

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

April 2, 2019

The Blaine County Election Board met in a REGULAR meeting at 6:00 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 November 14, 2018 at 2:05 p.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on March 25, 2019 at 10:38 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 Tony Almaguer, deputy were also present. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held February 15, 2019.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held February 15, 2019 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: Approve Secretary's report of substitute precinct officials for the April 2, 2019 Board of Education General/Municipal General/Special Elections, if needed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor made a motion to approve the following substitute precinct official for the April 2, 2019 Board of Education General/Municipal General/Special Elections. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. See Attachment.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Approve resignation of permanent precinct officials, if needed.

ACTION TAKEN: No Action.

4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Appoint permanent precinct officials, if needed.

Precinct 2

Verla Patzkowsky (Rep)-Okeene

Inspector

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the above appointment be approved. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Process mail and nursing home absentee ballots submitted for the April 2, 2019 Board of Education General/Municipal General/Special 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 6:02 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined the affidavits for thirty-three absentee ballots submitted by mail and three nursing home ballots.

The Board determined that all thirty-six ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mr. Russell moved to accept and count the thirty-six absentee ballots. Mrs. Melchor 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. When the ballots were being scanned the Vice-Chairman noticed that one ballot was defaced, the Board followed procedure to remark that one ballot. The Chairman read the voter's choice to the Vice-Chairman who marked the ballot. The Board reviewed the substitute ballot and we agreed that the substitute ballot was marked exactly as the original ballot submitted by the voter. Mr. Russell moved that the remarked ballot be counted along with three nursing home ballots and thirty-two absentee by mail ballots for a total of thirty-six absentee ballots. The Board observed as County Election Board Vice-Chairman Lana Melchor, Jana Loewen, Clerk and Tammy Edsall, Chief Clerk scanned all nursing home and mail ballots through the designated voting machine.

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the April 2, 2019 Board of Education General Elections board member results for the following districts which Blaine County is the parent county Election Board:

Canton School District I-105 Member-Board of Education-Office No. 4
Geary School District I-80 Member-Board of Education-Office No. 4

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

7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the April 2, 2019 Board of Education board member results for the following school districts which Blaine County is the affected county Election Board:

Thomas Fay Custer School District I-007 Member-Board of Education-Office No. 4

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

8. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the April 2, 2019 Special Election results for the following school district which Blaine County is the affected County Election Board:

Thomas Fay Custer School District I-007 1 Proposition

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

9. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the April 2, 2019 Regular Municipal General Election results for the following statutory municipalities contained within Blaine County:

City of Watonga Town of Canton Town of Longdale

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

10. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the April 2, 2019 Regular Municipal General Election results for the following statutory municipality for which Blaine County is the parent County Election Board:

City of Geary

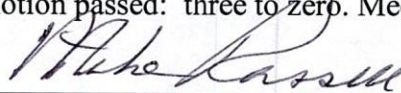
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of 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.

11. 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, April 5, 2019 at 4:45 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on April 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

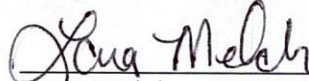
12. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 4:45 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 8:51 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

