Final Copy Torrance County Board of Commissioners Special Commission Meeting November 14, 2016

Commissioners Present:

Julia DuCharme-Member

James Frost-Acting Chair

Others Present:

Annette Ortiz-Interim County Manager

Michelle Jones -- Admin. Assist. III

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Frost calls the meeting to order at 9:09 am; he welcomes all those present to the meeting and leads us in the pledge. Ms. Michelle Jones, (myself) Clerk's Office Administrative Asst. III, gives the invocation.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

Chairman Frost asks for approval of the meeting agenda. **ACTION TAKEN:** Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve today's Commission Meeting Agenda. Chairman Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Action Items Items to Be Considered and Acted Upon

*Complete Canvass of 2016 General Election

Ms. Linda Jaramillo, County Clerk, states that we are here to canvass the 2016 General Election results. She informs the Commission that they can either just review the election results reports or they can look at the actual precinct rosters and tapes and compare them to the reports. The Commission decides to look at precinct rosters and tapes and compare them to the reports. Ms. Jaramillo brings the rosters and tapes to the Commissioners for review. The Commission looks at each precinct roster, tape, and report as Ms. Jaramillo explains the results.

Printed reports of the election results are included in the file for this meeting. Ms. Jaramillo discusses the results of each precinct and gives the Commission the following information along with the results:

2016 Torrance County General Election Explanations by Precinct:

Precinct 1: Board failed to include the number of ballots run through their machine but instead put a 1 for the one hand tallied ballot of the fleeing voter who left the polling place without casting his or her ballot which was returned.

Precinct 2: Good. 1 Provisional not counted.

Precinct 3: Good. No provisionals.

Precinct 4: Board failed to enter the names of the 2 voters who voted the two provisional ballots in their precinct. 2 provisionals. Names of the 2 prov. voters were Martha Bullington who was a precinct worker who forgot to vote early and her ballot was counted. The other was Christopher Dean Hall who was in wrong precinct and his ballot was counted.

Precinct 5: Good. 8 provisionals. 5 not counted, 3 counted. 1 in lieu of absentee counted

Precinct 6: Machine AAFAJEM0072 went down within 30 minutes of voting. Emergency voting begin while replacement machine AAFAJGL7585 was being delivered. Tape was run from both machines at the end of the day as the only problem with the original machine is that it was not reading ballots.

Precinct Board put 2 provisionals on roster cover. But one provisional was a mistake and was found to be in Precinct 13 so they sent him over to that precinct where he voted. So in reality there was only one Provisional. Which matches with our report. Mr. McClain is not listed on that report.

1 provisional did not count. 2 in lieu of absentee and both counted.

Precinct 7: Good. 3 provisionals not Counted

Precinct 8: Good. No provisionals.

Precinct 9: Good. No provisionals.

Precinct 10: Good. 1 provisional counted. 2 In lieu of absentee counted.

Precinct 11: Good. No provisionals

Precinct 12: Good. No provisionals. Voting machine not working properly. Took every voter several times to cast ballot. Very small precinct and the furthest away so I opted to go emergency if the machine had totally malfunctioned.

Precinct 13: Good. 6 provisionals not counted. 1 in lieu of counted.

Precinct 14: Good. No provisionals.

Precinct 15: Good. 2 provisionals not counted.

Precinct 16: Good. 2 provisionals counted.

Absentee: Explained previously. Roster did not account for voters who did not return their absentee ballots. These voters were sent to you in an email. The ballots which were returned throughout the day of the Election were added by the absentee board to the roster on the day of the Election.

Early and Alternate: 5 provisionals. 3 counted 2 did not.

After careful review of each precinct roster, tape, and report, the Commission accepts the election results and thanks Ms. Jaramillo for her attention to detail and her clear explanations. They thank her team for all their hard work.

ACTION TAKEN: Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to approve the results of the 2016 General Election canvass. Chairman Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Jaramillo thanks the Commission for their time. The Commission signs the Certification of Canvass Results. Ms. Jaramillo explains to the Commission that we will hold all our results, rosters, tapes, etc. for 45 days after the State completes their canvass at the end of the month.

*Adjourn

ACTION TAKEN: Madam Commissioner DuCharme makes a motion to adjourn the November 14, 2016 Special Commission Meeting. Chairman Frost seconds the motion. No further discussion. The Commissioners vote; all in favor, none opposed. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am

Chairman Frost

Michelle Jones, Admin. Assist. III

Date

The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on the Torrance County NM Website. Audio discs of this meeting can be purchased in the Torrance County Clerk's Office and the audio of this meeting will be aired on our local radio station KXNM.