

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

November 5, 2016

The Blaine County Election Board met in a SPECIAL meeting at 2:00 p.m., in Basement Room 6 of the Blaine County Courthouse. Advance notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the County Clerk on October 12, 2016 at 2:11 p.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on October 28, 2016 at 9:47 a.m. One copy each of the notice and agenda is attached. The following members were present: Mike Russell, Chairman; Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman; and Brenda Rice, Secretary. Tammy Edsall, Chief Clerk, Jana Loewen, Clerk, and Sheriff Margaret Parman were also present. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held July 1, 2016. **ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held July 1, 2016 be approved. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

2. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: The absentee process began at 2:02 p.m. The Board processed mail absentee ballots and Uniformed Services and Overseas absentee ballots submitted for the November 8, 2016 General Election/Special Election including opening the outer envelope and examining the affidavits for sufficiency, removing the affidavit envelope, mixing up and opening the secrecy envelope, removing the ballots, unfolding and flattening the ballots and passing them to the person assigned to feed the ballots into the voting device to count the ballots. The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined affidavits for One Hundred Fifteen absentee ballots submitted by mail.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board determined that one ballot received by mail could not be counted because the affidavit had not been notarized. Mr. Russell moved that the ballot be rejected and could not be counted. Mrs. Melchor seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

The Board secured an absentee ballot that had an attached notary document back in the absentee locked box until the Secretary could ask the State Election Board if the document was acceptable.

Mrs. Melchor moved that One Hundred thirteen absentee ballots be counted. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

The Board members then followed established procedures to prepare the ballots for counting. The Board observed as County Election Board Vice-Chairman Lana Melchor scanned the ballots through the eScan voting device to count them.

The Board reviewed nine ballots returned by military and overseas voters by fax. The Board secured a Federal Write In Ballot in the absentee locked box until Tuesday night to see if we receive the state absentee ballot. The Board followed procedures to make substitute ballots for eight absentee ballots that were returned by military and overseas voters by fax. The Chairman read the voter's choice for each office and question on the ballot to the Vice-Chairman who marked the ballot. The Board reviewed each substitute ballot and we agreed that the substitute ballots were marked exactly as the original ballot submitted by the voter. Mrs. Melchor moved that eight military and overseas voter's

ballots by fax be counted. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. (Substitute Ballot Log attached)

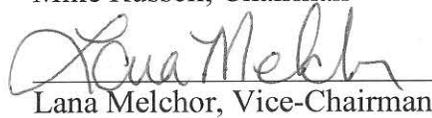
The Board members then followed established procedures to prepare the ballots for counting. The Board observed as County Election Board Vice-Chairman Lana Melchor scanned the remarked ballots for Military/Overseas Voters through the eScan voting device to count them.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss dates and times for future County Election Board Meetings. ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary informed the Board Members that the next County Election Board Meeting will be Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment. ACTION TAKEN: Ms. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

