

## COUNTY OF LINCOLN

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### New Mexico Special Meeting Board of County Commissioners

Preston Stone, Chair  
Dallas Draper, Vice Chair

Thomas F. Stewart, Member  
Elaine Allen, Member  
Lynn Willard, Member

#### Minutes Friday, February 8, 2019

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 10:00 AM on September 24, 2019 in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Stone called the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 10:01 AM.

#### 2. Roll Call

##### Roll Call.

**Present:** Chair Stone, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Draper (appearing telephonically), Commissioner Willard.

Others present included Nita Taylor, County Manager Alan Morel, County Attorney; and Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk.

#### 3. Invocation

The invocation was presented by Chair Stone.

#### 4. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Pledge – USA Flag
- b. Salute – NM Flag

#### 5. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Acceptance of the Agenda and authorized the Chair to move items as necessary;

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stewart, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Chair Stone, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Willard.

#### 6. Canvass Ruidoso All Mail Ballot Election

Whitney Whittaker, Clerk presented the 2019 Ruidoso Special School All-Mail Ballot Election results for Lincoln County for review and approval. Ms. Whittaker informed there were 7,862 registered voters in the Ruidoso School District eligible to cast a ballot during the Special Election. Ms. Whittaker stated total of 2,130 voters returned their ballot representing a 27.1% return rate.

Ms. Whittaker stated final vote totals included forty six (46) hand tallied ballots of which one was submitted by a military and/or overseas citizen. Ms. Whittaker stated thirty six (36) were rejected for either no signature, no ballot in envelope returned, or no ID provided. Ms. Whittaker stated first time voters who register by mail must provide identification. Ms. Whittaker stated this was a federal law.

Ms. Whittaker presented detailed canvass reports including Ballots Cast by Precinct; Ballots Cast by Candidate or Question; and the final Canvass of Returns for review. Ms. Whittaker also presented reconciliation reports, rosters, and tabulator tapes for inspection.

There was a general discussion regarding the federal identification law.

**Motion:** Approve the Lincoln County Certificate of Canvass Results for the 2018 General Election;  
**Action:** Approve, Moved by Commissioner Stewart, Seconded by Commissioner Allen.  
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 5).  
**Yes:** Chair Stone, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Willard.

**EXHIBIT A:** Copy of the Certificate of Canvass Results is attached hereto in reference thereto made a part hereof.

**7. Signing of Official Documents**

**8. Next meetings:**

a. February 19, 2019 - Regular Commission Meeting

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 10:16 AM.

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ATTEST:

  
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Whitney Whittaker, County Clerk

March 19, 2019  
Date Approved