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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF LUNENBURG

MICHAEL J. FOWLKES, II,

Petitioner,

v.

CASE NO: CL23-360.

ARTHUR TOWNSEND, JR.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

Came this day the petitioner on a Petition for Recount in the election of Sheriff for the County of Lunenburg, Virginia, held on November 7th, 2023.


In accordance with Virginia Code Section 24.2-801, and the Court's Order of procedure to which the parties agreed, the Court, after settling all matters pertaining to the recount of the votes as raised by the parties and having ruled unanimously, does hereby certify to the State Board of Elections and the electoral board for the County of Lunenburg as follows:

1. The total number of votes for Michael J. Fowlkes II is 1,811; and
2. The total number of votes for Arthur Townsend Jr. is 1,844; and
3. THEREFORE, Arthur Townsend, Jr. is declared elected to the office of sheriff for the County of Lunenburg, Virginia.
4. The costs of the recount shall be assessed pursuant to Virginia Code Section 24.2-802.3, and petitioner's bond shall be applied to these costs. The County is granted leave to submit costs for the recount after entry of this Order, and the Court will enter a separate order assessing the costs payable by the petitioner.

The clerk shall forward a copy of this Order to the parties. Endorsements are dispensed with pursuant to Rule 1:13 of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

It is so ORDERED.


Enter: December 19, 2023.




Joseph M. Teeley, Jr., Chief Judge by designation.



Rondelle D. Herman, Judge by designation.



Jayne A. Pemberton, Judge by designation.

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