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SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

SPECIAL MEETING

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**RICHARD ANAYA, CHAIRMAN
JOE S. GRINÉ, JR., COMMISSIONER
PAUL DURAN, COMMISSIONER
JAVIER M. GONZALES, COMMISSIONER
MARCOS P. TRUJILLO, COMMISSIONER**

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Chairman Anaya called a special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers.

Roll Call was taken and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present

Commissioner Javier Gonzales
Commissioner Joe S. Griñé, Jr.
Commissioner Richard Anaya
Commisisoner Paul Duran

Members Absent

Commissioner Marcos Trujillo

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda was unanimously approved.

Matters from the County Clerk, Rebecca Bustamante

County Clerk Bustamante requested permission to start the canvass. She reported on the happenings of the General Election. Discussion ensued regarding the election. She reported that emergency ballots were used in Precinct 24 – Larragoite Elementary only. Otherwise it seemed to be a smooth election.

Motion to approve the start of the canvass was made and approved unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the Commission recessed until 4:30 p.m. on November 14, 2000 to approve the canvass.

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This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was reconvened at approximately 4:30 p.m. as a continuation of the November 9, 2000 canvassing meeting, by Chairman Richard Anaya, in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Members Present:

Commissioner Richard Anaya, Chairman
Commissioner Joe S. Grifé, Jr.
Commissioner Paul Duran [late arrival]
Commissioner Marcos Trujillo

Members Absent:

Commissioner Javier Gonzales

CHAIRMAN ANAYA: This is a continuance of the canvassing meeting that we recessed last week.

BECKY BUSTAMANTE (County Clerk): Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, we have finished the canvassing and before I go on I would just like very much to acknowledge some people who are in the audience. Two people – we've been together a lot – two people especially, Florian Martinez, who's not here, and Eric Barrazas. They are really fantastic workers who are responsible for the programming of the machines. Of course, I've been there with them but without these two individuals I think that we wouldn't have the kind of successful elections that we've had in Santa Fe County, and I want to acknowledge them. Eric is here and Florian is over at the warehouse straightening out the machines. Eric, do you want to stand? Thank you.

The other individuals that I want to recognize are Christine Fidel, who's serves as the Republican with the canvassing. They're hired outside of the staff and she'll receive all of the canvassing. I feel that it's real important that we have a bi-partisan and Socorro Trujillo and

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Tita Vigil, who you all saw in the paper this morning. If the three of them would stand, I'd like to applaud them.

The canvassing did change a few of the results. Mr. Gore picked up 26 more votes, and Mr. Bush picked up 15 more votes.

CHAIRMAN ANAYA: In this county.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: In this county, and that was in the lieu of - we had a total of 50,776 people who voted; 33,609 did that at the polls, 7,318 did it early voting and 9,880 asked for an absentee ballot but 9,849 were accepted. We feel very comfortable in defending the numbers as they go over to the Secretary of State, so with that, I would like you to accept the canvass. Everything's here for you to sign. We made those copies for you because in case somebody wanted it for the press. Tomorrow, we're going to make a copy of the entire canvass with precincts by precinct numbers and by legislative districts for the three parties. But those won't be available till tomorrow.

So with that I stand for questions. Again, I feel very comfortable that we can defend the numbers to the Secretary of State if there is any kind of a recount. I would especially like to thank the officers who have been here since Sunday and it's my understanding that as soon as you approve the canvass that he's already called for back-up, they will open up those doors and they will take all of the ballot boxes in there. I think I want to take all of the ballot boxes. We have some in there that are empty envelopes or inner envelopes. There are also some returned ballots that weren't counted because they came in too late and there are some spoiled ballots, but I would feel more comfortable is they just took everything over. So they're going to take the entire 17 or 18 boxes that are in there over to Judge Encinias office.

