

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

Friday, November 9, 2012

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Luna County Board of County Commissioners met in special session at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 9, 2012, in the County Commission Chambers of the Luna County Courthouse, Deming, New Mexico, for the purpose of conducting the canvass of returns of the 2012 General Election.

The following staff and elected officials were present:

Kelly Kuenstler, County Manager
Glory Johnson, Executive Assistant
Karen Smyer, County Clerk

Natalie Pacheco, Chief Deputy Clerk
Andrea Rodriguez, Deputy Clerk
JoAnna Zurinsky, Deputy Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Spivey called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and Commissioner Milo 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 Deputy Clerk JoAnna Zurinsky. 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

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

CERTIFICATION OF CANVASS RESULTS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION 2012: County Clerk Karen Smyer addressed the board and reported the canvass of the November 6, 2012 General 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 and expressed her appreciation for the support of her staff and all courthouse personnel during the election cycle. Mrs. Smyer congratulated the party nominees as well as all successful candidates.

Mrs. Smyer reported a 60% turnout of the eligible voters with 3,227 voters having voted on Election Day and 3,670 voters voting early. There were 647 absentee voters. There was 1 in-lieu-of ballot cast. There were 11 provisional ballots, three of which were qualified ballots and eight were unqualified. In the 2008 presidential election, there was a 63% turnout in Luna County.

Mrs. Smyer informed the board that administrative personnel at Mimbres Valley Learning Center have advised her they no longer wish to have the building used as an election day polling location nor as the alternate site for early voting. She advised the board that next fall they will be required to designate polling places and should consider assisting the incoming county clerk in finding a new location.

Mrs. Smyer presented Certificates of Election for the successful candidates for the board to sign which she said would be issued following the December 6 campaign reporting period. She recommended a new method of transportation for the voting machines to avoid damaging the units or causing Election Day complications due to the sensitivity of the machines. Mrs. Smyer thanked the local media KOTS Radio and the Deming Headlight for their support with public service announcements and election night coverage of election returns.

Chairman Spivey and the Commissioners thanked Mrs. Smyer and Natalie Pacheco for their years of service.

Commissioner Diaz motioned for approval of Certification of Canvass Results for General Election 2012. Commissioner Milo seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Spivey at 3:26 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