

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

**New Mexico
Special Meeting
Board of County Commissioners**

**Preston Stone, Chair
Dallas Draper, Vice Chair**

**Thomas F. Stewart, Member
Elaine Allen, Member
Lynn Willard, Member**

**Minutes
Friday, June 10, 2016**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 8:30 A.M. on June 10, 2016 in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

1. Call to Order

Chair Stone called the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:29 AM.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call.

Present: Chair Stone, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Draper (participating telephonically).

Absent: Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard.

Others present included Nita Taylor, County Manager; Alan Morel, County Attorney; and Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk.

3. Invocation

The invocation was presented by Chair Stone.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Pledge – US Flag
- b. Salute – NM Flag

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Acceptance of the Agenda and authorized the Chair to move items as necessary;

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stewart, **Seconded by** Commissioner Draper.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Chair Stone, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Stewart.

Absent: Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard.

Motion: Recess the Special Meeting and convene as the ex-officio Canvass Board for Lincoln County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stewart, **Seconded by** Commissioner Draper.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

Yes: Chair Stone, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Stewart.

Absent: Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard.

7. Canvass June 7, 2016 Primary Election Votes

Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk recognized Whitney Whittaker, Chief Deputy Clerk; Shannan Hemphill, Bureau of Elections Clerk; Charlotte Emmons, Deputy Clerk; Diane Shoemaker, Deputy Clerk, Allysanne Huey, Deputy Clerk and Karen Mills, Deputy Clerk. Ms. Burrows thanked the staff for their excellent work and assistance in the conduct of the 2016 Primary Election. Ms. Burrows also acknowledged Paul Baca, Rodney Zamora, and LeeRoy Zamora for their assistance as Vote Technicians.

Ms. Burrows discussed the important roll poll officials serve in the successful conduct of an election and acknowledged Presiding Judges Edith Dobbins, Loree Vallejos, Beth Keenan,

Shannon Miller, Faith Hignight, Diana Billingsley, and Jim Miller. Ms. Burrows discussed the increased number of voters utilizing the Lincoln County Courthouse Early Vote site and noted there were 341 Early Voters in Carrizozo and 711 Early Voters in Ruidoso. Ms. Burrows also provided a breakdown of Election Day voters by site.

Ms. Burrows informed there were 3,207 Democrats and 7,409 Republicans or 10,616 residents eligible to cast a ballot in the 2016 Primary Election. Ms. Burrows stated there were 255 Absentee by Mail ballots; 1,051 Early in person ballots; and 2,687 Election Day for a total of 3,995 ballots cast. Ms. Burrows stated there were 2 Provisional ballots cast but not qualified. Ms. Burrows noted 37.62% of the eligible voters voted in the 2016 Primary as compared to 25.44% in 2014 and 29.26% in 2012 Primary Elections.

Ms. Burrows provided spreadsheets of the unofficial results as reported to the Secretary of State, the ballots issued report, and various voter statistics for review. Ms. Burrows also made available results tapes from each tabulator and other related election returns for inspection.

Ms. Burrows requested the County Canvass Board certify the 2016 Primary Election for Lincoln County by their signature on the Certification of Canvass Results. Ms. Burrows also requested signature of the Certificates of Nomination for those County candidates whose name will appear on the 2016 General Election ballot.

Chair Stone recessed the County Canvassing Board and reconvened the Special Meeting at 9:01 AM.

Motion: Approve the Certification of Canvass Results for the 2016 Primary Election, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stewart, **Seconded by** Commissioner Draper.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 3).

Yes: Chair Stone, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Stewart.

SEE EXHIBIT A: Copy of the 2016 Primary Certification of Canvass Results is attached hereto in reference thereto made a part hereof.

8. Signing of Official Documents

Certification of Canvass Results
Certificates of Nomination

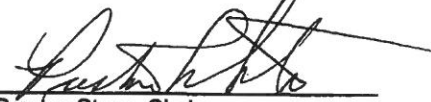
9. Next meetings:

June 28, 2016 - Regular Commission Meeting

10. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 9:02 AM.

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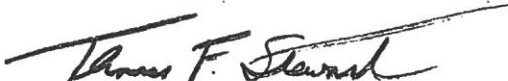
Preston Stone, Chair

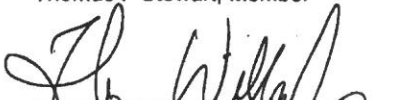


Dallas Draper, Vice President



Elaine Allen, Member


Thomas F Stewart, Member


F Lynn Willard, Member

ATTEST:


Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk

July 19, 2016
Date Approved

