

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

April 16, 2021

The Blaine County Election Board met in a **SPECIAL** meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Blaine County Main Courtroom of the Blaine County Courthouse. Advanced notice of the meeting was performed by filing a written notice with the County Clerk on April 12, 2021 at 1:31 p.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on April 12, 2021 at 1:33 p.m. One copy each of the notice and agenda is attached.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a recount of the ballots for the Town of Canton Board of Trustees race in the April 6, 2021 Municipal Election.

Judge Allison Lafferty called the hearing to order and asked that the ballots be brought over by the County Sheriff. After the ballots arrived, she questioned Election Board Secretary, Brenda Rice are how the ballots are secured. Ms. Rice explained procedure. Judge Lafferty then asked County Sheriff Travis Daugherty how his office secured the ballots. Sheriff Daugherty explained his procedure. Judge Lafferty examined the ballot transfer cases and determined that the ballots had been properly preserved according to law.

The following members were present: Mike Russell Chairman; Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman, Brenda Rice, Secretary, Tammy Edsall, Assistant Secretary, Jana Loewen, Clerk, was also present. Ms. Rice called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

1. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Conduct recount of ballots for the Town of Canton Board of Trustees in the April 6, 2021 Municipal General Election, Cause No. 20210001. (A copy of the Petition for Recount, Cause No. 20210001, is attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Ms. Rice introduced the County Election Board members and staff, provided a brief synopsis of the manner in which the recount would be conducted. Ms. Rice introduced the counters. Watchers were sworn in and directed to take their positions. Counting of the ballots began at 9:30 a.m. ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the recount procedure for Town of Canton Board of Trustees begin. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed three to zero.

There were no objections by the watchers during the manual recounting of the ballots. The recount concluded at 10:30 a.m. The recount showed no change in the counted precincts for the Town of Canton Board of Trustees from the April 9, 2021 post-provisional count resulting the exact same numbers.

2. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Recess meeting following the recount and reconvene in the County Election Board Office. ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the Board recess its meeting and reconvened in the County Election Board Office. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell – yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

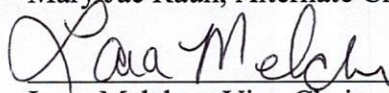
The meeting was reconvened at 10:43 a.m. Mrs. Melchor made the motion to reconvene. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.

3. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held April 9, 2021. ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the above meeting be approved. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero.
4. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Certify results of the recount of ballots cast for the Town of Canton Board of Trustees in the April 6, 2021 Municipal General, Cause No. 20210001. ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to certify the results of the recount of ballots cast for Town of Canton Board of Trustees in the April 6, 2021 Municipal General Election, Cause No. 20210001. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. (One copy of the Official Certification Report showing the recounted results is attached hereto and incorporated herein.)
5. **BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjournment. ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. 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 10:45 a.m.



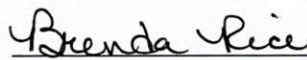
Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

