

LWVCNM Observer's Report

Sandoval County Commission regular meeting

October 11, 2023

Mary Templeton, observer (by video recording)

Present: David Heil (Chair), Michael Meek (Vice Chair), Katherine Bruch (video), Jay Block, Joshua Jones

Description of Issues Relevant to the League

Election Procedures

The Commission approved a motion to authorize the County Manager to approve a service agreement with a new vendor to provide faster Internet speeds to Sandoval County buildings through fiber optic connectivity. The current 7 Mbps upload rate is unreasonably slow for uploading tabulated results to the state system on election nights.

As background, LWVNM supports funding to meet the requirements of the law and to serve the needs of the voters to ensure that elections are conducted accurately, fairly, and efficiently.

Additional Comments

Public Comment

Three of seven speakers commented on election integrity.

Commissioners Discussion

One commissioner recapped national and international issues that included inflation, border walls, the economy, and new and potential wars.

The Chair explained to attendees that local governments do not have the authority to enact ordinances, such as some suggested by the public, that conflict with State and Federal law.

Sandoval County Commission Website

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