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Torrance County Board of Commissioners
Special Commission Meeting
February 6, 2019
9:00 AM

Commissioners Present: RYAN SCHWEBACH – CHAIR
JAVIER SANCHEZ – MEMBER; by phone
KEVIN MCCALL – MEMBER

Others Present: WAYNE JOHNSON – COUNTY MANAGER
GENELL MORRIS – ADMIN ASSISTANT

Call Meeting to order

Chairman Schwebach: Calls February 6, 2019 Special Commission Meeting to order at 09:02 AM

Canvass the Special Vaughn School Election

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: Presented the results from the Vaughn School District, to review the results, canvass and certify the election. Explains the O's tape attached which shows machine had no votes before ballots were entered. 99 ballots were issued, 43 returned ballots, 7 undeliverable ballots. (Presented tape from the machine with Torrance County results). Precinct parts from Duran and Encino are in the Vaughn School District. 40 ballots were cast in the machine, 3 were not read, a tally sheet was used for those due to the machine unable to read ballot.

Commissioner McCall: Why were the ballots not read?

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: The voter check marked their choice instead of filling in ovals.

Chairman Schwebach: Results for Torrance County, GO Bond 15 for; 26 against, it fails. Tax Question 17 for; 22 against this also fails.

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: In Guadalupe County for the same election both questions passed, unofficially. Our totals did not make a difference, and they both passed. I need you to sign the certificate, I will send it to the Secretary of State and the Vaughn Superintendent.

Chairman Schwebach: Motion to approve numbers and results as presented by the Clerk.

Commissioner McCall: Seconds the motion.

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: I paid for this school election out of my budget but will be reimbursed by the Vaughn School District. Showed the commission the amount to be billed.

Wayne Johnson – County Manager: Madam Clerk, Can you address the issue with regard to the inaccuracies of the ballot?

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: Yes, in school elections we receive a resolution from the schools. On October 18th I received the first resolution. I reviewed the resolution and send it to the printers, so they can start the process of creating the ballot. Shows the resolution to Chairman Schwebach and explains which number is wrong on the ballot. This resolution comes from the law firm for the schools. Linda Kayser and I read the resolution but didn't catch the number difference. I have been running elections for 21 years and this is the first time a question has come to us from a law firm where the question is wrong. I think it was the law firm who is responsible, but my name is on the ballot. Senator Ivey-Soto, attorney for the Clerk's affiliate said to continue because by the time it was caught we had already sent out ballots and people had already sent ballots back. Senator Ivey-Soto also said to certify your results and if there is any contest then the courts will decide.

Chairman Schwebach: The accurate number is a .65 mill in the tax question heading, but in the question itself it was wrong.

Linda Jaramillo – County Clerk: Yes, but as you can see, it's correct in the Spanish vision.

Chairman Schwebach: I'm ok with this. In the future look for things like this. The main question is the accurate one that was printed, and people voted on this.

***Adjourn**

Commissioner McCall: Motion to adjourn Regular Commission Meeting.

Chairman Schwebach: Seconds the motion.

All in favor: MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 09:10 AM



Ryan Schwebach – Chairman



Genell Morris – Administrative Assistant



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 out local radio station KXNM.