

**VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Special Meeting**

**June 20, 2007**

PRESENT	ABSENT
Pedro G Rael, Chairman	
Georgia Otero-Kirkham, Vice-Chairman	
David R Medina, Member	
Ron Gentry, Member	
Lynette Pinkston, Member	
Eric Zamora, Interim County Manager	
Cynthia R. Wimberly, County Attorney	
Sally Perea, County Clerk	
Press and Public	

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pedro Rael at 3:30 PM.

2. Chairman Rael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Wimberly suggested changing the wording Municipal Peralta Incorporation to Special Election because we have already had the Incorporation Election. Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval of the agenda with the above change. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Item

**Board of County Commissioners Convene as Canvassing Board to Canvass the June 19, 2007 Special Election**

Commissioner Kirkham moved to convene as the Canvassing Board. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously.

County Clerk, Sally Perea, presented the results for the first Town of Peralta Special Election. Since this was their first election, the Director of Elections, Lawrence Kaneshiro and Chris Castillo, Voting Machine Technician were there to help them through it. There were no problems. After the polls closed, the candidates and representatives were allowed in the polling location. The unofficial results were posted at 9:30 PM. Ms. Perea stated out of 2200 or so eligible voters there were 562 total votes cast. At this time, Ms. Perea gave the floor to Mr. Kaneshiro to present the results.

Mr. Kaneshiro handed out the canvass results sheet for each commissioner to review. Beginning with the Mayors race, Edward Connelly Archuleta 475, Juanita F. Burks (Write-In) 2, Council, Michael Leon Otero 445, Nancy M. Kinchen 378, Christian I. Garcia 408, Ivan O. Boyd Jr. 230, Joseph K. Romero 450, Ernest Gallegos (Write-In) 25, Municipal Judge Louis A. Burkhard 498. The total was 562 votes cast. We had 2116 eligible voters, 489 votes were cast on election day, absentee and in person, 69. We had 5 provisional ballots and 4 were counted. Total percent for this election was 26.5 % turnout.

Commissioners congratulated the individuals that were elected and Commissioner Pinkston thanked the election staff as she was in attendance at the polling location and everything ran smooth with no problems.

Commissioner Pinkston moved to approve the canvass results of the Town of Peralta Special Election. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Reconvenes as Board of County Commissioners**

Commissioner Pinkston moved to reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor elect, Edward Archuleta, stated that this was a historical moment for their community. It was something that they asked for and wanted, he is very pleased with everyone that ran and those that won. Mr. Archuleta said they will serve their community well and look forward to working with the commissioners.

Council elect, Leon Otero, said he is very proud to serve as council member for the Town of Peralta. He said he hopes they will be there for awhile.

Council elect, Joseph Romero, said he is very excited about this and the whole community as well, as the Mayor elect pointed out that this is a historical moment and he also is looking forward to working with this commission.

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The commissioners and public all applauded for the candidates that won who were in attendance.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Kirkham moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Pinkston. Motion carried unanimously. Time 3:46 PM.

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the Special Meeting, June 20, 2007 (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

### **VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**ss/  
PEDRO G. RAEL, CHAIRMAN**

**ss/  
GEORGIA OTERO-KIRKHAM, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ss/  
DAVID R. MEDINA, MEMBER**

**ss/  
RON GENTRY, MEMBER**

**ss/  
LYNETTE PINKSTON, MEMBER**

**ATTEST: ss/ by Debbie Ridley**

**SALLY PEREA, COUNTY CLERK**

**DATE: July 19, 2007**