

# MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

April 6, 2021

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 5, 2020 at 9:42 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on March 22, 2021 at 8:05 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 Josh Wilder, 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 November 6, 2020.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held November 6, 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 April 6, 2021 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 6:01 p.m.

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

Rejection # 1 This voter did not sign their affidavit.

The Board followed procedure to mark Substitute Ballots faxed by military voters. The Chairman read the ballots to the Vice-Chairman who marked the ballot. The Board reviewed the substitute ballots and we agreed that the substitute ballots were marked exactly as the original ballot submitted by the voter.

The Board determined that thirty-nine ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved to accept and count the thirty-nine 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 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.

**3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the April 6, 2021 Board of Education General Elections board member results for the following districts which Blaine County is the parent county Election Board:

Watonga School District I-42 Member-Board of Education-Office No. 1  
Geary School District I-80 Member-Board of Education-Office No. 1

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

**4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the April 6, 2021 Board of Education board member results for the following school districts which Blaine County is the affected county Election Board:

Cimarron School District I-92                      Member-Board of Education-Office No. 1

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

**5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the April 6, 2021 Special Election results for the following school district which Blaine County is the affected County Election Board:

Cimarron School District I-92    1 Proposition

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

**6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the April 6, 2021 Regular Municipal General Election results for the following statutory municipalities contained within Blaine County:

City of Watonga              Town of Canton              Town of Longdale              Town of Okeene

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

**7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the April 6, 2021 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.

**8. 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 9, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on April 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

**9. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjournment.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, April 9, 2021 at 4:30 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 8:49 p.m.

*Mike Russell*

Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman

*Lana Melchor*

Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman

*Brenda Rice*

Brenda Rice, Secretary

