



Board of Storey County Commissioners Agenda Action Report

Meeting date: 12/17/2024 10:00 AM -
BOCC Meeting

Estimate of Time Required: 5 minutes

Agenda Item Type: Discussion/Possible Action

- **Title:** Consideration and possible approval of the minutes from the November 13, 2024, Special Meeting.

- **Recommended motion:** Approve or amend as necessary.

- **Prepared by:** Jim Hindle

Department: Clerk & Treasurer

Contact Number: 7758470969

- **Staff Summary:** See Attached
- **Supporting Materials:** See Attachments
- **Fiscal Impact:**
- **Legal review required:** False
- **Reviewed by:**

____ Department Head

Department Name:

____ County Manager

Other Agency Review: _____

- **Board Action:**

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STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS MEETING

11/13/2024 10:00 AM
26 SOUTH B STREET, VIRGINIA CITY, NV

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

JAY CARMONA
CHAIRMAN

CLAY MITCHELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

LANCE GILMAN
COMMISSIONER

ANNE LANGER
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JIM HINDLE
CLERK & TREASURER

Roll Call

√ Commission Chairman Jay Carmona, √ Commission Vice-Chair Clay Mitchell,
√ Commissioner Lance Gilman,

□ District Attorney Anne Langer, √ Deputy District Attorney Brian Brown

√ Clerk & Treasurer Jim Hindle, √ County Manager Austin Osborne,

Total Attendance: 9

1. CALL TO ORDER SPECIAL MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner Carmona called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. CONVENE AS THE STOREY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): None

5. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the agenda for the November 13, 2024, special meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve today's agenda as presented. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION/FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Consideration and possible approval of the final canvass of the results of the November 5, 2024, General Election held in and for Storey County.

Clerk/Treasurer Jim Hindle said two documents completed Tuesday evening with the final vote tally were given to the commissioners, along with the abstract of the vote. The info will be on the website today, on the Clerk's Page under Elections.

He said races did not change considerably from the unofficial results published on election night. There were no abnormalities in the vote.

Elections Analyst Mark Allen said the County mailed out 3,800 mail ballots, and 300 were returned undeliverable. Notices were sent, which were also returned. About 280 voters were listed as inactive. He read the percentages of the local candidates' results. Mr. Allen said there was an 83% total turnout. Large portion were early voters, then mail, then election day votes.

Mr. Hindle said there were 88 same-day registrations during the combination of early voting and election day, with a larger number of new voters. There were 13 Military/Overseas or ADA eligible voters that used the online EASE voting tool.

In a review of trends in voting, 2024 is the third election cycle in which "universal" mail ballots have been employed but, counter to promotion and publicity, it has not led to an increase of voter participation. The office has been tracking to see if mail ballots were cannibalizing early voting and, while there may be some slight impact of this switch, it may be too early to determine a permanent trend. This cycle it did seem that Mail and Early Voting eroded Election Day turnout.

Regarding voters' use of mail ballots, Mr. Hindle noted that the ballots of a significant number of residents either never got delivered to the voter, or once voted, their ballot got lost in the post and never arrived at the Office. When highlighted with adequate lead-time before Election Day, this problem can be remedied, but if discovered late to the close of polls on Election Day, voters' options are very limited. Mr. Hindle strongly recommended people with mail ballots bring them to the office or drop them in the boxes at the polling centers as this is the most secure way to make sure ballots are not lost in the mail or received late to the postmark deadline.

Mr. Hindle thanked all poll workers and ballot board volunteers as the election could not be managed if not for their participation. Also, conducting an election takes the combined effort

of all county offices and departments and Mr. Hindle and Mr. Allen expressed their gratitude for the cooperation and support received.

Public Comment: None

Motion: I, Commissioner Mitchell, move to approve the final canvass of November 5, 2024, General Election held in and for Storey County and that the County Clerk make a copy of the abstract and make a mechanical report of the abstract to the Secretary of State. **Seconded by:** Lance Gilman. **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ONLY (No Action - No Public Comment): Committee/Staff Reports

- Capt. Fritz Klingler announced a course for succession planning and leadership.
- The Ash Can Program is going on, and residents can obtain one at Station 71.

8. BOARD COMMENT (No Action - No Public Comment)

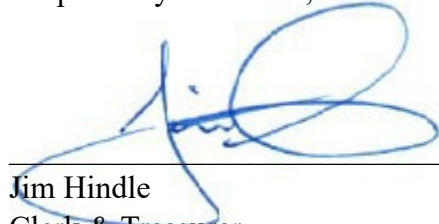
- Commissioner Mitchell echoed thanks on election work.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT (No Action): None

10. ADJOURNMENT OF ALL ACTIVE AND RECESSED BOARDS ON THE AGENDA

Commission Chairman Carmona adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Hindle
Clerk & Treasurer