



**PIMA COUNTY ELECTION INTEGRITY COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY FOR September 20, 2013**
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The Pima County Election Integrity Commission met in regular session on September 20, 2013 in the Herbert K Abrams Building, 1st Floor Conference Room # 1108 at 3950 S. Country Club Road, Tucson, Arizona.

ITEM 1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Tom Ryan, Arnie Urken, Pat Pecoraro, Mickey Duniho, Bill Beard, Barbara Tellman, Elaine Lim, Benny White, Brad Nelson

Absent: Christopher Cole

Others in Attendance: Larry Moore, Clear Ballot, Bob Hancock, member of the audience.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – July 19, 2013

It was moved by Bill Beard, seconded by Pat Pecoraro and carried unanimously to approve the Summary of July 19, 2013 Elections Integrity Commission Meeting.

ITEM 4. CLEAR BALLOT PRESENTATION- Larry Moore

Presentation overview of the following key elements:

- The Clear Ballot Group
- Products
- Certification
- Implementation & Cost
- Demonstration
- Founders & Principals
- Their Mission
- Experiences & Milestones

ITEM 5. ELECTIONS PROCEDURES MANUAL REVISIONS – Brad Nelson/Benny White

- Gina Roberts from the SOS Office advised Brad Nelson that the Elections Procedures Manual was not ready due to issues with voter registration areas. It is still a work in progress, not in its final form yet.
- It has been reported by Benny White that he has not heard anything about the Elections Procedures Manual other than it has been submitted to the Attorney General Governor's office.

ITEM 6. ELECTIONS UPDATE – Brad Nelson

- November 5, 2013 Elections – School Districts - Altar Valley, Catalina and Sunnyside. Altar Valley is all mail, Catalina and Sunnyside will have polling sites. All polling sites have been secured.
- November 5, 2013 Vail Incorporation with Mr. Huckelberry's permission will include pilot projects. Pilot projects include:
- The use of electronic poll book by the PC Recorder's office. They will also have backup registers.
- The use of the tablet which includes e-Lect software necessary to provide ballot access for those voters seeking an accessible voting process.

ITEM 7. ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR 2014-2015 – Brad Nelson

- Brad Nelson passed out a copy of letter that was sent out to respective political party chairs and each member of the BOS. This letter indicates that the Elections department is proposing reducing the precincts based on the number of PEVL voters for each precinct; we will not be crossing CD or LD lines.
- Basically what we are doing is taking 2 precincts that are adjacent to one another who after you subtract the number of people that are on the PEVL that number becomes manageable, then that makes them candidates for consolidation.
- There are about eighty plus precincts that are candidates. We are asking BOS, political parties as well as civic organizations going forward as to whether they have any input. We hope that BOS will act on this in a meeting in mid-November.

ITEM 8. COST OF ELECTIONS UPDATE – John Moffat (not present) / Arnie Urken / Brad Nelson

- Joni Castro explained to the members the spreadsheet she has created with all the information she has received. She is still lacking the information from the PC Recorder's office to complete the spreadsheet. She will e-mail her spreadsheet to Arnie Urken.
- Responsibility for completion of spreadsheet will be turned over to the Brad Nelson and Gloria Abarca.
- **Election Equipment – Options and Alternatives - Brad Nelson**
- e-poll book, going scanner-less and coming up with some other type of equipment off the shelf for the ADA accessibility. Pat Pecoraro asked about central count. Brad Nelson replied that regardless of whom the vendor might be that the elections department would need to receive equipment, training and acceptance testing by early 2014.
- **Procurement Process –**
- Tom Ryan asked about dates for RFP. The person in IT that Brad Nelson was working with has resigned.
- Barbara Tellman asked in reference to a timeline for the RFP since this could eliminate Clear Ballot for this particular instance since he is not going to be certified. She also stated that the choices were going to be limited.
- Mickey Duniho commented on what if the SOS decided to "experimentally certify" Clear Ballot, who decides whether the RFP goes forward and who decides whether to engage in experimental voting systems?

- Pat Pecoraro was involved with the acquisition of the optical scanners. He explains this process as being a committee, presentations by three vendors, the committee then ranked each presentation; forms were submitted and compiled which then resulted into a recommendation for the BOS who then decided.
- Bill Beard commented if the presumption was that the current election equipment was not reliable enough to go through another election cycle that we need to do something. That the first step to possibly going down the road with central count. Mickey Duniho did not necessarily agree.
- Brad Nelson stated that there has been no commitment to anything. He stated several factors on why the need for new equipment. There have been several issues with current equipment and the issues are: Printing reports while we are trying to tabulate ballots, reaching the end of memory , hardware is falling apart, have had to borrow from other counties or go directly to the manufacturer to make a roller wheel due to elections equipment vendor not selling the part anymore.
- Tom Ryan asked Brad if he was the person providing data for the RFP to the person who has been tasked to write the RFP. Brad Nelson has provided some generic specifications for the RFP. Tom Ryan asked if they can be involved in the RFP process reviewing the RFP before it goes out. He stated that this is a common role for a commission.
- **EIC's Role in Election System Selection and Management – Discussion**
Benny White commented that Mr. Huckelberry chose not to come to the meeting and that Dr. Moffatt is no longer part of the process. He is contemplating drafting a resolution which will be from the commission to the BOS to get clarification as to what their role is going forward. It was the consensus that the memorandum sent by Mr. Huckelberry diminishes any role that the commission has in the decision making process. Benny White wanted to get the sense of the commission since he feels that they are on the verge of becoming completely irrelevant. The majority of the commission agreed with Benny White in the drafting a resolution.

ITEM 9. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 18, 2013 – Elaine Lim will be absent

ITEM 10. NEW BUSINESS

Brad Nelson invited all the members to attend a presentation by Every One Counts. Presentation will take place September 25, 2013 at the PC Election Building at 6550 S. Country Club Road at 9:00 am.
Every One Counts is the company participating in the Vail November 5, 2013 pilot project.

Request was made by members to have Chris Roads or someone from PC Recorder's office to attend October 18, 2013 meeting, to answer some of the questions they have in reference to the use of the electronic poll book.

ITEM 11. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Bob Hancock – Present- no questions or comments.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bill Beard and seconded by Barbara Tellman and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 pm.