

## Gladwin County Board of Canvassers

### Minutes of November 20, 2001

The Board of County Canvassers met on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 at 9 a.m. Present were canvassers Mary Offenbecker, Betty Gavin, Pat McGillis and Bill Crandall. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct the recount of the Beaverton City Ward #2 Councilperson position, based on the petition for the same filed by Nila Frei.

Others in attendance were Harold Shiffer, write-in candidate for the position in question; Joe Coppola, voter who had been advised by the clerk or inspector that he couldn't place a write-in vote; and Bob Frei, husband of candidate Nila Frei.

Introduction was had of all parties present, and County Clerk Laura Flach swore in Pat McGillis. Ms. McGillis has recently been appointed to the Board and will serve for the term 11/1/01 - 10/31/05.

Mrs. Flach then reviewed the sequence of calls she received on Election Day and conversations she had with the Beaverton City election inspectors. (awritten account of Election Day activities, prepared by Ms. Flach, was presented for Board's review)

The sealed ballot bag containing the City ballots and election documents was opened.

Canvassers then reviewed the Poll Book and tally sheets pertaining to Ward #2, with attention to the election inspectors written notes regarding the write-in questions.

Ballots were then reviewed individually and sorted into stacks according to votes. Ballots with write-ins for Mr. Shiffer were placed in a stack, another stack with votes for Ms. Frei, and a stack, which contained no votes for the position, in question.

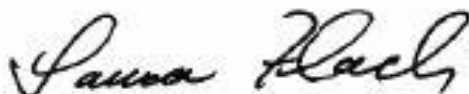
Board members then counted each stack twice. Results were Frei with 17 votes, Shiffer with 21 votes and 2 ballots, which contained no votes for the Councilperson position.

Discussion was had regarding the handling of write-ins by the city clerk and election inspectors. Canvassers noted that if the two votes in question (those cast by Mr. Coppola & his wife) were not considered, there would still be a 2 vote margin.

Canvasser Bill Crandall then moved to certify the votes for Ward #2 Councilperson: Frei-17  
Shiffer-21

Pat McGillis supported the motion, and both Mary & Betty were in agreement. Mr. Shiffer's election certification of November 7, 2001 will stand.

Having concluded all business before the Board, members adjourned until further notice.



Laura Flach  
County Clerk/ Clerk to the  
County Canvassers