

January 18, 1982

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

SUBJECT: Jefferson County Board of Elections - Annual
Report for year 1981

This annual report of the Board of Elections of Jefferson County for year ending December 31, 1981, is hereby submitted.

The first day of central registration for year 1981 commenced December 5, 1980, and continued through August 27, 1981. 253 persons registered centrally during this period.

This office processed and approved 3,333 applications for registration and enrollment by mail forms during the year 1981. 1,469 applications for registration and enrollment by mail forms were dispersed to schools in Jefferson County for registration of high school students who would be 18 years of age on election day or day after. Additional registration forms were dispersed to town and village clerk's, public libraries, political parties and civic organizations.

The process of preparing the primary enrollment books starts in mid-November of each year and requires at least 6 weeks work by everyone in this department. A careful review of each voter's registration record is made by checking registration serial number, name, address and party enrollment with a master list and recording any changes. Primary enrollment books were printed in February 1981 by Jefferson County Printing Dept., containing 37,015 registered voters.

Enrollment tables are prepared after the publication of the primary enrollment books, showing prior year registration by election district, total votes cast by election district in the November 1981 election, and current enrollment by party and district. Printing is done by Jefferson County Printing Dept.

Primary Election was held on Thursday, September 10, 1981, with voting hours from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM. On this primary day, a Republican primary was held in nine towns of Jefferson County as follows:

Town of Antwerp for Supt. of Highways

Town of Clayton for Supt. of Highways

Town of Ellisburg for Town Justice and Councilman

Town of Henderson for Supervisor, Councilman and Supt. of Highways

Town of Lorraine for Councilman, Supt. of Highways and for member of County Committee .

Town of Orleans for Supervisor

Town of Pamela for Supervisor and Supt. of Highways

Town of Rutland for Town Clerk

Town of Theresa for Supervisor

The Democratic, Conservative, Right to Life and Liberal Party Primary was uncontested in the 22 towns of Jefferson County and in the City of Watertown. All candidates designated were elected at this primary and appeared on the general election ballot in November 1981.

Also elected at this primary were members of the Jefferson County Republican Committee. All were elected uncontested, except in the Town of Lorraine, where 4 persons were running for two positions on the county committee.

Republican delegates and alternate delegates were elected uncontested at this primary to represent Jefferson County at the 5th Judicial District Convention.

Within the City of Watertown, a Non-Partisan primary election was held on September 10, 1981, for the office of two council positions. Six persons filed designating petitions to appear on the primary ballot. The four candidates who received the highest number of votes were placed on the November ballot. 11,684 registered voters were eligible to vote in the Non-Partisan primary, of this total 2,102 voted, or 17.99% voter turnout.

302 Non-Partisan primary absentee ballots were mailed from this office, with 140 ballots being returned and counted.

The Non-Partisan primary election ballots and supplies were printed by United Printing Company at a cost of \$539.00 to the City of Watertown.

102 Republican primary absentee ballots were mailed, with 53 ballots being returned and counted.

Ballots and supplies for the Republican primary held in the nine towns were printed by United Printing Company at a cost of \$887.00 to the County.

The re-canvass of voting machines started on September 11, 1981, and was completed on September 14, 1981.

One (1) day of Local Registration was held on October 10, 1981, from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM. 48 persons registered to vote in the City of Watertown and 307 persons registered in the Towns. Registration lists for October 1981 were tabulated and revealed the following:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	5,283	6,658	11,941
Towns	<u>12,841</u>	<u>13,951</u>	<u>26,792</u>
Total County	18,124	20,609	38,733

<u>Party</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Democractic	3,896	7,758	11,654
Republican	5,829	14,313	20,142
Conservative	66	243	309
Right to Life	21	28	49
Liberal	105	262	367
Neutral	1,594	3,141	4,735
Blanks	430	1,047	1,477
Total County	11,941	26,792	38,733

The General Election was held on November 3, 1981. Registered voters in Jefferson County voted for:

Justice of Supreme Court - 5th Judicial District
State Proposition No. 1
State Amendment No. 1
Town Officers in twenty-two towns
City Supervisors in twelve wards

The City of Watertown Non-Partisan election was held on November 3, 1981, to elect two City Councilmen and vote on two city propositions.

A total of 38,733 were registered to vote in the November election. 23,756 persons voted at this election, or 61.33% voter participation on a county wide basis.

The following is a compilation of absentee ballots mailed from this office for the general election.

	<u>Regular Absentee & permanent confinement</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	332	50	382
Towns	<u>589</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>766</u>
Total	921	227	1148

General Election ballots and machine supplies were printed by United Printing Company at a cost of \$4,580.00

The re-canvass of voting machines was completed on November 6, 1981.

The instruction school for Election Inspectors in Jefferson County was held August 6, 7, 11 and 12, 1981, at Jefferson Community College. 289 appointed inspectors and 18 substitute inspectors were trained. Examinations were given to 48 election inspectors.

Training sessions for machine custodians were held in August and October, 1981.

The following are the total expenses incurred by the Board of Elections for year 1981.

Al450.1	Personal services	\$51,054.51
Al450.2	Equipment	22.00
Al450.4	Contractual expense	<u>23,853.63</u>
	Total	\$74,930.14

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Commissioners of Elections