

VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting

August 13, 2004

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Daves at 10:10 A.M.

PRESENT	ABSENT
Gary Daves, Chairman	
Paul Edward Trujillo, Vice-Chairman	
	Aurelio H. Padilla, Member
	Alicia Aguilar, Member
Mary J. Andersen, Member	
Mike Trujillo, County Manager	
	Wimberly Law Firm, County Attorney
Tina Gallegos, County Clerk	
	Press and Public

Chairman Gary Daves called the Special Meeting to order for the purpose of canvassing the Fire Protection Excise Tax Election. Commissioner Padilla and Commissioner Aguilar were not present at the meeting due to conflict of schedules.

Pledge of Allegiance by Michael Steininger

The agenda was approved and the board convened as Valencia County Canvassing Board in order to canvass the Fire Excise Tax Election. Commissioner Trujillo made the motion to convene. Commissioner Andersen seconded. Motion carried. 2-0.

County Clerk, Tina Gallegos said it had been a very good election and that the tax had passed. The citizens had sent an overwhelming message to the Fire Department, in support of them.

Ms. Gallegos reported that 20,866 ballots had been mailed out, in the all mail ballot election, which, in her opinion, was an awesome way to handle this type of election. There was a 24% voter turnout.

There were 3656 ballots that were undeliverable, Ms. Gallegos said. They are then logged as bad addresses and then purged from the voter rolls.

Out of 20,866 ballots mailed, 4,928 ballots were returned. Votes cast in the voting machine were 4859 ballots, with 4255 for and 604 against. 55 ballots were hand tallied and one provisional that was accepted after the verification process. Actual turnout was 4915 with a 24% turnout. It was an 88% for the question and against the question, was 12%, with one provisional ballot.

The seven poll workers hired to count the ballots were paid \$100.00 each and the Presiding Judge was paid \$120.00. The County Clerk staff had about 18 hours of over time.

Commissioner Andersen asked Ms. Gallegos if she had a total cost. Ms. Gallegos said she did not have a total cost as of yet, but as soon as she did, she would have it to her. Commissioner Andersen made a motion for acceptance of the report and approval of the Canvass of the Fire Excise Tax Election. Commissioner Trujillo seconded.

Mr. John Cherry, Fire Marshall, said this was a great vote of confidence that the citizens of Valencia had given the Valencia County Fire Departments. He said that the monies would be used for great extent and that the tax will continue and be a tremendous benefit to the Valencia County Fire Department. He thanked the commission for their endeavors.

Mr. Mike Trujillo, County Manager, said he agreed with Mr. Cherry, in that the citizens should be complimented, and he also complimented all the volunteers of all the Fire Department, for their hard work and the hard work that they did in getting the tax passed. Commissioner Andersen suggested that they be thanked in writing. Mr. Trujillo said an acknowledge and a certificate to the fire chiefs could be done at the next regular meeting.

Chair Daves asked for the vote. Commissioner Andersen voted yes. Commissioner Trujillo voted yes. Motion carried. 2-0. **See exhibit.**

County Manager, Mike Trujillo, thanked the Clerk and her staff for the hard work.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50

NOTE: All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, August 13, 2004, Special Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

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**ss/
GARY DAVES, CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
PAUL EDWARD TRUJILLO, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ss/
AURELIO H. PADILLA, MEMBER**

ALICIA AGUILAR, MEMBER

**ss/
MARY J. ANDERSEN, MEMBER**

ATTEST: ss/

TINA GALLEGOS, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: August 14, 2004