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Torrance County Board of Commissioners  
Special Commission Meeting  
November 07, 2018  
2:00 PM

**Commissioners Present:** JULIA DUCHARME – CHAIR  
JAVIER SANCHEZ – MEMBER  
JAMES FROST – MEMBER by phone

**Others Present:** BELINDA GARLAND – COUNTY MANAGER  
ANNETTE ORTIZ – DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER  
GENELL MORRIS – ADMIN ASSISTANT

**Call Meeting to order**

Madam Chair DuCharme: Calls the November 07, 2018 Special Commission Meeting to order at 02:05 PM  
Pledge lead by Belinda Garland  
Invocation lead by Annette Ortiz

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Commissioner Sanchez: Moves to approve meeting agenda  
Madam Chair DuCharme: Seconds the motion  
All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

**\*ACTION ITEMS**

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON**

**1. Establish direction for 2018 General Election Canvass**

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: We will be canvassing election materials and you can come and participate in the canvass or give me direction to process with canvassing of the election results.  
I want to thank everyone that helped with this election, my staff – Deputy Linda Kayser, Sylvia Chavez, Yvonne Otero, Genell Morris, all the precinct workers and everyone in county offices. The election went well we had a few ups and downs, overall our machines worked well. People were a little confused because they were used to voting at the Moriarty Civic Center where everyone from every precinct could vote early. We had a lot of people show up at the Moriarty Civic Center “precinct 13” that belonged in a different precinct with lot of calls from Priscilla Ortiz “preceding judge”, we directed everyone to where they needed to go.  
If anyone wants to see the unofficial results you can go to my website, it has the link to the Secretary of State website. The only contested races in Torrance County were Roscoe Woods 1,777 and Shannon Murdock 3,435 unofficially. Heath White was uncontested 4,103. Andrew Homer 549 and Kevin McCall 1,153. Ryan Schweback was unopposed 1,210. Jesse Lucero unopposed 4,055. Jose Martin Rivera unopposed 4,095. Lucy Orio 1,995 and Josie Chavez 3,194. We have a new Probate Judge. For the State 54.12% of voters, voted and 54.94 % for Torrance County. That’s the biggest turnout for early voting and absentee by mail over 2,611 voters. There are

26 provisional and absentee votes that need to be counted, they were delivered to the polling site. These 26 ballots will not make a difference in the overall election, Linda Kayser and I will process these votes. On election night we get in the Clerks envelope the roster (we will be counting the signatures and making sure everything is correct), in the blue pouch is the tape and the cartridge (we go through each tape and match it to the results of election night). We would have had 18 more absentee ballots to count in the canvass if I hadn't sent a runner to the polling places to pick up all absentee ballots delivered to the polls, allowed by law, she went out till 5pm. We were able to run them through the absentee board on Election Day. We get all the spoiled ballots and match them to the rosters to make sure everything is perfectly balanced including provisional ballots. Some people are not on the roster. These people are allowed to vote on a provisional ballot, which are ballots we will be counting in the canvass. There is an accounting of how many counted and how many didn't, at the end of canvassing and we report these to the Secretary of State Office. We also canvass with the Secretary of State's Office they check my work so we all balance.

Belinda Garland – County Manager: I heard good comments, you did a good job.

Madam Chair DuCharme: I went and voted yesterday precinct 6 and had a good experience. They were friendly and efficient. Over all a very pleasant experience.

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: Precinct 7 & 14 is the McIntosh Senior Center, we had issues with the water and had to rent porta potty's and the road department took a tank of water. We have had a lot of issues and are looking to change the location to the McIntosh Fire Station. I have spoken with Chief Gary and he said he would be willing to have it as a polling place. This is entirely up to you.

We will be going to ballot on demand next year for the local election. I'm hoping we can stay with ballot on demand for future elections.

## **2. Canvass completion date Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: I will bring a report on November 14<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting showing how many ballots and provisional ballots were cast per precinct. You will sign off on that and we will send a certificate with your signatures to the Secretary of State.

Commissioner Sanchez: Motions to have Canvass completion date Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Commissioner Frost: Second the motion

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: I want to thank all the voters who came out to vote.

Commissioner Frost: I would like to thank the Clerk's office and all the helpers for doing a great job as they always do. They have our complete trust and do a wonderful job. Thank you girls.

Belinda Garland – County Manager: The road department is out running the blade full force this week. I would like to thank the public for being patient with us. We worked on some chip sealing projects the last few weeks and the rain disrupted our schedule.

Our Audit is ready for a close out session, I'd like to set up a special time for this. I will get some dates and time and see what will work for all of you.

## ***\*Adjourn***

Commissioner Sanchez: Motion to adjourn Special Commission Meeting.


Madam Chair DuCharme: Seconds the motion.

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 02:21 PM

  
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JULIA DUCHARME – CHAIR

  
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Genell Morris – Administrative Assistant

  
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Date

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