

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

July 13, 2021

The Blaine County Election Board met in a SPECIAL 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 May 18, 2021 at 10:33 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on June 17, 2021 at 10:21 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 Travis Daugherty, Sheriff 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 April 16, 2021.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held April 16, 2021 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 July 13, 2021 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 6:05 p.m.

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

The Board determined that three ballots received by mail could not be counted because the affidavits had not been signed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor made a motion to reject these three absentee ballots and not count them. Mr. Russell seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Russell-yes, Mrs. Melchor-yes, Ms. Rice-yes. Motion passed: three to zero. The rejected affidavits were set aside and separated from those to be counted.

The Board determined that forty-four ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved to accept and count the forty-four 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, Assistant Secretary scanned all nursing home and mail ballots through the designated eScan voting machine.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the July 13, 2021 Special Election results for the following statutory municipalities contained within Blaine County:

Town of Okeene

Proposition

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

4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the July 13, 2021 Special Election results for Blaine County:

Proposition

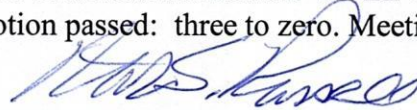
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of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

5. 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, July 16, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on July 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, July 16, 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 9:07 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

