

**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**CANVASSING MEETING**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**June 6, 2014**

This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:10 p.m. by Chair Danny Mayfield in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Good afternoon, everybody. It's about 2:10 and we are going to convene as the Santa Fe County Canvassing Board. Today is Friday, June 6, 2014 and we'll call this meeting to order. And may we have a roll call please.

Roll was called by Deputy County Clerk Vicki Trujillo and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Danny Mayfield, Chair [telephonically]  
Commissioner Liz Stefanics  
Commissioner Miguel Chavez

**Members Excused:**

Commissioner Robert Anaya  
Commissioner, Kathy Holian

**3. Motion to Convene as County Canvassing Board, Pursuant to Section 1-13-1 NMSA 1978**

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, I'll make a motion.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Great. Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: We have a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.**

**4. Open Canvass of June 3, 2014 Primary Election, Pursuant to Section 1-13-3 NMSA 1978**

**5. Motion Directing County Clerk to Prepare Canvass**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And now may we have a motion to direct our County Clerk to prepare the canvass?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I'll make the motion to direct the County Clerk to prepare the canvass.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: We have a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.**

**6. Recess**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Commissioners, we will stand in recess until – what day will we be standing in recess until?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Yes, Mr. Chair, we stay in recess until we reconvene.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay. Is that like June 13<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Stefanics?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: That's right.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay, so we are recessed until then. Thank you.

The Commission recessed at 2:12 and on Friday, June 13, 2014 at approximately 2 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Roll was called by County Clerk Geraldine Salazar and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Danny Mayfield, Chair [telephonically]  
Commissioner Robert Anaya [telephonically]  
Commissioner Liz Stefanics  
Commissioner Miguel Chavez

**Members Excused:**

Commissioner, Kathy Holian

**3. Motion to Reconvene as County Canvassing Board**

Upon motion by Commissioner Chavez and second by Commissioner Stefanics, the Board unanimously voted to reconvene as the County Canvassing Board.

**4. Motion for Approval of June 3, 2014 Primary Election Canvass, Pursuant to Section 1-13-131A, NMSA 1978**

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Do we have Eric Barraza with us today?

MS. SALAZAR: Yes we do. We have Eric Barraza here. He is the acting Bureau of Elections Chief Deputy.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. Before we move forward with a motion for approval, Mr. Barraza do you have anything to add?

MS. SALAZAR: Pardon me.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I'm asking if Mr. Barraza cares to comment on anything.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Does he want to comment on anything?

MS. SALAZAR: Does he want to comment on anything? Do you have a question for Mr. Barraza, Chair Mayfield?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I'd like him to explain the canvassing process of Santa Fe County, please.

MS. SALAZAR: Sir, Chair Mayfield would like to know what is the canvassing process for Santa Fe County. Is that correct, Chair Mayfield?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you, Madam Clerk, yes.

ERIC BARRAZA (Bureau of Elections): Chair Mayfield, what we do during the canvass is we research – we had 135 provisional ballots. We research these as to why they were provisionals; whether they were not registered as all, where they registered in a different party and we qualify the ones that were eligible to vote. The others we cannot qualify. We actually qualified 75 out of 139 and there were 60 that were not qualified.

We also during that canvassing process – what we do is we take our machine tapes, we compare it with the voting machine permits along with signatures in the signature roster and verify it that way. If there's any discrepancy we have to note those. After we had our hand tallies that were not added in election night and that does really confirm absentee ballots delivered to the polling places on Election Day and they're delivered to us after 7 o'clock on election night.

MS. SALAZAR: Chair Mayfield, do you have any further questions? This is Geraldine Salazar.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: The audio is not the best but Mr. Barraza, thank you for that explanation. Two questions I do have. Were there any issues with any of precincts throughout Santa Fe County?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, could you repeat the question? Were there any issues with what?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Any precincts throughout Santa Fe County on election night.

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, there was not. There was a couple of issues that we had. I would have to ask Teresa Atencio because she's the one that conducted the canvassing portion of that –

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I can hardly hear. Can we change the audio around?

MS. SALAZAR: What was the question?

MR. BARRAZA: He wants to change the audio.

[The audio volume was increased]

MR. BARRAZA: Okay, so I was saying, Chairman Mayfield, that Theresa Atencio is the one who conducted the canvassing process at our fairgrounds and she's the one who went over the precinct by precinct steps so I'm going to ask her to speak on as far as the canvassing and how it went on a precinct level.

MS. SALAZAR: And, Chairman Mayfield, this is Geraldine Salazar, is there anything specific that you want her to address with your question?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Geraldine, will you repeat what Mr. Barraza said? I can hear you but I can't hear him.

MS. SALAZAR: I can't hear him. He cannot hear that mike, okay. So let's test this – why don't you come over here Theresa. Okay, so Theresa Atencio from the Bureau

of Elections in the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office is here next to me and so she's here to address your question.

    THERESA ATENCIO: Hi, Chairman Mayfield. I conducted the canvassing of all the precincts with the people in the Clerk's office also who assisted. There was one not really major problem, it's just one of the precincts in Pojoaque, one of the machines had a malfunction and they had to change out the machine. And one of the Republican ballots was not read. On another one there was early site for Pojoaque that a ballot was read twice because of an error feeding it through.

    CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay, and can you identify the first precinct where you had the machine malfunction?

    MS. ATENCIO: That was Pojoaque, I believe, precinct 59.

    CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay, and then where you had the ballot ripped – where was that at?

    MS. ATENCIO: The one – that was from one of our early sites, the Pojoaque early voting site.

    CHAIR MAYFIELD: And what was the malfunction again at Precinct 59?

    MS. ATENCIO: Do you know what the malfunction of the machine was?

    MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, what we have is our voting machines has what we call a diverter and it's diverts, switches back and forth to drop the write-in votes to one side and regular votes to another side. What happened was that diverter did not – was not activated so it kind of stacked the ballots up on the diverter and it caused one of the paper ballots to get jammed in there. And so when they fed it through I believe that they thought that it had read so it just dropped on one side and it didn't get read.

    MS. SALAZAR: For clarification, this is Geraldine Salazar, Eric was this for early voting?

    MR. BARRAZA: That was in Precinct 59 on Election Day.

    MS. SALAZAR: Election Day.

    MR. BARRAZA: The problem with the early voting where the ballot was read twice was the same issue. The diverter got stuck, ballots were stacking up, and when it got stuck they pulled it back out and they re-fed it through to go back into the machine.

    CHAIR MAYFIELD: Can I ask what time they went out and reset that?

    MS. SALAZAR: Sorry –

    CHAIR MAYFIELD: What time they went out and reset that at?

    MR. BARRAZA: I do not have that information. Our technician should have that information in their logs. Are you talking about the Election Day, Chairman Mayfield?

    CHAIR MAYFIELD: Can you repeat that please? And can you just tell me when the final vote tabulation came in from Precinct 59 please.

    MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, would you like Democrat or Republican or both?

    CHAIR MAYFIELD: I can barely hear you Mr. Barraza. I apologize.

    MR. BARRAZA: Would you like Republican and Democrat or just Democrat?

    CHAIR MAYFIELD: Just on the total vote, I mean, on the total vote that was cast in that place.

MR. BARRAZA: Precinct 59 democrat was 246 and Precinct 59 republican was 24.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Thank you. And when did you receive those total votes that evening? Can you tell me from Precinct 59?

MR. BARRAZA: Can you repeat the question please?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: When did you receive the final data or when was that information posted on Precinct 59?

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, I am not sure. They come in throughout the night. They start around 7:30 and we continue until about 10:30. So I don't exactly when Precinct 59 reported but they were probably right in the middle of all of those precincts.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay, thank you. That's all I have with that. And then as far as early and absentee ballots; do you all have a breakdown of early and absentee for precincts?

MR. BARRAZA: We do.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And do you have those numbers available now or is that after they're certified with the Secretary of State that they'll be provided?

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, they are not consolidated. They are all broken up. I can definitely email you these numbers. I can consolidate all the numbers for you, if not, I can give you individually by category if you'd like. There's about six different categories. They consist of absentee machine read ballots, absentee hand tallied ballots, provisional absentee hand tallies, early voting machine tallies, early voting hand tallies, and early voting provisional tallies.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay, so have any of the votes of your check or anything, have any of those votes changed from the election night reporting to the Secretary of State's Office?

MS. SALAZAR: Chairman Mayfield, for clarification, are you asking have the votes changed from election night to the present?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Yeah, after your county canvassing.

MS. SALAZAR: After our canvassing in Santa Fe County.

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, yes they have.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Can you tell us the new numbers please?

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, are you asking about a specific race or do you want to know about all the -- because there's a 104 votes that we added after election night and --

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: -- our function this would be helpful for us to motion to approve the June 3<sup>rd</sup> primary election canvass. Is this information that you've already given to the Secretary of State and we're going to approve in totality?

MS. SALAZAR: Please repeat the question.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: So our role to approve the canvassing is this post you reporting the new corrected information to the Secretary of State?

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, we will be reporting that information today after this meeting.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Okay, so once you have that information, that will be public information of what those new totals are.

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, correct.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: But it is not public information prior?

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, I have no problem giving out results to anybody right now at this point – of course, it's not official until the State Canvassing Board meets and –

CHAIR MAYFIELD: What were the changes countywide then please?

MR. BARRAZA: Could you repeat the question?

CHAIR MAYFIELD: What were the changes from what was reported to the Secretary of State to today countywide?

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, there were 104 votes that were added to our tallies after election night.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: And, Mr. Barraza, was that a net 104 votes or was that after subtractions also?

MR. BARRAZA: Chairman Mayfield, that is a net. Of course, people don't have to vote a full ballot so you're not going to see 104 total votes for everybody. So you'll see changes here between some candidates and some won't get votes.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: Fair enough. That's all the questions I have, everybody. Thank you. I don't know if there are any other questions from any other Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: No, Mr. Chair. I'll make the motion when you're ready.

CHAIR MAYFIELD: I'm ready for a motion, for approval of our June 3, 2014 Primary Election Canvass, pursuant to Section 1-13-13A, NMSA 1978.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.**

## 5. Adjourn

Having completed the agenda and upon motion by Commissioner Stefanics and second by Commissioner Chavez, Chair Mayfield declared this meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Approved by:



Board of County Commissioners  
Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair



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