

TO: Jefferson County Board of Supervisors
County Office Building
175 Arsenal St.
Watertown, NY 13601

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Central registration for voters opened on December 6, 1985, with 199 persons being registered centrally.

This office processed and approved 3397 applications for registration and enrollment by mail forms during 1986. 1,115 applications for registration and enrollment forms were forwarded to schools in Jefferson County for the registration of high school students who would be 18 years of age on election day. 662 forms were completed and returned. Additional forms were forwarded to town and village clerk's, public libraries, political parties and civic organizations.

The 1986 primary enrollment books were completed in February by county printing department containing 41,051 registered voters.

Enrollment tables were prepared after the publication of the 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.

Primary election was held on Tuesday, September 9, 1986, with voting hours from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 PM. The Democratic, Republican, Conservative and Liberal party primary was held at this time.

Primary election supplies were printed at a cost of \$1569.50

Local Registration was held on Saturday, October 11, 1986. 46 persons registered to vote in the City of Watertown and 287 persons registered in the towns, for a total of 333. Registration lists were tabulated and indicated the following:

| | | | |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| City | 5673 | 7228 | 12901 |
| Towns | 13660 | 14839 | 28499 |
| Total | 19333 | 22067 | 41400 |
| <u>Party</u> | <u>City</u> | <u>Town</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Democratic | 4333 | 8514 | 12847 |
| Republican | 6240 | 15133 | 21373 |
| Conservative | 106 | 266 | 372 |
| Right to Life | 34 | 39 | 73 |
| Liberal | 125 | 281 | 406 |
| Neutral | 1602 | 3161 | 4763 |
| Unrecorded | 461 | 1105 | 1566 |
| Total | 12901 | 28499 | 41400 |

The general election was held on Tuesday, November 4, 1986, with the following voted upon:

State Ballot Proposal (1), Governor and Lt. Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General, United States Senator, Justice of Supreme Court, Representative in Congress, State Senator, Member of Assembly, County Judge, Sheriff, City Judge - City of Watertown and town offices to fill vacancy in eleven towns.

A total of 41,400 persons were registered to vote in the November 1986 elections. 25040 persons voted or 60% participation.

General election ballots and machine supplies were printed at a cost of \$4438.00

The re-canvass of voting machines used in the general election was completed on November 7, 1986.

The school of instruction for inspectors was held on August 5 and 6, 1986, at Jefferson Community College.

Training sessions for machine custodians were held in September and October, 1986.

1024 voters were cancelled for failure to vote in the past four years.

41,224 address check cards were mailed to voters in Jefferson County, of this total 2370 cards were returned and undeliverable.

A computer system was installed at the board office in July 1986, with all registered voters being placed in the system.

The total expenses incurred by the Board for year 1986 is as follows:

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|---------|---------------------|------------------|
| Al450.1 | Personal Services | 67,304.64 |
| Al450.2 | Equipment & Books | 20.00 |
| Al450.4 | Contractual Expense | <u>25,251.04</u> |
| | Total | 92,575.68 |

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William J. McClusky
Walton E. Aubertine
Commissioners of Elections