

Council Meeting Staff Report

February 12, 2019

Agenda No.: 1)
Indexes (Council Goals):
Presenters: County Council - Regular Session
Legislative File: 11589-19

Title

Appointment of the 2019 Board of Registration.

Recommended Action

I move that Council appoint three of the nominees to fill the positions of the County's Board of Registration in accordance with Section 1-4-34 NMSA 1978 to review the list of eligible voters. I *further* move by roll call vote Councilors will each vote for three nominees. No more than two of the three persons appointed to the Board shall be members of the same major political party. The three nominees with the highest vote total of four or more votes, will be appointed to fill the three positions on the Board.

I *further* move by roll call vote Councilors will each vote for two nominees to act as alternates. The two appointed alternates shall not belong to the same political party. Councilors will each vote for two nominees and the two with the highest vote total of four or more votes, will be appointed as alternates.

(In case of a tie vote, a run off roll call vote will be held.)

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that Council approve the motion as presented.

Body

Pursuant to NMSA 1-4-33, the county chairman of each of the qualified political parties may furnish the names of four voters in the county, each of whom is able to read and write legibly and is otherwise competent to perform the duties required of a member of a board of registration. Each county chairman who submits the list shall indicate his preference for appointment to the board of registration by placing the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 opposite the name of each person on his list respectively.

Pursuant to NMSA 1-4-34, the board of county commissioners (Council) shall at its first regular scheduled meeting in February of each odd-numbered year appoint three voters who shall constitute the Board of Registration for the county. No more than two of the three persons appointed to the board of registration shall be members of the same major political party at the time of their appointment. In addition, the board of county commissioners (Council) shall appoint two alternates who shall not belong to the same political party at the time of their appointment.

Pursuant to NMSA 1-4-36, each member of the board of registration shall be paid per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act for non-salaried public officers. Such compensation shall be included as an item in the regular county budget.

Pursuant to NMSA 1-4-37, members of the board of registration shall qualify by taking and filing in the office of the county clerk the oath required of county officials.

Pursuant to NMSA 1-4-46, the board of county commissioners (Council) shall provide for necessary clerical assistance to the county clerk to perform work pertaining to registration. Such clerical assistance shall be paid for by order of the board of county commissioners. Such expenditure shall be included as an item in the regular county budget.

Pursuant to NMSA 1-4-28E, briefly explains the responsibility of the Board of Registration: No later than the fifteenth day of March following a general election, the board of registration shall review the list of eligible voters. The board of registration shall direct the county clerk to cancel the registration of any voter who has been sent notice in conformance with this section and who: (1) has failed to respond to the notice sent in conformance with this section and has not voted or appeared to vote in any election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the second general election that occurs after the date of the notice; or (2) has confirmed in writing that the voter has changed residence to a place outside the county.

The Clerk's Office is tentatively considering having the Board meet the week of February 25, 2019; however, can be flexible once members have been appointed and schedules discussed.

The Democratic Nominees are:

1. Catherine Ozment [D]
2. Cameron Counters [D]
3. Kyle Wheeler [D]
4. Robyn Schultz [D]

The Republican Nominees are:

1. Brenda Sharp [R]
2. Terry Marzilli [R]
3. Bill McKerley [R]

The Libertarian Nominees are:

1. Chris Luchini [L]
2. Laura Burrows [L]