canvass Board for their hard work and dedication; and
- requested that Ms. Geraldine Keeling provide the Canvass Board report.

Ms. Keeling presented the Canvass Board report.

B. Certification of October 6, 2015, Regular Borough Election

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to certify the election results for the October 6, 2015, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board, except for the Assembly District 7 race, as an election contest has been filed. (*See attached Election Certificate.*)

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials Taking Office On October 26, 2015

Ms. McKechnie administered the oath of office to newly elected Mayor Vern Halter; Assembly Member George McKee, representing Assembly District 3; and Assembly Member Barbara Doty, representing Assembly District 6, with the term beginning October 26, 2015.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey expressed congratulations to those elected to office.

Ms. McKechnie:

- congratulated the candidates elected to office;
- expressed appreciation to her staff for their work on processing three initiative petitions and the election; and
- related that Ms. Jessica Kilborn will join her staff as the incoming deputy clerk.

Assemblymember Halter:

- thanked the voters for coming out the vote;
- spoke to his experience on the campaign trail;
- thanked his supports for their hard work;
- thanked Ms. McKechnie and her staff for their work;
- spoke to the canvassing process;
- thanked the Canvass Board for their work;
- spoke to his service on the Assembly;
- spoke to the election contest filed;
- expressed hope that the election contest would be withdrawn;
- spoke to his role as Borough Mayor; and
- thanked Mr. Moosey and his staff for their work.

Assemblymember Doty:

- thanked the voters for their vote of confidence in electing her to office;
- spoke to her tenure on the Assembly; and
- thanked her campaign staff on a job well done.

Mayor DeVilbiss presented Assemblymember Arvin with a framed Borough seal in recognition of his service.

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Assemblymember Arvin:

- congratulated those that ran for office;
- congratulated those elected to office; and
- spoke to his tenure on the Assembly.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked the voters for coming out to vote; and
- thanked the Canvass Board for their work.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to direct the Clerk and Attorney to conduct an investigation into the contest of election that was received.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to add the words “and that the investigation be concluded by October 27, 2015” to the end of the sentence.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- thanked the Canvass Board for their work;
- congratulated mayor-elect Halter;
- congratulated Assemblymember Doty, Mr. McKee, and Mr. Kowalke for being elected to the Assembly;
- expressed his hope that the election contest would be withdrawn based on the Canvass Board report this evening; and
- thanked Mayor DeVilbiss and Assemblymember Arvin for their service to the Borough.

Assemblymember Beck:

- congratulated the candidates that ran for office;
- congratulated those that won the election;
- thanked Ms. McKechnie and her staff for their hard work; and
- wished Mayor DeVilbiss and Assemblymember Arvin well in future endeavors.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- thanked the Borough Clerk and her staff for their work on the election;
- thanked the Canvass Board for their work;
- spoke in support of the election process;
- spoke to his experience in running for office and working on campaigns;
- thanked all candidates that ran for office;
- congratulated those that prevailed in the election; and
- expressed appreciation to Mayor DeVilbiss and Assemblymember Arvin for their service to the Borough.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- spoke to his tenure as Mayor;
- spoke to his plans after leaving office;
- related that he is leaving office with no regrets; and
- thanked the Canvass Board and staff for their work.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 11/03/15

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**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
OCTOBER 6, 2015, REGULAR ELECTION**

The results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election of October 6, 2015, are as follows:

	<u>POLL</u>	<u>ABSENTEE & SPECIAL NEEDS</u>	<u>QUESTIONED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MAYOR				
DEVILBISS, Larry	4,090	643	238	4,971
HALTER, Vern	4,279	868	275	5,422
VAVRIN, Rosemary	317	70	20	407
Write-in	28	6	6	40
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 3				
MCKEE, George D.	535	136	28	699
SERRANO, Maria A.	418	62	25	505
Write-in	9	1	0	10
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 6				
DOTY, Barbara J. "Barb"	597	130	30	757
DOYLE, Bob	466	95	20	581
Write-in	3	2	0	5
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 7				
HOLMES, Doyle E.	827	108	11	946
KOWALKE, Randall D.	775	187	17	979
Write-in	8	1	1	10
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT A				
RETFERFORD, Deborah "Debby"	5,791	1,152	354	7,297
Write-in	984	76	68	1,128
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT B				
WELTON, Sarah R.	5,841	1,147	360	7,348
Write-in	987	88	62	1,137
SCHOOL BOARD SEAT E				
LONG, Wade. J.	3,303	476	190	3,969
TRIMMER, Kelsey R.	3,649	813	218	4,680
Write-in	155	27	13	195
PROPOSITION NO. B-1 ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO REPRESENT A SINGLE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT				
YES	5,723	1,041	323	7,087
NO	2,720	503	196	3,419

PROPOSITION NO. B-2 REGULAR ELECTION DATE CHANGE

YES	3,877	764	223	4,864
NO	4,642	788	298	5,728

PROPOSITION NO. B-3 PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE TALKEETNA FLOOD CONTROL SERVICE AREA NO. 7 (EXISTING PROPERTIES OF SSA)

YES	13	7	0	20
NO	2	0	0	2

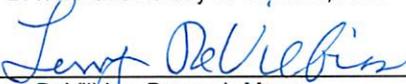
PROPOSITION NO. B-4 PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE TALKEETNA FLOOD CONTROL SERVICE AREA NO. 7 (PROPERTIES TO BE ANNEXED INTO SSA)

YES	20	7	0	27
NO	6	1	0	7

	CAST	COUNTED
TOTAL POLL VOTERS:	8,802	8,802
TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS:	603	547
TOTAL ABSENTEE AND SPECIAL NEEDS BALLOTS:	1,609	1,597
TOTAL:	11,014	10,946

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

DATED this 20 day of October, 2015


 Larry DeVilbiss, Borough Mayor


 Steve Colligan, Assemblymember


 Jim Sykes, Assemblymember


 Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember

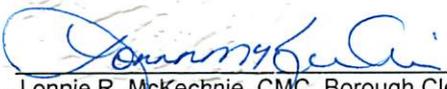

 Matthew Beck, Assemblymember


 Barbara J. Doty, Assemblymember


 Ronald Arvin, Assemblymember


 Vern Halter, Assemblymember

ATTEST:


 Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk