

1. The Coffey County Commission met in adjourned session at the Coffey County Commission Room on Thursday, November 14, 2002. Chairman Gene Merry called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with members Tim Sipe, Johnnie Sleezer, Fred Rowley, Jr., and Larry Crotts present. Also present were County Clerk and Election Officer Vernon Birk, County Attorney Doug Witteman, Deputy Election Officer Jackie Hawley, Administrative Coordinator Mary Bloomer, write-in candidate Don Ulrich, and approximately 21 additional people.

2. Due to the amount of people in attendance, the meeting was recessed to the basement meeting room.

3. The Board of County Commissioners convened as a Board of Canvassers to canvass the results of the recount of Coffey County Commission District 1 that was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2002.

4. County Election Officer Vernon Birk presented all records of the recount with Ulrich gaining one vote in the advance ballots causing a tie with Merry-274, Ulrich-274.

4a. Tim Sipe questioned the final percentage of computer run on the Don Ulrich/Gene Merry race. No answers were given.

5. The County Election Officer stated that K.S.A. 25-3108 says that the winner of a tie vote in elections of local officers is determined by lot. Birk suggested using Backgammon chips, 10 white and 10 blue. Chairman Merry said, "Let Don Ulrich choose the color." Ulrich chose white. The chips were shaken up in a shoebox and Sheriff Randy Rogers drew a blue chip. Commissioner Merry was declared the winner of Commission District 1.

6. Rowley moved to re-certify the results of the Canvass Board, seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

7. The Board will not be meeting next week due to the annual KAC meeting at Wichita. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 25, 2002.

8. Sipe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Sleezer. Motion carried.

Minutes, November 14, 2002

Signed:

Attest:

Chairman

County Clerk