

January 15, 1980

TO: JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County Office Building  
175 Arsenal Street  
Watertown, NY 13601

SUBJECT: JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS - ANNUAL REPORT - 1979

This annual report of the Board of Elections of Jefferson County for the year ending December 31, 1979, is hereby submitted.

The first day of central registration for year 1979 started December 8, 1978 and continued through August 29, 1979. 362 persons registered centrally during this period.

This office processed and approved 3496 applications for registration and enrollment by mail forms during the year 1979. A total of 1,425 applications for registration and enrollment by mail forms were dispersed to schools in Jefferson County for registration of students who would be 18 years of age on election day or the day after. Additional forms were dispersed to civic organizations, political parties, town and village clerks.

The process of preparing the Primary Enrollment Books starts in mid-November of each year and requires at least 6 weeks work by every one in this department. A careful revue of each voters registration record is made by checking registration serial number, name, address and party enrollment with a master list and recording any changes thereto. Primary Enrollment Books were printed in February 1979 by Jefferson County Printing Department containing 36,245 registered voters.

Enrollment tables are prepared after the publication of primary enrollment books, showing prior year registration by district, total votes cast by district in the last election, current enrollment by party and district. Printing is done by Jefferson County Printing Department.

Primary enrollment lists were supplied for Village and School elections from March through June 1979.

Primary Election was held on Tuesday, September 11, 1979, from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM. A Republican Party Primary was held in the following towns of Jefferson County:

Henderson - 296 votes cast  
Supervisor  
Councilman (2)  
Supt. of Highways

Pamelia - 249 votes cast  
Town Clerk  
Councilman (2)  
Supt. of Highways

Hounsfield - 350 votes cast  
Supt. of Highways

Rodman - 218 votes cast  
Councilman (2)

Lorraine - 99 votes cast  
Supervisor  
Supt. of Highways  
Members of County Committee

Rutland - 381 votes cast  
Supervisor  
Town Clerk  
Councilman (2)  
Supt. of Highways

A Conservative Party Primary was held in the City of Watertown for Supervisor in the 5th Ward. 13 votes cast

Within the City of Watertown, a Non-Partisan Primary was held on September 11, 1979, for the office of Mayor and the office of 2 Councilman. 693 votes cast.

Ballots and supplies for the Republican Party Primary election held in the six towns of Jefferson County and the Conservative Party Primary held in the 5th Ward in the City of Watertown were printed by United Printing Co. Inc., at a cost of \$2055.00

The City of Watertown Non-Partisan Primary election ballots and supplies were also printed by United Printing Co. Inc., at a cost of \$725.80

151 Primary Absentee Ballot applications were received by this office with the same number of ballots being mailed. 79 ballots were returned and counted.

One day of Local Registration was held on September 29, 1979, from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM. 54 persons registered in the City of Watertown and 429 persons registered in the towns. Registration lists for October, 1979 were tabulated and revealed the following:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
City of Watertown	5,005	6,481	11,486
Towns of Jefferson County	<u>12,722</u>	<u>13,982</u>	<u>26,704</u>
Total County	17,727	20,463	38,190

The General Election was held on November 6, 1979. Registered voters in Jefferson County voted for:

- Justice of Supreme Court (5th Judicial District)
- Jefferson County District Attorney
- Jefferson County Clerk
- Jefferson County Treasurer
- (1) Proposition and (3) Amendments
- City Supervisors
- Town Officers

The City of Watertown Non-Partisan Election was held on November 6, 1979 to elect a Mayor and 2 Councilmen.

A total of 38,190 were registered to vote in the November election. 24,282 registered voters went to the polls to cast their ballot. This represents 63.58% voter participation on a County wide basis.

Absentee ballot applications from students, vacationers, business people, sick and permanently confined voters totaled 786. A total of 224 Military ballots were processed.

General election ballots and machine supplies were printed by United Printing Co. Inc., at a cost of \$4152.58

The re-canvass of voting machines started on November 7, 1979 and was completed November 13, 1979.

An Election Inspectors school was conducted in August for 2 weeks, during which 340 inspectors were trained. Election inspectors examinations were given to 54 inspectors.

A school of instruction on voting machines for City Inspectors was conducted by this office on September 5, 1979. 46 City inspectors attended this course. Instructors were Mr. Fred Bates and Mr. Michael Flanagan, City Machine Custodians.

During the review of voter registration books for year 1979, it was determined 1,793 voters who had not voted in 1977 or 1978, but who were reinstated in 1979, did not vote again on November 6, 1979. In compliance with the Election Law, this number (1793) has been cancelled.

The review of the voter registration books for 1979 has been completed and reveals that 3,706 voters in Jefferson County did not vote in a general, special or primary election in the last 2 years. A dual postal card has been sent to each person who failed to vote in 1978 or 1979. In compliance with Election Law, a voter is given three (3) weeks from date of postmark to return this affidavit request form, upon the voters failure to return the post card in the required time limit, their voter registration will be cancelled and a letter sent advising each voter of this action.

A CETA project, started in January 1979 to update election district maps and descriptions was completed in September 1979.

Total expenses incurred by the Board of Elections for the year 1979 is as follows:

A 1450.1	Personal Services	\$ 41,466.63
A 1450.2	Equipment	32.00
A 1450.4	Contractual Expenses	<u>18,850.00</u>
	Total	\$ 60,348.63

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Lewis G. Spicer  
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Commissioners of Elections