

**Regular Meeting/2004 General Election Canvass**

**November 9, 2004**

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for the County of Otero, State of New Mexico, met in a Regular Meeting and met as the Canvassing Board for the 2004 General Election at the Otero County Courthouse in Alamogordo, County and State aforesaid. Meeting called to order by the Chair person at 4:00 p.m., November 9, 2004; and she announced that reasonable notice for this meeting was given to the Alamogordo Daily News, and to Radio Stations, KPSA, KINN and KYEE.

**Present:**

Clarissa McGinn	Chairperson
Doug Moore	Vice-Chairman
Michael Nivison	Member
Ruth Hooser	County Manager
Ray Backstrom	Assistant County Manager
Dan Bryant	County Attorney
LaDonna Perry	Department Assistant
Lynn Estrada	Deputy Clerk

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Mary Quintana, Otero County Clerk, presented the summary of vote totals for each candidate and tally sheets. Commissioner Moore would like to see the break downs for each precinct. The Board proceeded to check the provisional ballots in precincts 21, 11 and 17. Dianna Duran, Chief Deputy Clerk, explained the procedures that were used as instructed by the Secretary of State's Office to count the provisional ballots. Dan Bryant stated that when the statute gives the Commissioners the responsibility as the Canvassing Board to review the work of the County Clerk and the Precincts Boards, the statute is not

telling you to recount the votes. The only people who can count the votes in the regular returns are the precinct Board and Provisional Ballots, the County Clerk. On the returns from the precincts the Board shall examine the returns from each precinct to ascertain if they contain properly executed certificates required by the Election Code and ascertain if any discrepancy, omission, or error appears on the face of those returns. These are the functions that should be preformed today. The Board needs to have an understanding of what the Clerk did so the Board can have confidence that she is accurate. Commissioner Nivison understands this to be approving the process. Dan stated that this is correct. The Board has a choice to look at all 40 precincts or spot check a few to look for the Precinct Board signatures and certificates that are supposed to be on the returns. Precincts 9a, 14, 18, 21, 27, and 36 were checked by the Board.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept and certify the results of the 2004 General Election Canvass as provided by the Clerk being reviewed by the Canvassing Board. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nivison. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. See pages  
There being no further business before the Board the Chair person adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Clarissa McGinn, Chair person

ATTEST:

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Mary D. Quintana, County Clerk

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