

# CANVASS

Of votes cast

## **Bourret Township Recall Election**

January 20, 2004

AND CANVASSED BY

THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS OF GLADWIN COUNTY,  
GLADWIN, MICHIGAN.





# STATEMENT OF VOTES

The whole number of votes given for the Bourrei Township, Recall A - Supervisor Madelyn Wicke was

One hundred eighteen . 118

And they were given as follows:

YES votes Seventy-three 73

NO votes Forty 40

The whole number of votes given for the Bourret Township, Recall B - Clerk Gloria Fournier was

One hundred eighteen . 118

And they were given as follows:

YES votes Fifty-eight 58

NO votes Sixty 60

The whole number of votes given for the Bourret Township, Recall C - Treasurer Elizabeth Ordiway was

One hundred eighteen . 118

And they were given as follows:

YES votes Fifty-seven 57

NO votes Sixty-one 61

# STATEMENT OF VOTES cont.

The whole number of votes given for the Bourret Township, Recall D -  
Trustee Dianne Carlu was

One hundred and eighteen . 118

And they were given as follows:

YES votes sixty three . 63

NO votes fifty five . 55

The whole number of votes given for the Bourret Township, Recall E -  
Trustee Dorothy Ferminic was

One hundred and eighteen . 118

And they were given as follows:

YES votes seventy seven . 77

NO votes forty one . 41

# OFFICIAL BALLOT



## RECALL ELECTION

BOURRET TOWNSHIP  
GLADWIN COUNTY, GLADWIN, MICHIGAN 48624  
JANUARY 20, 2004

**INSTRUCTIONS:** To vote in favor of the Recall, place a cross (x) or check mark ( ) in the square to the right of the word "YES"; to vote against the Recall, place a cross (x) or check mark ( ) in the square to the right of the word "NO". Before returning the ballot, fold the ballot so that the face of the ballot is not exposed and so that the numbered corner is visible.

### REASON FOR RECALL

Allowed two people to trespass on posted property to Assess, not complying with freedom of information act, having a closed door meeting with the Board of Review members, Changing the Clerks minutes after the meeting was closed. Approved two non-electors for the Board of Review, Ignoring the Assessors contract and duties, refused to return the original meeting tapes to the Clerk, not having the budget done for the annual budget meeting which is mandatory by Law, not attending the Annual Budget meeting in June, Violation of freedom of speech at meetings, not complying with Michigan complied laws, Accepting moneys from Township residents at a Township meeting for her cause, Voted to pay extra compensation of Assessor after contract was entered into, failure to pay Fire Department per contract.

### JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT

To answer the recall charges, I can positively state there has never been a trespass on any of our taxpayer's properties by any township personnel. There was written permission from the property owner to come onto his property and the township has it in case anybody wants to read it!

I have never violated the Freedom of Information Act, and because the people seeking the recall have not provided any names, dates or places regarding this allegation, this is about all that I can really say.

I never changed the clerk's minutes after the meeting was closed. Instead, the board voted to have the minutes read verbatim, to have a better record as to what was done and said at the meeting. The township board voted in favor of this procedure. The clerk refused to type up the minutes, so out of my own pocket, I paid for a college transcription professor to review the tapes in question and provide the minutes.

As it concerns the non-electors for the board of review, it is the clerk's job to ensure that the electors are registered voters, and it was: the treasurer that picked the board of review itself.

**QUESTION** Shall Madelyn Wicke be recalled from the office of Bourret Township Supervisor?

**YES**

**NO**

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

## B

### RECALL ELECTION

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JANUARY 20, 2004

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#### REASON FOR RECALL

Approving two non-electors to be on the Board of Review, releasing Township tapes of meetings to Supervisor that were not returned, not overseeing the Assessors contract on obligations set forth by the Township board, not complying with the Freedom of Information Act, failure to pay Fire Department per contract.

#### JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT

Two Board of Review positions were approved and filled by the Board on March 3, 2003 by two individuals who reside in Bourret Township, however, were not registered to vote in Bourret Township. It is the Supervisor's and Assessor's responsibility to determine if the candidates meet necessary qualifications for appointment to the Board of Review.

The Township Supervisor was allowed to take possession of tapes of a township meeting, however, the Supervisor failed to return the original tapes to the Clerk.

