

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Special Meeting at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chairman at 1:00 PM, November 8, 2002; and he announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, Mountain Monthly, and to Radio Stations KPSA, KINN, and KYEE.

Those being present:

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| Richard Zierlein | Chairman |
| Tim McGinn | Vice-Chairman |
| Ruth Hooser | County Manager |
| Ray Backstrom | Administrative Office Manager |
| Robyn Silva | Deputy Clerk |

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose for this meeting is to canvas the results for the November 5, 2002 General Election.

Mrs. Dianna Duran, Mrs. Denise Guerra-Reliford, and Mrs. Kimberly Sue Chavez were present from the Otero County Clerk's Office to present the canvas.

Mrs. Duran stated that they have brought everything that the Commission may need to answer any questions that may arise regarding the election. She stated that they all have been given a Grid sheet that breaks down the votes cast, precinct by precinct, and then the total votes.

Mrs. Duran stated that there are four ballots that will need to be tallied by the Board today. The first ballot is a Fail Safe ballot and the other 3 are Emergency ballots used In-Lieu of Absentee.

Commissioner Zierlein and Commissioner McGinn then proceeded to tally the four ballots.

Commissioner Zierlein asked if there have been any changes since Tuesday night.

Mrs. Duran stated that there have been only a couple of minor changes made that did not effect the outcome of the election.

Commissioner Zierlein stated that he asked his questions earlier in the week and got his answers. He stated that his big question was, because there were a couple of races that were real close, why the totals changed. He was told that it was because of the paper ballots. He stated that he didn't realize that there were so many paper ballots. He stated that it actually turned out to be the Absentee ballots which there were approximately 2500. Commissioner Zierlein stated that he has no further questions.

Commissioner McGinn made motion to approve the canvas for the November 5, 2002 General Election as presented by the lovely and magnificent County Clerks. Commissioner Zierlein seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 2-0 with Commissioner Nivison absent.

The time being 1:20 PM, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Otero County Clerk

Special Meeting/Canvas of November 8, 2002.