

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

October 1, 2001

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Alicia Aguilar.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Alicia Aguilar, Chairman	
Aurelio H. Padilla, Vice-Chairman	
S. T. Frank Pando, Member	
Gary Daves, Member	
Helen Baca, Member	
James Fernandez, County Manager	
Thomas Garde, County Attorney	
Tina Gallegos, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Padilla.

Commissioner Pando made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Francisco Apodaca from Productive Data Solutions told the Commission there are three options on the Board and he did another option as a recommendation from himself. At the last meeting, Mr. Apodaca saw a consensus as to what everybody's districts should be. In his own mind, Mr. Apodaca wanted to see more compact districts. The difference between Option 4 and Option 5 is that in Districts 5 and 2 it switches Precincts 5 and 15 to make the districts more compact. The other thing Option 4 does is switches Precincts 19 and 37 in order to get closer to a balanced population. In Option 5, District 3 is down 343 and in Option 4 it is down 591, so that doesn't help population but it helps with compactness and contiguity. Either option meets the criteria, according to Mr. Apodaca. Salomon Montano had questions concerning Precinct 20. Lillie McNabb objects to Option 5, as she would hate to see the Commission take Precinct 5 out of it. Ms. McNabb thinks the Commission should keep that area more consistent so they don't pull Valencia away from Peralta. In Option 4, her objection is that Precinct 5 is pulled into District 2. Ms. McNabb agrees with the staff map, as it balances the precincts more and there are not too many breaking points where they're breaking up precincts. Ms. McNabb thinks that Option 4 and the staff map are pretty much consistent. Ms. McNabb would like to see Precinct 5 left in District 5. Commissioner Pando said that the staff plan is the one that makes the most sense to him. Commissioner Pando also agrees with Option 4. Commissioner Baca made a motion to accept Option 5. Commissioner Padilla seconded the motion. Commissioner Daves said he would vote for that motion if as Ms. McNabb suggested, that Precinct 5 were left in District 5 and Precinct 15 were in District 2. Commissioner Daves made a motion to amend that motion to shift Precincts 5 and 15 as they are in Option 4. Commissioner Baca did not allow an amendment to her motion. Commissioner Baca voted yes. Commissioner Padilla voted yes. Commissioner Daves voted no. Commissioner Pando voted no. Commission Chair Aguilar broke the tie voting yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Apodaca said he will prepare the legal descriptions for Option 5 and will prepare two large scaled 30"X36" maps, one for the County Manager's Office and one for the County Clerk's Office. Those maps will have the road boundaries on there. Mr. Apodaca said once they get the descriptions, the County Clerk must file those with the Secretary of State's Office. The County's new districts will take effect on January 1, 2002.

The next Regular Meeting of the Valencia County Board of County Commission will be held on October 2, 2001 at 6:00 P.M. with Executive Session beginning at 5:00 P.M. in the County Commission Room at the Valencia County Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Padilla made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 P.M. Commissioner Baca seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the October 1, 2001 Special Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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**ss/
ALICIA AGUILAR, CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
AURELIO H. PADILLA, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
S. T. FRANK PANDO, MEMBER**

**ss/
GARY DAVES, MEMBER**

**ss/
HELEN BACA, MEMBER**

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: September 16, 2001