

# MINUTES OF THE BLAINE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

June 30, 2020

The Blaine County Election Board met in a REGULAR meeting at 4:00 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 June 12, 2020 at 2:35 p.m. and by posting an agenda at the County Election Board office on June 19, 2020 at 9:40 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, Jana Loewen, Clerk and Dwight McGee, deputy were also present. Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## BUSINESS CONDUCTED AT THE MEETING

**1. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Discuss and approve the minutes for the meeting held March 6, 2020.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved that the minutes of the meeting held March 6, 2020 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 June 30, 2020 Primary/Board of Education General 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 4:01 p.m.

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

Rejection # 1: When opening the envelopes, the Board rejected an Incapacitated ballot because the voter only got 1 witness.

Rejection # 2-4: The voters failed to have the affidavit notarized or provide an ID.

Rejection # 5: This Nursing Home voter did not sign their affidavit and the Nursing Home staff that assisted did not witness.

Rejection # 6 This Nursing Home voter did not sign their affidavit and there was only 1 witness signature.

Rejection # 7-8 The voters failed to put their ballot envelope into an affidavit envelope and it was not mailed back.

Rejection # 9 The voter did not sign their affidavit envelope.

Rejection # 10 The voters failed to put their ballot envelope into an affidavit envelope and it was not mailed back.

The Board followed procedure to mark Substitute Ballots faxed by military voters. The Chairman read the ballots to the Vice-Chairman who marked the ballot. The Board reviewed the substitute ballots and we agreed that the substitute ballots were marked exactly as the original ballot submitted by the voter.

The Board determined that One Hundred thirty-eight ballots were sufficient and would be counted. Mrs. Melchor moved to accept and count the 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 Chairman Mike Russell, Vice-Chairman Lana Melchor, Jana Loewen, Clerk scanned all nursing home and mail ballots through the designated voting machine.

**3. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the June 30, 2020 Primary Election results for federal, state and county offices.

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

**4. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the June 30, 2020 Board of Education General Elections results for the following school districts which Blaine County is the parent County Election Board:

Watonga School District I-42  
Geary School District I-80

Member-Board of Education-Office No. 5  
Member-Board of Education-Office No.5

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

**5. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Canvass the June 30, 2020 Board of Education General Election results for the following school districts which Blaine County is the affected County Election Board:

Cimarron School District I-92  
Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center # 2

Member-Board of Education-Office No. 5  
Member-Board of Education-Zone No. 2-Office No. 5

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

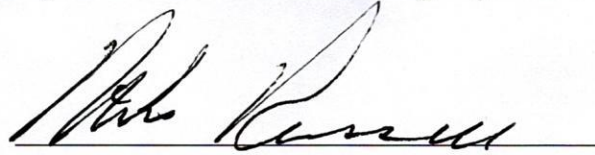
Throughout the evening, Board members were present and observed the processes and procedures involved in the receipt of voting devices, election supplies, and ballots from Inspectors; the tabulation of election results and production of tabulation reports and summary results reports; the transfer of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

**6. 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 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and if needed a Recount Hearing on July 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the main courtroom.

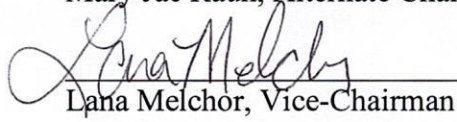
**7. BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** Adjournment.

**ACTION TAKEN:** Mrs. Melchor moved to adjourn until the next meeting which is scheduled on Friday, July 3, 2020 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 9:12 p.m.



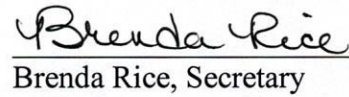
Mike Russell, Chairman

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Mary Jac Rauh, Alternate Chairman



Lana Melchor, Vice-Chairman

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Farrol Boyd, Alternate Vice-Chairman



Brenda Rice, Secretary