Gloria Fournier complied with the Assessor's contract at all times. The Board voted to pay a new assessor retroactive to December 5, 2002. Gloria Fournier voted against this.

The Freedom of Information Act has always been complied with when the clerk was in possession of any information or documents that were requested under the act.

Payments are, and have been, made by the Township Board in a timely manner as required under the Fire Rescue Agreement. The contract has been reviewed and interpreted by the township attorney and the Bourret Township is in full compliance with the contract.

I've performed my duties to the best of my ability so help me God. I thank you for your trust.

#### QUESTION

Shall Gloria Fournier be recalled from the office of Bourret Township Clerk?

YES

NO

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

# C

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### REASON FOR RECALL

Making a Quorum at the Board of Review with out the proper posting, Leaving a Township meeting without asking to be Excused. Approving two non-electors to the Board of Review, not overseeing the Assessors contract on obligations set forth by the township board, failure to pay Fire Department per contract.

### JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT

Quorum at the Board of Review in March 2003 I was in attendance as a resident.

Leaving the Township meeting was due to a motion to close the meeting that the Supervisor would not honor, as the discussion did not pertain to Township business and was out of order.

Two Non Electors on the Board of Review is the Assessor and Supervisors responsibility to check on their qualifications.

Not overseeing the Assessor duties, I have tried several times and the latest was when the Supervisor made a motion that all questions went through her and questions could not be asked directly to the Assessor, motion carried, I voted no.

Fire Department: At a posted meeting with Gloria, Dianne and myself we met with the Township Attorney and his findings that were in question was found to be all paid per contract.

I believe in honesty, getting the treasurers job done efficiently. serving all residents to the best of my ability and complying with Michigan Compiled Laws and I will leave the decision to recall in your hands.

### QUESTION

Shall Elizabeth Ordiway be recalled from the office of Bourret Township Treasurer?

YES

NO

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

## D

### RECALL ELECTION

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JANUARY 20, 2004

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#### REASON FOR RECALL

Approving minutes that were written by the Clerk and changed by the Supervisor, approving Supervisor Madelyn Wicke to have the Clerks minutes redone without a special meeting posted, voting to pay Assessor extra compensation after a contract was entered into, not overseeing the Assessors contract on obligations set forth by the Township Board, approving two non-electors to the Board of Review, as Trustee not checking into the non return of tapes from the Supervisor, failure to pay Fire Department per contract.

#### JUSTIFICATION OF CONDUCT

The board voted to have the minutes read verbatim, to have a better record as to what was done and said at the meeting. The township board voted in favor of this procedure.

The clerk's minutes were not changed after the meeting was closed. The clerk refused to type up the minutes, so out of my own pocket, I paid for a college transcription professor to review the tapes in question and provide the minutes.

I have never voted to give any "extra compensation" to the assessor, either during or after her contract was signed.

Regarding the issue of the assessor, the assessor's contract was approved by the township board and she has been paid for work that has in fact been performed. She received no extra compensation and the treasurer continued to re-write the assessor's contract (six times) and even though there was no contract until the last change was made to the contract, the assessor continued to work for the township.

As it concerns the non-electors for the board of review, it is the clerk's job to ensure that the electors are registered voters, and it was the treasurer that picked the board of review itself.

#### QUESTION

Shall Dianne Carlu be recalled from the office of Bourret Township Trustee?

YES

NO

# OFFICIAL BALLOT

## E

### RECALL ELECTION

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JANUARY 20, 2004

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#### REASON FOR RECALL

Approving minutes that were written by the Clerk and changed by the Supervisor, approving Supervisor Madelyn Wicke to have the Clerks minutes redone without a special meeting posted, voting to pay Assessor extra compensation after a contract was entered into. not overseeing the Assessors contract on obligations set forth by the Township Board. approving two non-electors to the Board of Review, as Trustee not checking into the non return of tapes from Supervisor. making a quorum at the Board of Review without proper posting. approving to pay Gladwin County Record for minutes written and placed by the Supervisor at the cost of \$185.00, failure to pay Fire Department per contract.

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#### QUESTION

Shall Dorothy Ferminic be recalled from the office of Bourret Township Trustee?

YES

NO

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed the  
Seal of the County of Gladwin this 21st day of January, 2004.

Seal

Mary Offenbecker  
Chairperson

Betty Gavin

Patricia McMillin

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ATTEST:

Laura E. Flach

CLERK - Board of Canvassers