

# VALENCIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## Special Meeting Official Canvass of Primary Election 2008

June 13, 2008

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

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

2. Chairman Rael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Kirkham moved for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried unanimously.

### 4. Action Item

#### Board of County Commissioners Convenes as Canvassing Board.

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

#### a) Finalize Canvass 2008 Primary Election – Sally Perea/ Peggy Carabajal

County Clerk Sally Perea presented the 2008 Primary Election results to the Board of Commission for the final Canvassing. She said it had been a very low turnout, (26%) which explained why so many ballots have to be destroyed after the election. The Clerks have to have a ballot for each registered voter and if the voter does not go out to vote then, that ballot has to be destroyed. We also had a hard time getting election workers. It is a long day for our elders, who are the ones that want to work, and the young people don't think it's worth the money that we pay them. Ms. Perea also mentioned that in the future an all mail election might be something to think about. This would save money on hiring election workers and renting polling places.

Ms.-Perea introduced the Bureau of Elections Director Peggy Carabajal and staff, Chief Deputy Theresa Sanchez and Filing and Recording Staff and thanked them for all their hard work and end results, having a good election. She expressed her appreciation for their dedication and support. With this being said she turned the canvassing over to her Bureau of Elections Director Peggy Carabajal.

Ms. Carabajal gave her appreciation to the Commissioners and Valencia County Staff for their support during the election. Ms. Carabajal presented the results of the 2008 Primary Elections. There were forty-eight provisional ballots with thirty ballots qualifying. Two hundred eight voted in person at the County Clerk's Office. Eight hundred sixty did early voting. Seven hundred six voted through the mail.

Commissioner Kirkham gave her appreciation to Ms. Carabajal and staff and said this had been a smooth election. She had not heard of any problems during the day.

Commissioner Gentry asked if Valencia County could use the Ballot on Demand.

Ms. Carabajal said Ballot on Demand was done at early voting sites only as it would be very costly to have at all 36 polling places. The cost is about \$3,000 and some for each machine.

Commissioner Gentry said he was amazed how quickly the results were on the internet and praised to Ms. Carabajal and staff for a well run election.

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Commissioner Gentry moved to approve the Official Canvass of the 2008 Primary Election as presented by the Director of Bureau of Elections. Seconded by Commissioner Kirkham. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gentry moved to convene as the Board of County Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Medina. Motion carried unanimously.


**5. Adjournment**

Commissioner Medina moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously. Time 3:49.

**NOTE:** All proposals, documents, items, etc., pertaining to items on the agenda of the, June 13, 2008 Special Meeting (presented to the Board of County Commissioners) are attached in consecutive order as stated in these minutes.

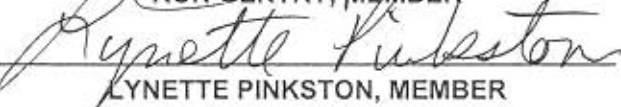
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SALLY PEREA, COUNTY CLERK

  
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