

# Town of Micanopy, FL

## Election Results - Canvassing Board

### Minutes

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm

#### 1. Call to Order - Sara Owen, Micanopy Supervisor of Elections

**Minutes:**

Mayor Aufmuth called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

#### 2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag

#### 3. Roll Call

**Minutes:**

Commissioners Attending: • Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor Present • Troy Blakely Present • Virginia Mance Present • Timothy Parker, Mayor Pro-Tem Present • Mike Roberts Present

• Kiersten Ballou, Attorney Present • Sara Owen, Town Administrator Present • Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk Present

#### 4. Agenda Approval

**Minutes:**

Motion made and seconded (Parker/Blakely) to approve the agenda as submitted; passed 5-0

#### 5. Reception in honor of Mayor Joseph L. Aufmuth

##### a. Process of the canvassing board and procedure.

**Minutes:**

Micanopy Supervisor of Elections Owen discussed the procedure for certifying the election. Before we certify the election we will have a small reception and everyone is invited to join us in celebration of Mayor Aufmuth's last meeting. Within the next 45 minutes the Election staff will complete the reconciliation of the votes that were calculated from today's election with the machine. At that point the canvassing board and any member of the public that would like to go downstairs are welcome to witness the opening of the vote by mail ballots which are commonly referred to as absentee ballots. The ballots will be opened and run through the machine by the poll clerk and shortly after that the election staff will present the canvassing board with a tally of votes.

Recess for reception with plenty of delicious finger food prepared by DeDe DesForges. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend - 7:07 pm

##### b. Honoring Mayor Aufmuth

**Minutes:**

Administrator Owen presented on behalf of the Commission, a small token of our appreciation. A wooden frame with your first and last meeting agendas,

name plate, years active, and a place to hold the gavel that you have been using on and off for the past 21 years.

Mayor Aufmuth humbly accepted the gift and thanked the commissioners and town staff. He wished the current commissioners long time success.

Recess called at 7:07 pm

## **6. Certification of 2022 Town of Micanopy Election**

### **a. Canvassing Board is presented with machine tally of votes**

#### **Minutes:**

Canvassing board and the public gathered in the Commission Chambers to witness the vote by mail (absentee ballots) being opened and put through the machine. Deputy Town Clerk Polk opened the ballots without looking at the ballot and handed it to the poll clerk who inserted them into the machine. The machine rejected some of the ballots with a message stating that they were too long, and after some trimming by the assistant poll clerk the machine accepted most of the ballots. Six of the ballots were rejected by the machine and will be hand counted upstairs during the meeting.

Everyone returned to the meeting to witness and hand count the 6 ballots.

### **b. Discussion of any provisional ballots**

#### **Minutes:**

The election clerk stated that we had 4 spoiled ballots. Spoiled ballots in this case means that voters could not follow directions and marked the ballots incorrectly voting for both candidates in one race. None of those ballots were counted as they were surrendered.

Micanopy Supervisor of Election Owen stated that we had 34 absentee ballots that went out. We had 33 ballots returned, one of which could not be counted as the voter was not registered to vote in time to vote in this election, and 1 ballot was not returned and the voter voted in person during the election. Of the 34 ballots that went out, 32 of the ballots will be counted today.

### **c. Certification of election results**

#### **Minutes:**

Micanopy Supervisor of Elections Owen has the results from the Elections Clerk and she announced the election numbers and winners. We have 512 registered voters with 261 casting votes for this election. Seat #1: Jennifer Elder 103 votes and Judy Galloway 154 votes. Judy Galloway is declared the winner of seat #1. Seat #2: Jiana Bradshaw Williams 169 votes and Timothy Parker 91 votes. Jiana Williams is declared the winner of seat #2.

Mayor Aufmuth thanked everyone for running an awesome race. There was a bit of a hiccup that was really inappropriate and that is not what Micanopy stands for. Congratulations to those who won and hopefully you have longevity on this commission.

## 7. Adjourn

**Minutes:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

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