

Recount Doesn't Change Vote; First Daleville Board Sworn In

STAR STAFF REPORT

It's official. The Daleville recount was Wednesday, and the vote came out the same as it did in November.

The winners of Daleville town board seats in Wards 4 and 5 finally were determined just in time for the newly-elected board members to be sworn in Wednesday night.

Democrats Leo Parish and Pam Granger, candidates in Wards 4 and 5, asked for the recount because they lost to their opponents by identical margins, 349-285.

Republicans Arthur Schlegel Jr. and David Shellabarger were declared the winners Wednesday after the recount was completed. Delaware County Clerk Scott Hole said the vote was the same.

The recount process took a little longer than anticipated. Hole said it took the recount board — Robert Stewart, Charles Welder and Mark Antrim — about 2½ hours to handcount the computer ballots.

"They went through and counted Ward 5 first, then they went back through and counted Ward 4," Hole said, "rather than trying to count both of them at the same time.

"It took a little bit longer," Hole said, "but they felt that way it was more thorough — to do one race at a time."

Hole said Parish was the only one of the four candidates present at the recount.

Hole installed Daleville's first town board and clerk-treasurer during a public ceremony Wednesday night at Daleville Elementary School.

He likened the birth of the town to the birth of Christ.

"You're beginning a new era," he said.

"You're going to see history here tonight," acting board president Don Chambers told the audience of about 50. "You are not going to see

big changes in Daleville right away. We want everyone to feel welcome to give us ideas."

"They will get to make the first mistakes," town attorney Richard Reed said of the new town board.

Board members Chambers, Schelgel, Shella-barger, Bruce Bailey and Norm Levell were installed before Clerk-treasurer Ellen Nixon took the oath.

Joseph Shoemaker, poll inspector in Daleville during the election, originally was named by Superior Court 1 Judge Robert Barnet Jr. to serve on the recount board.

According to Hole, Antrim was named as a replacement because Shoemaker does not live within town limits.

Shoemaker lives in the precinct in which Daleville residents voted, but according to state law, Hole said, persons serving on the recount board must be eligible to vote for the candidates involved in the recount.

Hole had said earlier that he thought it unlikely that the identical vote in the two wards resulted from an error by the computer.

He said the election board was happy with the outcome Wednesday.

"It just confirms that we have a real good system — with the equipment that we have in Delaware County," he said. "It made us feel good.

"This is the second time we've had a recount — since we've been on this type of system — since 1974," Hole said. The 1974 recount involved a school board race, Hole said, "and the results were the same at that time also."

State Sen. Allie Craycraft, D-Selma, and Delaware County Commissioner Bill O'Rourke attended Wednesday night's swearing-in ceremony, and both offered assistance to the new board.

The first town board meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 3 in the fire station.

Daleville eligible for federal funds

Daleville will be included in future Anderson urban area transportation planning.

Mike Dearing, planner on the Madison County Council of Governments staff, said Friday the extension of the urban boundary from the county line east means Daleville will be eligible for federal highway project funds.

Dearing explained the changes at the November meeting of COG in the county government center. The boundary shift was necessitated by changes shown in the 1980 Census.

Norman Levell, elected Tuesday to the Daleville Town Board, asked if inclusion in the Anderson urban area would affect adversely other sources of revenues for streets. Dearing said it would not. Daleville

is in Delaware County, but is not in the Muncie urban transportation planning area.

Once streets are properly designated, Dearing said, Daleville will be eligible for assistance under various federal programs. Any projects wanted by Daleville will be included in the annual Transportation Improvement Plan issued by COG.

COG can recommend to the state highway department, that certain streets receive primary or secondary designations. The federal highway administration also would act on the recommendation.

Dearing suggested the town name someone to attend meetings of COG's Technical Coordinating Committee.

The council also:

No budget yet, but Daleville board selected

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DALEVILLE — They can't tax, they won't have a budget, and they won't get paid.

But none of those little problems will bother the first town board in the history of Daleville — a history

that really only started with Tuesday's elections.

WHEN THE VOTES were tallied, two candidates declaring themselves independents, three Republicans and one Democrat, had ob-

tained positions in the new government. They will be sworn into office the first of January.

All of the board members will serve one-year terms this time around. Another election will be held next November, and by a year from January the town will have its first budget.

Winners in the election included: Norman Levell, Ind., 234 votes; Bruce Bailey, Rep., 238 votes; Don Chambers, Dem., 259 votes; Arthur Schlegel Jr., Rep., 349 votes; Dave Shellabarger, Rep., 349 votes; and for clerk-treasurer, Ellen Rose Nixon, Ind., with 231 votes.

NIXON SAID SHE was really a Republican, but thought all of the town board and clerk-treasurer candidates would be running an independent ticket because it was feared they would not have time to hold a convention to slate candidates.

She has worked for four years for the Delaware County Salem Township trustee as a secretary. She was also a member of Daleville's incorporation committee. She figures the first job of the board will be to set up the taxing structure and pass zoning legislation.

Shellabarger has never served in a public or political position before, he said, but said he decided to enter this race "because we need to make sure that what needs to be done is done."

SHELLABARGER SUGGESTED the town could pursue obtaining block grants from the federal government to hold over funding needs for one year.

Schlegel ran years ago for township advisory board, but did not win. Said Schlegel: "I just want to assist in any way I can."