

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Friday, June 8, 2012

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2012, in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting any and all business to come properly before the Board.

The following staff and elected officials were present:

Kelly Kuenstler, County Manager
Natalie Pacheco, Chief Deputy Clerk
JoAnna Z. Zurinsky, Deputy Clerk

Karen Smyer, County Clerk
Dora Madrid, Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Spivey called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. and Don Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance and the salute to the flag of the State of New Mexico.

ROLL CALL: The roll call was conducted by County Clerk Karen Smyer. The following commissioners constituting a quorum were present:

Joe L. Milo, Jr., District 1
J. Jay Spivey, Chairman, District 2

R. Javier Diaz, District 3 (absent)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Spivey opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments forthcoming.

CERTIFICATION OF CANVASS RESULTS FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION 2012: County Clerk Karen Smyer addressed the board and stated the canvass of the June 5 Primary Election returns revealed no defects. Mrs. Smyer presented the commissioners with a copy of the summary of election results. She also presented the certification of canvass, and explained the chain of events executed by the state for finalizing the election. Mrs. Smyer took an opportunity to thank those involved in helping with the election. Mrs. Smyer congratulated the party nominees as well as all candidates.

Mrs. Smyer reported there were no provisional ballots or in-lieu-of absentee ballots cast in the Primary Election. There were 5,895 eligible Democrat voters and 3,750 eligible Republican voters for a total of 9,645. The overall turnout was 29 percent with 1,732

Democrats (29%) and 1,051 Republicans (28%) voting. Of the 2,783 voters, 41 percent were early or absentee voters, and 59 percent voted on Election Day.

Mrs. Smyer stood for questions, and Fred Williams asked about the requirements for revealing election results before approval from the State and inquired about the cause of the delay in posting the results. Mrs. Smyer explained election results are public record, however absentee results cannot be revealed by precinct. Mrs. Smyer informed the Board and Mr. Williams that PCMCIA cards from all voting machines were read and a results file was sent to the Secretary of State prior to 8:30 p.m. The delay in results posting to the state website was related to the secure site blocking the file sent by the clerk's office. Mrs. Smyer stated she informed everyone present in the courthouse of the outcome as soon as possible, as well as read results over the live KOTS/ KDEM Radio broadcast from her office.

Chairman Spivey thanked Mrs. Smyer for her diligent work and promised improvement on the parking lot of Cook's Peak Fire Department, which is a polling place, by November. Commissioner Milo thanked Mrs. Smyer and Natalie Pacheco for their service.

Commissioner Milo motioned for approval of Certification of Canvass Results for Primary Election 2012. Chairman Spivey seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Mrs. Smyer presented Certificates of Nomination to the Board for signature and advised they will be issued to the nominees following the filing of campaign reports due July 5.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Spivey at 3:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

**LUNA COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Karen Smyer, Luna County Clerk

Joe L. "Oleo" Milo, Jr., District 1

Approved: _____

J. Jay Spivey, District 2, Chairman

R. Javier Diaz, District 3