



PIMA COUNTY ELECTION INTEGRITY COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY FOR May 17, 2013
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The Pima County Election Integrity Commission met in regular session on May 17, 2013 at the Pima County Elections Center, 6550 S. Country Club, Tucson, Arizona.

ITEM 1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Arnie Urken, Pat Pecoraro, Mickey Duniho, Bill Beard, Barbara Tellman, Benny White, Elaine Lim and John Moffatt.

Absent: Tom Ryan, Chairman. Vice Chair, Barbara Tellman will be conducting the meeting today.

Others in Attendance: Brad Nelson, Pima County Elections Director; Lisa Cole and Dana DeLong, City of Tucson's Clerk's Office; Ed Wittke, Pima County Information Technology; Christopher Cole, Member of the Libertarian Party; Erik Reichstein, Arizona Secretary of State's Office; and Dana La Tour, Regional Sales Manager and Jeff Hintz, Customer Service Representative from Dominion Voting.

ITEM 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – March 15, 2013 (continued on April 19, 2013) and April 19, 2013 Meetings.

It was moved by Pat Pecoraro, seconded by Elaine Lim and carried unanimously to approve the Minute Summary from March 15, 2013 as amended.

White asked Nelson to clarify the reference in the April 19, 2013 Minute Summary to Yavapai County's proposal to not scan ballots at the polling places/voting centers and transmit them to Central Count on a relay basis during the day and when the voting location closes. Nelson explained that at one time, in the punch card era, relay delivery was allowed. However, Arizona Revised Statutes no longer contain that provision so ballots can only be delivered to Central Count when the voting location closes. With no further discussion, it was moved by Pecoraro, seconded by Lim and carried unanimously to approve the Minute Summary from April 19, 2013.

ITEM 4. VENDOR PRESENTATION – Dominion Voting

Representatives from Dominion Voting presented an overview of their firm's experience, election equipment and software capabilities which included a physical demonstration on their ballot marking device/tabulation system. Technical questions were answered telephonically by Peter Androutsos, Director of Product Lifecycle Management; Chris Iskander, Product Manager; and Ranko Stamatovic, Software Engineer from Dominion.

ITEM 5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Tracking Election Integrity in the Legislature Subcommittee – Barbara Tellman**
Beard reported that it appears no action will be taken on any of the bills until the budget process is over. Lim heard that all of bills that did not pass or were declared dead would be combined into one package and be resubmitted at some point.
- **Election Equipment Criteria Development Subcommittee – Tom Ryan, Arnie Urken, Brad Nelson** - No discussion/action.

ITEM 6. ELECTIONS PROCEDURES MANUAL REVISIONS – Brad Nelson/Benny White

Nelson reported that the second meeting on the revisions to the Secretary of State's Procedure Manual was conducted on May 15, 2013 and that he, Beard, White and Chris Roads, Deputy County Recorder attended. Items continued from the previous meeting were discussed again including presorting of ballots by Precinct or Legislative Districts. The end result is that the language, in its entirety, will be removed from the future Manual. Nelson advised that the last meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2013, and he will obtain the proposed changes from Secretary of State's Office for forwarding to the Members.

White emphasized the need to insure that EIC Members are clear in presentations and/or statements to outside parties. Because the Commission serves as an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors, Members need to be clear whether they are speaking as an individual or on behalf of the Commission if directed by the Members.

ITEM 7. BALLOT SCANNING PILOT PROGRAM – Benny White

- The proposed project is not dead but on its last breath.
- He expressed his displeasure to Ken Bennett, Arizona Secretary of State (SOS) for not receiving any assistance in getting this measure passed from their Office nor the legislators he contacted who indicated that they would help.
- The SOS indicated there was a misunderstanding by his Office, and he would take care of it. After three weeks with no contact, White made a follow up call to Jim Drake, Deputy Secretary of State, who indicated that there seemed to be some confusion because Pima County's lobbyists had indicated that Pima County no longer supported the program.
- Moffatt advised him that Martin Willett, Chief Deputy County Administrator, commented that the County had not taken a position on this project.
- Regarding a suggestion to have Pima County send a letter of support, it was noted that it was a letter from the Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator which solicited a response from the Secretary of State's Office indicating that they did not support the project.
- Vice-Chair Tellman requested that Moffatt follow up with Huckelberry to verify his position and then report back to the Commission at the next meeting. Castro was directed to place this item on the next agenda.
- The SOS indicated that there is a possibility that the language submitted by White on behalf of the Commission could be included with one of the budget reconciliation items. The SOS did note that the language was too substantial in which White responded that the language was designed to be specific.

- The Members expressed concern over the impending need for many of the Counties to purchase new election equipment that includes digital imaging technology and the governing bodies' reluctance to amend the laws that currently prohibit this progression.

ITEM 8. COST OF ELECTIONS - UPDATE – John Moffatt / Arnie Urken

No official report was presented, but Urken noted that there was a meeting with the County Recorder to discuss election costs. There was some consensus on how to explain County Election costs over the last 10 years and how those could be contained in the future. Even though, it initially appears that preferred processes for reducing/controlling costs are too expensive, the discussion included some ideas for cost constraints and setting of priorities and goals. The Recorder's Office is working on a report, but the completion date has not yet been determined.

ITEM 9. REVISION OF EIC BYLAWS - Discussion/Action – (Request to Continue to June 21, 2013)

The Members discussed the need for a potential amendment to the bylaws to clarify the definition of a quorum and/or active member. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission unanimously agreed that since the bylaws state that a quorum indicates a majority of voting members, the provision is adequate as written. Therefore, a vacancy should not be included in the count of a quorum because it is not filled by a "voting" member.

ITEM 10. UPDATE – LIBERTARIAN AND GREEN PARTY APPOINTMENTS – Brad Nelson

Nelson reported that there had not been any further contact or communication with the Green Party on their vacancy. Tellman noted that Christopher Cole's appointment as the Libertarian Party representative was ratified by the Board of Supervisors on May 14, 2013, was pending execution and delivery of the appropriate paper work to the Clerk of the Board, and should be considered an active member by the next meeting. In response to questions related to the Green Party's viability, Nelson responded that he was not sure about their Municipal status but believed that their State status remains intact.

ITEM 11. NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

June 21, 2013 – Presentation by Unisyn Voting Solutions, Inc. – Board of Supervisors, 1st Floor Conference Room, 130 W. Congress, Tucson, at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS

No discussion/action.

ITEM 13. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No one appeared.

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Pat Pecoraro, seconded by Bill Beard and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm.