

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

New Mexico
Special Meeting
Board of County Commissioners

Jackie Powell, Chair
Preston Stone, Vice-Chair

Kathryn L. Minter, Member
Mark Doth, Member
Dallas Draper, Member

Minutes
Friday, November 7, 2014

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 8:30 AM on November 7, 2014 in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

1. Call to order

Chair Powell called the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:47:30 AM.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call.

Present: Chair Powell, Commissioner Minter, Commissioner Draper.

Absent/Excused: Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Doth.

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

3. Invocation

The invocation was presented by Chair Powell.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

- A. Pledge – U.S.A. Flag
- B. Salute – N.M. Flag

5. Approval of Agenda

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

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

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

Yes: Chair Powell, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Minter.

Absent: Commissioner Doth, Commissioner Stone.

6. Canvass November 4, 2014 General Election Votes

Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk expressed appreciation for assistance in the conduct of the 2014 General Election specifically for the services of Vote Technicians Paul Baca, LeeRoy Zamora Jr., and Rodney Zamora. Ms. Burrows also acknowledged the work of the Early Vote, Absentee, and Election Day Presiding Judges including: Edith Dobbins, Shannan Hemphill, Debbie Rogge, Faith Hignight, Beth Keenan, Shannon Miller, and Diana Billingsley. Ms. Burrows commented on the value of the Student Election worker program which provides high school students the opportunity to work elections. Ms. Burrows noted students from all four school districts in the County worked at the polls on Election Day.

Ms. Burrows introduced the staff of the Clerk's office and informed Tammie Maddox, Chief Deputy Clerk was retiring November 14, 2014. Ms. Burrows reminded Ms. Maddox served two terms as the Lincoln County Clerk and an additional four years as the Chief Deputy Clerk. Ms. Burrows commented on the great value of having Ms. Maddox serve as her Chief Deputy and on Ms. Maddox's contribution over the years to the successful conduct of elections in Lincoln County. Ms. Burrows presented Ms. Maddox with a Waterford Vase embossed with her years of service from 2002-2014.

Ms. Burrows presented the Unofficial Results for Lincoln County for the 2014 General Election. Ms. Burrows provided printouts of vote totals by precinct and summary by contest. Ms. Burrows stated when voter registration closed on October 7, 2014 there were 14,494 registered voters eligible to cast a ballot in the November 4, 2014 General Elections. Ms. Burrows stated 6,279 ballots were cast in the election for a total turnout of 43.31%. Ms. Burrows stated of the total ballots cast 658 were Absentee Ballots, 2485 were Early Voters, and 3136 were Election Day Voters. Ms. Burrows noted of the 658 Absentee Ballots only 5 were rejected for either lack of signature or lack of ID as required for first time voter who registered by mail. Ms. Burrows stated 4 Provisional Ballots and 3 In Lieu of Absentee Ballots were cast all of which were qualified and tallied into the final vote totals. Ms. Burrows provided supporting documentation including rosters, printed tabulator tapes, applications, and permits for review.

Ms. Burrows commented on a likely recount of votes for the statewide contest of Public Lands Commissioner. Ms. Burrows stated if the margin of victory in any statewide contests was less than .5% of totals votes cast State Statute required a mandatory recount. Ms. Burrows reported the State would complete their canvass on November 25, 2014 and any recount would commence shortly thereafter.

Motion: Certify the results of the 2014 General Election for Lincoln County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Minter, **Seconded by** Commissioner Draper.
Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).
Yes: Chair Powell, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Minter.
Absent: Commissioner Doth, Commissioner Stone.

SEE EXHIBIT A: Copy of the Certificate of Canvass for the 2014 General Election is attached hereto in reference thereto made a part hereof.

7. Budget Adjustment – Approval of New Position: Solid Waste Collection Clerk

Nita Taylor, County Manager, reminded the Board of County Commissioners took action to terminate the Joint Powers Agreement between Lincoln County and the Greentree Solid Waste Authority for the billing of solid waste collection services for those residents of the unincorporated areas of the County effective December 31, 2014.

Ms. Taylor stated as a result of this action she and staff began working with the County's software provider to develop a process to bill and collect for solid waste collection services. Ms. Taylor stated the added duties would require additional staff and recommended creation of a new Grade 22 position. Ms. Taylor recommended the Grade 22 position starting at \$14.98 per hour with an annual estimated cost of \$34,305 in accordance with Compensation Board recommendations. Ms. Taylor also requested the authority to develop an appropriate title for the position.

Motion: Approve an additional Grade 22 position in the Manager's Office and authorize the Manager to develop a title for the position, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Draper, **Seconded by** Chair Powell.

Commissioner Minter suggested the County meet with GSWA to facilitate the billing transition. Attorney Morel suggested a request to place an item on the GSWA agenda to discuss both the transition of the billing and the necessity of continuing the fuel surcharge.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).
Yes: Chair Powell, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Minter.
Absent: Commissioner Doth, Commissioner Stone.

8. Next Regular Meeting

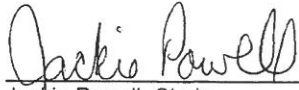
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9. Signing of Official Documents

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:18:22 AM.

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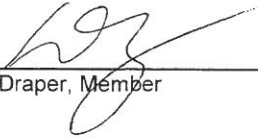


Jackie Powell, Chair

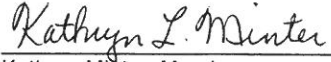


Preston Stone, Vice Chair

Mark Doth, Member



Dallas Draper, Member



Kathryn Minter, Member

ATTEST:



Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk

November 19, 2014
Date Approved

