

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

November 3, 2020

The Blaine County Election Board met in a REGULAR meeting at 4:00 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 June 12, 2020 at 2:35 p.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on September 11, 2020 at 8:55 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, Assistant Secretary, Jana Loewen, Clerk and Beth Massey, deputy were also present. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held October 31, 2020.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held October 31, 2020 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: Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the November 3, 2020 General Elections including opening the outer envelopes and examining the affidavits for sufficiency, removing the affidavit envelope, opening the secrecy envelope, and counting the ballots. The process began at 4:01 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined the affidavits for seventeen mail ballots and three nursing home ballots.

Rejection # 1: When opening the envelopes, the Board rejected a Standard ballot because the voter failed to sign the affidavit envelope.

The Board determined that 19 ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved to accept and count the absentee ballots. 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, Tammy Edsall, Assistant Secretary, and Jana Loewen, Clerk scanned all nursing home and mail ballots through the designated voting machine.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Recess meeting, if needed, and reconvene no later than 7:00 p.m. in the same location.

ACTION TAKEN: Mr. Russell moved that the Board recess its meeting and reconvene at 7:00 p.m. in the County Election Board office. Mrs. Melchor seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the County Election Board office and called back to order by Mr. Russell. All members were present.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the November 3, 2020 General Election results for federal, state and county offices.

ACTION TAKEN: None. No motions were made and no votes taken in connection with these activities.

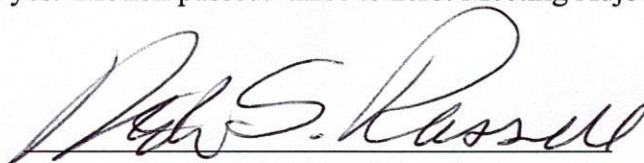
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of sealed ballot transfer cases from precincts and sealed ballot transfer cases containing counted absentee ballots into the custody of the Sheriff. The Board also examined tabulation reports and unofficial certification reports.

4. 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 Friday, November 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on November 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

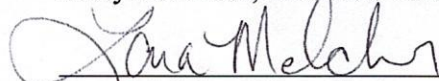
5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, November 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. 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 9:11 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

