

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

June 26, 2018

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 9, 2018 at 10:24 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on June 12, 2018 at 1:30 p.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 Michael Galloway, Deputy was 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 6, 2018.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held April 6, 2018 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 June 26, 2018 Primary Election, if needed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor made a motion to approve the following substitute precinct official for the June 26, 2018 Primary Elections:

Precinct 060002-Verla Patzkowsky (Rep) for Caroleen Clester (Rep) Judge
Precinct 060002-Mary Jo Cayot (Dem) for Sharon Strader (Dem) Clerk
Precinct 060002-Sharon Strader (Dem) for Dolores Winter Inspector
Precinct 060007-Darlene Kennedy – Provisional Voting Officer
Precinct 060011-Sandra Brown (Dem) for resigned Judge
Precinct 060012-Deborah Bradt (Rep) for Ina Maxine Peters who has resigned as Clerk
Precinct 060012-Betty Jeanne Webb – Provisional Voting Officer
Precinct 060016-Donna Oler (Rep) for Clella Lookabaugh who has resigned as Clerk
Precinct 060020-Judy Pieper (Rep) for Merrill Huiatt who has resigned as Inspector
Precinct 060020-Carole Sauer (Rep) for Patricia Payne who has resigned as Judge
Precinct 060020-Lela Farmer (Dem) for Betty Eakins who has resigned as Clerk
Precinct 060020-Merrill Huiatt – Provisional Voting Officer

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: Approve resignation of permanent precinct officials and in-person absentee/nursing home board members, if needed.

Precinct 060012	Ina Maxine Peters (Rep)-Watonga	Clerk
Precinct 060016	Clella Lookabaugh (Rep)-Greenfield	Clerk
Precinct 060020	Thelma Merrill Huiatt (Rep)-Hydro	Inspector
Precinct 060020	Patricia Payne (Rep)-Hydro	Judge

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the above resignations 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: Appoint permanent precinct officials, if needed.

Precinct 11	Sandra Brown (Dem)-Watonga	Judge
Precinct 12	Deborah Bradt (Rep)-Watonga	Clerk
Precinct 20	Judy Pieper (Rep)-Hydro	Inspector
Precinct 20	Carole Sauer (Rep)-Hydro	Judge
Precinct 20	Lela Farmer (Dem)-Hydro	Clerk

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the above appointments 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 June 26, 2018 Primary Election 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 6:06 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: The Board members opened outer envelopes and examined the affidavits for sixty six absentee ballots submitted by mail and nine nursing home ballots.

The Board determined that all nine nursing home ballots would be counted.

The Board determined that all sixty six absentee ballots by mail would be counted. The Board followed procedure to mark one substitute ballot that was returned by an overseas voter by fax. The Chairman read the voter's choice for State Question 788 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 one overseas ballot by fax be counted along with nine nursing home ballots and sixty five absentee by mail ballots for a total of 75 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. The Board observed as County Election Board Vice Chairman Lana Melchor, Jana Loewen, Clerk and Tammy Edsall, Chief Clerk scanned all nursing home, mail and one remarked overseas ballots through the designated voting machine.

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the election results for all federal, state, county offices and all state questions included on the ballot.

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

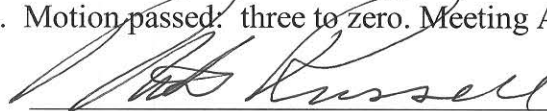
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; sealed ballot transfer cases containing counted absentee ballots into the custody of the Sheriff. The Board also examined tabulation reports and unofficial certification reports.

7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Discuss dates and times for future County Election Board Meetings.

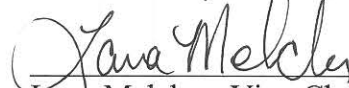
ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary informed the Board Members that the next County Election Board Meeting will be Friday, June 29, 2018 at 4:45 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on July 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

8. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, June 29, 2018 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 9:38 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

