

## County Canvass Minutes of November 5, 2008

The Gladwin County Board of Canvassers met at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

Present were canvassers Mary Offenbecker, Judy Ford, Harold Cripe, Lou Kalinowski and Clerk Laura Flach.

The canvass work began.

Question was raised on the number of spoiled ballots listed for Butman. After questioning of the Township Clerk and Deputy – it was found that “spoiled” AV’s had also been placed in the envelope and counted in the AV count. This answered the questions had by the Canvass Board and the canvass continued.

Recessed at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2008.

### Thursday, November 6, 2008

All canvassers were present and the canvass continued.

It was questioned that Hay Township showed several “write-ins” on their tabulator tape –but showed no record of such in the poll book. Inquiry was made – specifically as there was a valid county-wide write-in for the Road Commission race. It was found that election workers had not “tallied” the write-ins –merely taking them from the bin and storing with all the other voted Election Day ballots. Hay Township was contacted to bring in their ballots and election workers for 9 a.m. on Friday, to rectify the problem.

The canvass was then concluded – except for the Hay Township matter and the canvassers recessed at 3:30 p.m. until Friday morning at 9 a.m.

### Friday, November 7, 2008

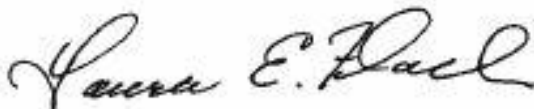
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Hay Township Clerk Janice Bennett and four inspectors were present with the Hay Township ballots to be reviewed.

The seal numbers were checked with the tags and poll book to verify proper sealing. Seals were broken and the inspectors proceeded to sort out those ballots containing write-ins for the county road race. After tally it was determined that Mr. Pettit had 13 valid write-in votes. The ballots and election materials were resealed – recording the new seal number on the container tag as well as the ballot container. Canvassers recorded the “write-ins” on the canvass reports. Signatures were then attached to all documentation certifying the election results.

*(a tie vote for the second place trustee in Sherman Township will be decided by draw conducted by the County Clerk)*

As all matters were concluded, the Canvassers adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Laura E. Flach  
Gladwin County Clerk/  
Clerk to the Canvassers