

MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

February 8, 2022

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 November 8, 2021 at 10:22 a.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on January 21, 2022 at 11:22 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 December 21, 2021.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held December 21, 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 February 8, 2022 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 twenty-nine absentee ballots submitted by mail.

The Board determined that twenty-nine ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved to accept and count the twenty-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 mail ballots through the designated voting machine.

3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the February 8, 2022 Special Election results for the following districts which Blaine County is the parent county Election Board:

Watonga School District

1 Proposition

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

4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Canvass the February 8, 2022 Special Election results for the following school districts which Blaine County is the affected county Election Board:

Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center No. 2

2 Propositions

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

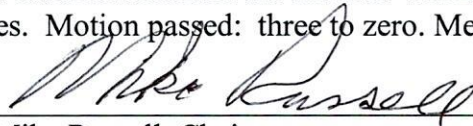
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of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

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

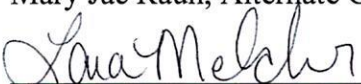
ACTION TAKEN: The Secretary informed the Board Members that the next County Election Board Meeting will be Friday, February 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. and if needed a Contest of Candidacy Hearing on February 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in mini courtroom for the City of Geary filing.

6. BUSINESS CONDUCTED: Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN: Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, February 11, 2022 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 8:50 p.m.




Mike Russell, Chairman

Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman


Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

