

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

August 28, 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 August 13, 2018 at 8:51 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 Monty Goodwin, 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 June 29, 2018.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held June 29, 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 August 28, 2018 Runoff Primary Election, if needed.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor made a motion to approve the following substitute precinct official for the August 28, 2018 Runoff Primary Elections:

Precinct 060007-Roberta Westfahl (Dem) Inspector for Sharon Lacy
Precinct 060007-Charlene Heath (Dem) Judge for Roberta Westfahl
Precinct 060012-Della Wallace (Rep) for Deborah Bradt
Precinct 060016-Donna Oler (Rep) for Clella Lookabaugh who has resigned as Clerk
Precinct 060017-Roger Margerum (Rep) Inspector for Cathy Allen
Precinct 060017-Beverley McPherson (Rep) Judge for Roger Margerum
Precinct 060017-Margarett Parman (Rep) Clerk for Carolyn Lawson
Precinct 060020-Merrill Huiatt – Provisional Voting Officer

Attached is a document outlining why I didn't have a Democrat working in Precinct 060017.

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.

ACTION TAKEN: None.

4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Appoint permanent precinct officials, if needed.

Precinct 16 Donna Oler (Rep)-Watonga 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 August 28, 2018 Runoff 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 6:04 p.m.

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

The Board determined that all seven nursing home ballots would be counted. However, on one of the ballots the Escan kept kicking the ballot out, tried several times the Escan just wouldn't read the ballot. The Board decided to remark a ballot. The Board followed procedure to mark a substitute ballot to replace the ballot so the Escan would accept the ballot. The Chairman read the voter's choice for the Republican ballot 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.

The Board determined that all forty-three absentee ballots by mail would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved that all seven nursing home ballots and forty-three absentee by mail ballots for a total of fifty 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 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 and mail 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.

7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the August 28, 2018 Special School Election bond absentee and precinct results for the following district which Blaine County is the affected county Election Board:

Thomas-Fay-Custer School District I-007

Proposition

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

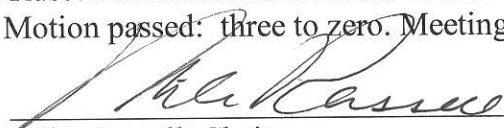
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; sealed ballot transfer cases containing counted absentee ballots into the custody of the Sheriff.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

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

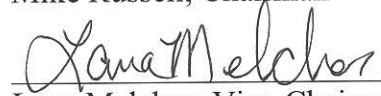
ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary informed the Board Members that the next County Election Board Meeting will be Friday, August 31, 2018 at 4:45 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on September 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

9. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, August 31, 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 9:04 p.m.



Mike Russell, Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

