

STATE OF WASHINGTON

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

In the matter of the petition of:)	
)	
COWLITZ DEPUTIES GUILD)	CASE 12753-E-96-2132
)	
)	DECISION 5771 - PECB
)	
Involving certain employees of:)	CERTIFICATION
)	
COWLITZ COUNTY)	Representation Election
)	Pursuant to Agreement
)	of Parties

Craig Shelton, Guild President, and James Cline, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

Brian Pederson, Sheriff, and Robert Swanson, Representative, appeared on behalf of the employer.

Betty Firth, Representative, appeared on behalf of the intervenor, Teamsters Union, Local 58.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The above-named petitioner timely filed with the Public Employment Relations Commission a petition for investigation of a question concerning representation of employees of the above-named employer; said petition was accompanied by a showing of interest which was administratively determined by the Commission to be sufficient; and the employer declined voluntarily to extend recognition to the petitioner as the exclusive bargaining representative of its employees.

2. The organization(s) listed above as intervenors timely moved for intervention in the captioned proceedings; and said motion for intervention was in each case supported by a showing of interest which was administratively determined by the Commission to be sufficient.

3. These representation proceedings were conducted by the Commission in the bargaining unit described as:

ALL FULL-TIME AND REGULAR PART-TIME DEPUTIES THROUGH THE RANK OF SERGEANT OF THE COWLITZ COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, EXCLUDING SUPERVISORS, CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES, AND ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES.

4. All proceedings were conducted under the supervision of the Commission in a manner designed to afford the affected employees a free choice in the election of their bargaining representative, if any; a tally of the results was previously furnished to the parties and is attached hereto; and no meritorious objections have been filed with respect to these proceedings.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The unit described in finding of fact number 3 is an appropriate unit for the purposes of collective bargaining within the meaning of RCW 41.56.060; and all conditions precedent to a certification have been met.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

CERTIFIED

The employees of the above-named employer employed in the appropriate collective bargaining unit described in finding of fact number 3 have chosen:

COWLITZ DEPUTIES GUILD

as their representative for the purposes of collective bargaining with their employer with respect to wages, hours and conditions of employment.

ISSUED at Olympia, Washington, this 11th day of December, 1996.

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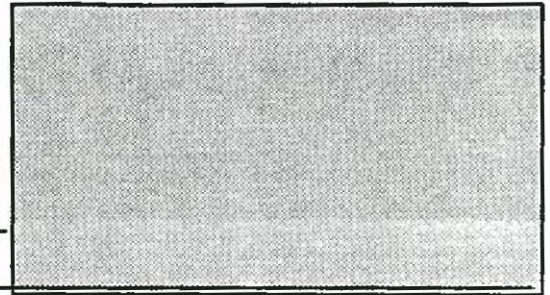
MARVIN L. SCHURKE, Executive Director



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TALLY OF ELECTION BALLOTS
for CASE # 12753-E-96-2132



Instructions: See other side of this form.

Applicable Rule: See WAC 391-25-550.

The Public Employment Relations Commission has tabulated the ballots cast in the election conducted under the case number indicated above, and certifies that the results of the election are as follows:

EMPLOYER Cowlitz County

- 1. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS 41
- 2. VOID BALLOTS 0
- 3. VOTES CAST FOR: Cowlitz Deputies Guild 36
- 4. VOTES CAST FOR: Teamsters, Local 58 3
- 5. VOTES CAST FOR: _____
- 6. VOTES CAST FOR: _____
- 7. VOTES CAST FOR: NO REPRESENTATION 0
- 8. VALID BALLOTS COUNTED (Total of lines 3 through 7) 39
- 9. CHALLENGED BALLOTS CAST 0
- 10. VALID BALLOTS COUNTED PLUS CHALLENGED BALLOTS (Total of lines 8 and 9) 39
- 11. NUMBER OF VALID BALLOTS NEEDED TO DETERMINE ELECTION 21
- 12. CHALLENGED BALLOTS (check one):
 - ARE SUFFICIENT IN NUMBER TO AFFECT THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.
 - DO NOT AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION.
- 13. THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION APPEAR TO BE (check one):
 - INCONCLUSIVE, SO THAT A RUNOFF ELECTION WILL BE NECESSARY.
 - CONCLUSIVE, FAVORING THE CHOICE LISTED ON LINE 3, ABOVE.

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DATE ISSUED: December 2, 1996

BY: Sally Wilson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OBSERVERS

The undersigned acted as authorized observers for the parties, and acknowledge service of a copy of this tally of ballots.

- For Employer: Title: Date: Telephone ()
- For organization listed on Line 3: Title: Date: Telephone ()
- For organization listed on Line 4: Title: Date: Telephone ()
- For organization listed on Line 5: Title: Date: Telephone ()
- For organization listed on Line 6: Title: Date: Telephone ()
- For decertification petitioner: Title: Date: Telephone ()