

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

PRESENT	ABSENT
Jhonathan Aragon, Chairman	
David Carlberg, Vice-Chair	
David A. Hyder, Member	
	Charles D. Eaton, Member
Gerard Saiz, Member	
Danny Monette, County Manager	
Adren Nance & Dave Pato, County Attorneys	
Peggy Carabajal, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Aragon at 12:31 P.M.

2) Mr. Monette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Carlberg moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Hyder. Roll call vote. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Mraz commented that there are 43,000 registered voters and there were only 4 places to vote on election day. People showed up to vote at Meadowlake but there wasn't a polling location there. The county needs to make voting more accessible to people, if there are not proper places to vote he will notify the ACLU.

ACTION ITEM(S):

4) **Completion of 2019 Regular Local Election and Declaration of Results. Presenter: County Clerk Peggy Carabajal; Sponsor: County Manager for Regular County Business**
 County Clerk Peggy Carabajal stated that this was the first regular local election for Valencia County. The local election was the consolidation of elections for Los Lunas and Belen schools, the municipalities of Belen and Rio Communities as well as Soil and Water Conservation. There was a total of 4 polling locations on election day. Absentee and early voting were available beginning October 8th. There was a total of 2,415 voters who voted early. Before the consolidation of elections there was only a 2% voter turnout for school board, with the consolidation there was a 15% voter turnout. The number of voters for this election was not anticipated but the vendor was able to send 2 additional ballots systems for use to help alleviate the long lines. County Clerk Carabajal thanked her staff, commissioners, poll officials and entities for use of their facilities. She reported that the numbers from the 2019 Local Election are as follows:

Absentee voting- 339

Early voting- 2415

Election day-3558

Hand counted-5

Qualified provisionals-6

For a total of 6,323 ballots cast.

County Clerk Carabajal asked for approval of the canvass of the 2019 Regular Local Election.

Commissioner Hyder moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. (See Exhibit A) (Exhibit on file with the Clerk's Office.)

Chairman Aragon thanked the Clerk and her staff for their work during the election. He also congratulated the candidates that ran for office.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:

Minutes of November 14, 2019 Special Business Meeting

November 20, 2019- Public Hearing/Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

December 4, 2019- Business Meeting @ 5:00 P.M.
Valencia County Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031

5) Adjournment

Commissioner Saiz moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Carlberg. Roll call vote. Commissioner Hyder voted yes. Commissioner Saiz voted yes. Commissioner Carlberg voted yes. Chairman Aragon voted yes. Motion carried 4-0. **TIME: 12:42 P.M.**

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the November 14, 2019 Special Business Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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JHONATHAN ARAGON, CHAIRMAN




DAVID CARLBERG, VICE-CHAIR



DAVID A. HYDER, MEMBER



CHARLES D. EATON, MEMBER



GERARD SAIZ, MEMBER



ATTEST: 

PEGGY CARABAJAL, COUNTY CLERK

12-18-2019
DATE

The complete audio file from this meeting can be heard at <https://www.co.valencia.nm.us/>