

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR
Edna DeVries

BOROUGH CLERK
Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER
Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY
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Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
Dee McKee, District 3
Maxwell Sumner, District 4
Bill Gamble, District 5
Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

5:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Election Certification

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, Assemblymember Ron Bernier, and Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner

Excused: 2 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers and Assemblymember Dee McKee

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons spoke to concerns with the paper counters used during the election hand counting process: Richard Stoffell, Thomas Oels, Lee Norman, Jan Norman, and Loy Thurman.

The following person spoke to concerns with hand counting: Al Strawn.

The following person thanked the Borough Assembly for what they do and spoke to his experience as a hand counter in the November 5, 2024, regular Borough election: John Miller.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie thanked the Canvass Boards for their hard work and noted the size of the election and hours worked by the boards and the Clerk's office staff.

Helen Mielke, Canvass Board Chair, provided the Canvass Board report.

B. Certification of the November 5, 2024, Regular Borough Election

Assemblymember Bernier moved to certify the election results for the November 5, 2024, regular Borough election.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials Taking Office on November 25, 2024

Ms. McKechnie issued the oath of office to the Mayor, Edna DeVries; Assemblymembers Dmitri Fonov; and Ron Bernier, with terms beginning November 25, 2024.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Assemblymember Hale thanked the canvass board, the Clerk, and her staff for their work on the election.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked the canvass board and all the election workers.

Assemblymember Gamble thanked staff, the canvass board, and the election workers. Congratulated the newly elected members.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked everyone who came out and voted in the election and congratulated the newly elected mayor and assembly members.

Mayor DeVries thanked the canvass board and the workers. Noted questions regarding hand counting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 2024 REGULAR ELECTION**

The results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election of November 5, 2024, are as follows:

	<u>PRECINCT/ EARLY VOTE</u>	<u>ABSENTEE</u>	<u>QUESTIONED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MAYOR				
DEVRIES, Edna	<u>33027</u>	<u>4045</u>	<u>941</u>	<u>38,013</u>
Write-In	<u>2069</u>	<u>375</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>2,504</u>
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 3				
HYCE, Luke R.	<u>1292</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1,477</u>
MCKEE, Dolores K. "Dee"	<u>3915</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>4,300</u>
Write-In	<u>28</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>34</u>
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 6				
FONOV, Dmitri	<u>4312</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>4,857</u>
Write-In	<u>221</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>263</u>
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 7				
BERNIER, Ron A.	<u>2588</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>3,128</u>
FORT, Sheena	<u>1959</u>	<u>718</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>2,703</u>
Write-In	<u>77</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>102</u>
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1				
BERGEY, Thomas E.	<u>4,641</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>4,980</u>
KOLENDO, Ben	<u>2,127</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2,328</u>
Write-In	<u>38</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>40</u>
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4				
SHANE, Andrew P.	<u>4,010</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>4,513</u>
Write-In	<u>138</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>176</u>
SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 5				
PITCHER, Brooks A.	<u>4025</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>4,397</u>
Write-In	<u>299</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>322</u>


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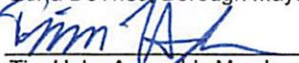
The results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regular Election of November 5, 2024, are as follows:

	PRECINCT/ EARLY VOTE	ABSENTEE	QUESTIONED	TOTAL
PROPOSITION 1 Education and Related Capital Improvement Bonds				
YES	19407	2489	662	22,558
NO	18840	2444	440	21,724
PROPOSITION 2 Consolidation of Willow and Caswell FSA (Willow FSA Voters)				
YES	530	11	7	548
NO	449	15	7	471
PROPOSITION 3 Consolidation of Willow and Caswell FSA (Caswell FSA Voters)				
YES	190	5	0	195
NO	119	4	1	124
PROPOSITION 4 Transportation Systems Bonds				
YES	25785	3384	856	30,025
NO	12378	1555	227	14,160
	CAST	NOT COUNTED	COUNTED	
TOTAL PRECINCT/EARLY VOTERS:	40,039	0	40,039	
TOTAL QUESTIONED BALLOTS:	1,701	-525	1,176	
TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS:	5,291	-159	5,132	
TOTAL:	47,031	-684	46,347	

WE, the Canvass Board of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, jointly certify that the information listed herein is a true and accurate statement of the poll, questioned, absentee, and special needs votes cast in the regular election of November 5, 2024, and declare said election to be valid to the best of our knowledge and belief.

DATED this 19 day of November, 2024


Edna DeVries, Borough Mayor


Tim Hale, Assembly Member

ABSENT
Stephanie Nowers, Assembly Member


ABSENT
Dee McKee, Assembly Member


Maxwell Sumner, Assembly Member


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Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

November 19, 2024, Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

(3 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/17/24