CHAIRMAN ANAYA: Becky, you and your staff will be there to overlook the take-over?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN ANAYA: I might add that according to the TV news tonight, the state of Florida, through a state court mandate ordered the closing of the canvass. It's already closed as far as Florida is concerned.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Well, I think there will be a few counties to come in to the Secretary of State but we'll get ours over early in the morning to her. We reported that on election night that 50,678 people had voted. We now know that a few more voted than that and the reason was that we had the in lieu of, and we also had forgotten to add into that number the 58 people who had voted at Larragoite. We had both of the machines go down at Larragoite and they both - we had to go to emergency ballots. And we just didn't count - we counted them in the total vote, we just didn't count them in the number. So those numbers changed by that amount, and it all balanced out.

I thank you for the confidence. I know that you've gotten a lot of calls too, but we're very comfortable in everything. It's been a hard week, but I think the one thing that we can tell people now, because as you know, a lot of people say I don't vote because my vote doesn't count. I think we've proved to the world that your vote does count. So whatever happens this week and who becomes president, I think that everybody knows that their vote does count.

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CHAIRMAN ANAYA: Good.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN ANAYA: Commissioner Trujillo.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Considering everything that's going on nationwide with aberrations and discrepancies and vote counts, I want to commend you and your staff for taking this job seriously and dedicating the time that you've dedicated to it to come up with the results that you have that can be quantified and justified. I really appreciate that and I'm sure that the citizens of Santa Fe County feel the same way. Thank you, Becky.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much. And we feel very comfortable that we can defend all the numbers. We've had people from the Republican Party absolutely here every minute of the day almost and we've explained everything to them. Again, Ms. Fidel is a Republican who oversees everything here. And we're very comfortable that we can defend every single number.

CHAIRMAN ANAYA: Let the record show that Commissioner Duran is present. Are there any other questions of our County Clerk? What's the pleasure?

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Becky, do you need a motion to approve the canvassing?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: I do, and I need you to sign the official books and we'll get them over to the Secretary of State. We'll record it for the future and then we'll just wait to see what happens as far as a recount. And with that, the officer will open up the doors and we'll start - I hope they're here to start taking the ballots boxes to the District Court.

Commissioner Griné moved to approve the canvass by the County Clerk. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, just before you had a summary of the total votes, not by precinct, but that's just the overall, what you had before you.

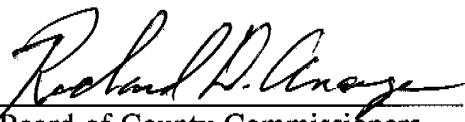
CHAIRMAN ANAYA: Right.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Anaya declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.

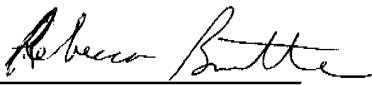
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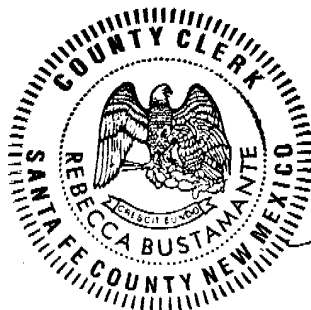

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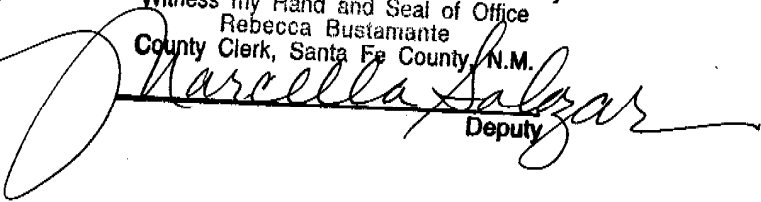
Respectfully submitted:


Karen Farrell, Commission Reporter

ATTEST TO:


REBECCA BUSTAMANTE
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK



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COUNTY OF SANTA FE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO } SS
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
for record on the 19 day of Dec A.D.
2000 at 2:04 o'clock P.m.
and was duly recorded in book 1838
page 184-189 of the records of
Santa Fe County
Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.

Deputy