

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

**November 9 & 17, 2006**

This special canvassing meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order on November 9, 2006 at approximately 4:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Virginia Vigil, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll was called by County Clerk Valerie Espinoza and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Virginia Vigil, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Paul Campos  
Commissioner Mike Anaya [telephonically]

**Members Excused:**

Commissioner Harry Montoya, Chairman  
Commissioner Jack Sullivan

**Approval of the Agenda**

County Manager Roman Abeyta announced there were no changes to the agenda, and upon motion by Commissioner Campos and second by Commissioner Anaya, the agenda was unanimously adopted as published.

**Opening of Canvass**

DENISE LAMB (Bureau of Elections Chief Director): Madam Chair, Commissioners, it's wonderful to see you here today. I won't keep you long. Section 1-13-3 NMSA 1978 requires that the County Canvassing Board shall meet within three days after the election and proceed to canvass the returns of the election. Because the County Clerk's office is the ex officio secretary to the County Commission in their capacity as both County Commission and Canvassing Board we need your approval to begin the canvass of the general election.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Very well. Do we need that in the form of a motion?

MS. LAMB: Yes, Madam Chair.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Commissioner Campos.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I would move that we authorize the canvassing the results for the November 7, 2006 general election.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Motion stated. Is there a second?  
COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.  
COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Seconded.

**The motion to allow the canvassing to begin passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.**

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: I move that we recess this meeting until November 17, 2006 when we will be presented with the final canvass.

MS. LAMB: That is correct. God willing.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: At 4:00.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

COMMISSIONER VIGIL: Motion and seconded that we recess until November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

**The motion to recess the canvassing meeting passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.**

[The Commission recessed at 4:08 and reconvened at 4:04, November 19, 2006]

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**SPECIAL CANVASSING MEETING**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**November 17, 2006**

This special canvassing meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was reconvened on November 17, 2006 at approximately 4:04 p.m. by Commissioner Jack Sullivan, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll was called by County Clerk Valerie Espinoza and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Jack Sullivan  
Commissioner Paul Campos [telephonically]  
Commissioner Mike Anaya [telephonically]

**Members Excused:**

Commissioner Harry Montoya, Chairman  
Commissioner Virginia Vigil, Vice Chair

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: I call this meeting to order. This is a special meeting of November 17<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of closing the canvass for the results of the November 7, 2006 general election. We have an agenda. The items on the agenda for those who are not present are call to order, roll call, closing of canvassing and adjournment.

A quorum was established by roll call, and there being no changes to the agenda, the agenda was accepted by consensus.

**Closing of Canvass**

MS. LAMB: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the purpose of this meeting is for the County Commissioners who serve as the Canvassing Board for the County to sign off on the final results of the canvass. I have copies here for the Commissioners. I also have sheets to be signed by the Commissioners. Presumably we can get that taken care of as soon as possible. I have copies of the results. There were no substantial changes from the election night reporting, either in the bond or the tax questions, which I know the Commissioners were interested in, and I believe everything is in order.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Could I see a copy of the results please.

MS. LAMB: Absolutely, sir.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: And now for the benefit of the other Commissioners, I'll read all of these. Okay, I won't. Are there any questions from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: No.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Hearing none, what's the pleasure of the Commission with regard to the closing of the canvass of the 2006 general election?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Move to close.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Move for approval from Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Second.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Seconded by Commissioner Campos. Further discussion? Anything else, Denise, you'd like to add?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Just wanted to thank Valerie and her staff for all the hard work. Good job.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Campos.

COMMISSIONER CAMPOS: Nothing further, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: All right. Denise, any other information?

MS. LAMB: Actually, I would briefly like to note a couple of, a few other people that helped in this process.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Go ahead.

MS. LAMB: In addition to the election and recording staff, our temporary workers, all of our poll workers, the poll workers at our early sites. I'd like to thank the staff at the County Attorney's office and in particular Liz. She was my superwoman a couple of times. I'd like to thank Ish and Frankie on maintenance staff because for the last month and a half our office has been like the bad kids' slumber party. The Sheriff's staff was wonderful. Planning and Land Use gave us their conference room for early voting. The Manager's office helped us out. The mailroom. The County Extension office supplied buildings. The schools supplied buildings. Healy Mathews donated a case of pens on Election Day. We bought out every pen they had because the voters were walking off with our pens. And the O'Keeffe board which donated their parking lot for free so that our poll workers had a safe place to park their cars on election night.

On behalf of election recording staff I would like to thank our Clerk for her wonderful support and patience during this process. We will be taking this canvass to the state on Monday and going through it again with the Secretary of State's office and then the independent auditor, Robert Rivera, CPA firm will also be going over it. There may be some minor changes to what you are looking at now, but there will be nothing substantial, I can guarantee you. And I would

like to – at some point in the future I will be doing a report to the Commissioners, the Manager, and to finance staff on the impact of the new voting system and the way it has changed the way we conduct elections now and in the future. And I'd like to thank the Commissioners, of course, for their ultimate and continuing support and I'm very grateful. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Thank you, Denise. One question I had on the document you gave me, it indicates 87 of 88 precincts reporting. Do we have all of the precincts reporting now?

MS. LAMB: We do. There's some anomaly in the state's system. We couldn't figure out what it is, but yes, all of our precincts have reported and there is just some sort of computer anomaly in that program.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: So the number of voters is 48,514. Roughly what percent does that represent?

MS. LAMB: That is slightly under 50 percent. We have approximately – well, it's actually pretty close to 50 percent. I think we have about 90,000 registered voters.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Okay. And everyone who is seated behind you is a part of the canvassing process, I presume.

MS. LAMB: They were all a part of the process and they were wonderful. We processed, in the first two days of absentee voting, these people back here processed – over 5,000 absentee ballots went out.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Then perhaps we should all give them a hand, including themselves. [applause] Thank you, for your help.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I wanted to personally thank Denise Lamb for all of her hard work. I think the reason everything went so smooth is because she knows what she's doing. So thank you very much, Denise, for everything.

MS. LAMB: I appreciate that, but if we didn't have an election staff with approaching about 130 years of combined experience, we never would have been able to do this. So it's your support that ultimately keeps our employees here at the County and keeps them loyal to us and allows us to be successful. So thank you for that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: You're welcome. And again, thanks to all the employees. Good job. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: Thank you, Commissioner. We have a motion on the floor. Is there any further discussion?

**The motion to close the canvassing and approve the results of the 2006 general election passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.**

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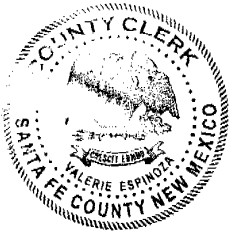
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**Adjournment**

Commissioner Sullivan declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 4:12 p.m.

Approved by:

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Board of County Commissioners  
Virginia Vigil, Vice Chair



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Notarized this 17, day of January, 2006.

Valerie Espinoza  
Notary Public

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