

January 18, 1985

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 1984

This annual report of the Board of Elections of Jefferson County for year ending December 31, 1984, is hereby submitted.

The first day of central registration for year 1984 commenced December 9, 1983 and continued through August 30, 1984. During this period 595 persons registered centrally.

This office processed and approved 5,823 applications for registration and enrollment by mail forms during the year 1984. 1,335 applications for registration and enrollment forms were forwarded to schools in Jefferson County for registration of high school students who would be 18 years of age on election day or day after. 777 completed forms were returned by the students. Additional forms were forwarded to town and village clerk offices, public libraries, political parties and civic organizations.

The preparation of the primary enrollment books starts in mid-November of each year and requires at least 6 weeks to complete. A careful review of each voter's record is made by checking registration serial number, name, address and party enrollment with a master list and recording any necessary changes. Primary enrollment books were printed in February, 1984 by Jefferson County Printing Dept. containing 39,021 registered voters.

Enrollment tables are prepared after the publication of primary books, showing prior year registration by election district, total votes cast by election district for the November election and current enrollment by party and district.

A Democratic primary election was held on Tuesday, April 3, 1984, for Presidential preference and Delegates and Alternate Delegates to National Convention. 12,357 registered Democratic voters were eligible to vote, of this total 4,036 voted, or 32.66% in the county. A total of 277 absentee ballots were mailed for this April primary.

The re-canvass of the voting machines used in the primary election was completed on April 5, 1984.

A fall primary election was held on Tuesday, September 11, 1984, with voting hours from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM. The following political parties held a primary for the offices as stated.

Democratic	-	for State Senator - 46th SD Member of Democratic State Committee Members of Democratic County Committee Family Court Judge
Republican	-	Family Court Judge Town offices in seven towns
Conservative	-	Family Court Judge
Liberal	-	Family Court Judge
Right to Life	-	Member of Right to Life State Committee

The following is a compilation by party of the absentee ballots mailed from this office for the September primary election

<u>Party</u>	<u>Absentee</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Total</u>
Democratic			
City	23	26	49
Towns	<u>7</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>79</u>
Total	30	98	128
Republican			
City	161	49	210
Towns	<u>150</u>	<u>164</u>	<u>314</u>
Total	311	213	524
Conservative			
City	1	1	2
Towns	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	4	4	8
Grand Total	345	315	660

There were no public offices up for non-partisan election in the City of Watertown for year 1984.

The re-canvass of voting machines used in the primary election was completed September 13, 1984.

Local registration was held for two days for the purpose of registering all voters possible in a presidential year. Registration days were held on Tuesday, October 9, 1984, and on Saturday, October 13, 1984. 356 persons were registered to vote in the City of Watertown and 1103 in the Towns, for a total of 1459 registrants on both days of registration.

Registration lists for October, 1984, were compiled and indicated the following:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	6095	7671	13766
Towns	<u>14318</u>	<u>15499</u>	<u>29817</u>
Total	20413	23170	43583
<u>Party</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Democratic	4363	8412	12775
Republican	6299	14987	21286
Conservative	90	246	336
Liberal	136	284	420
Right to Life	36	37	73
Neutral	1720	3414	5134
Unrecorded	<u>1122</u>	<u>2437</u>	<u>3559</u>
Total	13766	29817	43583

The general election was held on November 6, 1984, with the following offices and ballot proposals voted on:

For Electors of President and Vice-President  
 Representative in Congress - 26th CD  
 State Senator - 46th SD  
 Member of Assembly - 114th AD  
 2 State Ballot Proposals  
 Family Court Judge  
 Town offices to fill vacancy in thirteen towns

A total of 43,583 persons were registered to vote in the November 1984 elections. 34,827 persons voted or 80% voter participation.

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

	<u>Reg. Absentee &amp; Perm. Confinment</u>	<u>Special Federal</u>	<u>Special Presidential</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Total</u>
City	823	2	3	172	1000
Towns	<u>1285</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>513</u>	<u>1812</u>
Total	2108	9	10	685	2812

The re-canvass of voting machines used in the general election was completed on November 8, 1984.

General election and machine supplies were printed by United Printing Co. Inc. at a cost of \$4438.00.

The instruction school for election inspectors was held on August 2, 3, 7 & 8, 1984, at Jefferson Community College. 350 inspectors were instructed in the duties of an inspector.

A test for inspectors was given in June and again in August, 1984. 63 inspectors were given the examination.

Machine Custodian training sessions were held in March, September and October, 1984.

The review of the voter registration books for year 1984 was completed and revealed that 1583 voters in Jefferson County have been cancelled for failure to vote in the last four years.

Helen G. Farrell was appointed Commissioner of Elections to fill the unexpired term of William J. McClusky who resigned in June to run for public office.

The total expenses incurred by the Board of Elections for year 1984 is as follows:

Al450.1	Personal Services	\$59,913.18
Al450.2	Equipment & Books	968.88
Al450.4	Contractual Expenses	<u>19,801.31</u>
	Total	\$80,683.37

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Helen G. Farrell  
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Commissioners of Elections