

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

March 7, 2023

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, 2022 at 10:53 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on February 27, 2023 at 9:55 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, Tonya Nix, Clerk. 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 17, 2023.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held February 17, 2023 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 March 7, 2023 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 forty-eight absentee ballots submitted by mail. There were two nursing home ballots cast.

Rejection # 1: When opening the envelopes, the Board rejected a Physically Incapacitated ballot because the voter didn't sign the affidavit.

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

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the March 7, 2023 Special Election state question results for the State of Oklahoma.

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

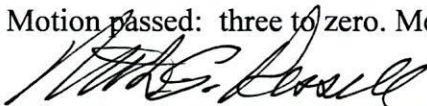
into the custody of the Sheriff. The Board also examined tabulation reports and unofficial certification reports.

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, March 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on March 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in main courtroom. The next Board meeting is April 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, March 10, 2023 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 8:34 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

