

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

New Mexico Special Meeting Board of County Commissioners

Dallas Draper, Chair
Lynn Willard, Vice Chair

Thomas F. Stewart, Member
Elaine Allen, Member
Preston Stone, Member

Minutes Wednesday June 9, 2020

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Roll Call.

Present: Chair Draper (Via Zoom), Commissioner Stewart (Via Zoom), Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard (Via Zoom).

Absent: Commissioner Stone.

Others present included Nita Taylor, County Manager; Alan Morel, County Attorney; and Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk.

3. Invocation

The invocation was presented by Chair Draper.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Pledge – U.S.A. Flag
- b. Salute – N.M. Flag ("I salute the flag of the State of New Mexico, the Zia Symbol of perfect friendship among united cultures")

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 Allen.

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

Yes: Chair Draper, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard.

Chair Draper stated public comment will take place immediately after Agenda item 6.

Chair Draper Recessed the Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting and convene the Lincoln County Canvass Board.

6. Canvass June 2, 2020 Primary Election Votes

Whitney Whittaker, Clerk Informed there were 3,189 Democrats; 7,765 Republicans; and 145 Libertarians for a total of 11,099 registered voters eligible to cast a ballot in the 2020 Primary Election.

Ms. Whittaker stated 3,056 Absentee by Mail ballots were received and tabulated; 871 residents Voted Early; and 1,357 residents cast their ballot on Election Day for a total of 5,284 ballots cast. Ms. Whittaker stated 63 Provisionals were received and of those only 1 was not qualified. Ms. Whittaker stated the 1 provisional not qualified was not from a major party. Ms. Whittaker stated New Mexico is a closed primary state in which only major political parties are able to cast a ballot in the Primary Election.

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

Ms. Whittaker requested the County Canvass Board certify the 2020 Primary Election for Lincoln County by their signature on the Certification of Canvass Results.

Chair Draper adjourned the Canvassing Board and reconvened the Special Meeting at 10:34 AM.

Motion: Certify Lincoln County's canvassed results for the 2020 Primary Election, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stewart, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

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

Yes: Chair Draper, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Willard.

SEE EXHIBIT A: Copies of Lincoln County Canvass results for the 2020 Primary Election is attached hereto in reference thereto made a part hereof.

Public comment

Michael Wood, Undersheriff thanked the board and the citizens of Lincoln County for placing him on the 2020 General Election ballot.

Undersheriff Wood introduced his administrative secretary Nicole Bowen. Undersheriff Wood stated Ms. Bowen has been the administrative secretary for almost 2 years and is a crucial part of the office.

Undersheriff Wood announced Geraldine Martinez, once elected, to the position of Undersheriff. Undersheriff Wood stated Ms. Martinez holds tremendous qualities: she is very loyal and honest and will be a good fit for Lincoln County. Undersheriff Wood stated Ms. Martinez is currently employed by the Twelfth Judicial District Attorney's office.

Geraldine Martinez stated she is very thankful for the opportunity and is proud to be able to serve the residents of Lincoln County.

Cynthia Clark, Twelfth Judicial Assistant District Attorney congratulated Michael and his choice for undersheriff. Ms. Clark stated Ms. Martinez demonstrates incredible work ethic, and that Lincoln County will be well taken care of.

7. Signing of Official Documents.

8. Next meetings:

- a. June 16, 2020 Regular Commission Meeting

9. Adjourn.

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Draper adjourned the meeting at 8:57 AM.
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Dallas Draper, Chair

Approved Telephonically

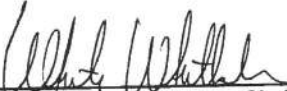
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Preston Stone, Member

ATTEST:


Whitney Whitaker, County Clerk

July 21, 2020
Date Approved

