



**PIMA COUNTY ELECTION INTEGRITY COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY FOR October 18, 2013**
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The Pima County Election Integrity Commission met in regular session on October 18, 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, Benny White, Christopher Cole, Brad Nelson

Absent: Elaine Lim

Others in Attendance: Chuck Huckelberry Pima County Administrator, Ellen Wheeler Pima County Administrator's Office, Chris Roads Pima County Recorders, 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 – September 20, 2013

It was moved by Bill Beard, and carried unanimously to approve the Meeting Summary for the September 20, 2013 Election Integrity Commission Meeting.

ITEM 4. PRESENTATION – E – Poll Books and Rewriting the Voter Registration Software – Chris Roads

E- Poll book overview key elements:

- Training by Know Ink for poll workers
- Recorder will be provided with a flat file that will contain image of voters signature
- A stylus will be used for voter signature
- Pad will be updated the Monday night or very early Tuesday morning.
- Safety devices are installed on pad in case it's lost or stolen, so that information can't be downloaded from unit.
- Paper signature rosters will be available as back up if needed
- If unit dies, data is not lost
- Pads will cost approximately \$600.00 per unit if purchased
- Pad will keep an accumulative count throughout the day
- If voter is not loaded on pad, poll worker cannot add
- Pad will take a picture of driver's license barcode to pull up voters record

Rewriting the Voter Registration Software key elements:

- Recorders current system has been in place since 1996
- The new database is an Oracle platform and will hopefully be in place before next year's elections
- Data will be stored at a state level instead of a county level

ITEM 5. EIC to BoS MEMORANDUM – Tom Ryan – (attachment)

The commission discussed several items about the memorandum. One question was whether the commission assignment would change with the memorandum? Commission discussed that they would like the Board of Supervisors to amend the EIC charter to have a stronger role.

A point was made from one of the members that the commission currently feels as though they are not part of the procurement process.

It was also brought up that Pima County has never presented the commission with any financial data to enable the commission to give advice on what would be an economical election system.

They feel as though they are not getting enough information, and that Pima County is going ahead and making decisions without their advice.

Commission discussed making several amendments to memorandum. Once amendments were discussed in detail by commission Benny White motions to approve memorandum Bill Beard second and was carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. CLEAR BALLOT BRIEFING RECOMMENDATION – Benny White (attachment)

The commission discussed the memorandum with recommendations to be sent to Chuck Huckelberry. It was discussed that an informal copy should be sent to the Arizona Secretary of State by one of the members. A motion is made by Benny White to approve Memorandum, Christopher Cole seconds and was carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. ELECTION UPDATE – Brad Nelson

Sample ballots will mail October 22, 2013. Early ballots for Vail Incorporation and other jurisdictions have gone out. Logic and Accuracy test will be performed at the Elections building Tuesday October 29, 2013 at 9:00 am. Immediately after test, personnel from Every One Counts will do a demonstration of the accessible voting device for some disability advocacy groups.

A few classes will take place November 2, 2013 at the Elections Center for Inspectors, Judges and poll workers. Inspectors and Judges will be trained on the poll pad. A member of the elections staff will be trained on the accessible voting device and will be assigned to Vail polling sites which will have the device available.

ITEM 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR 2014-2015 – Brad Nelson

Nothing has changed from the last update. Brad Nelson has reached out to advocacy groups, and political parties for input. Chicanos Por La Causa had some concerns in reference to the proposed consolidation because of the distance and how some voters might get there. He also stated that dialogue is still ongoing.

ITEM 9. COST OF ELECTIONS UPDATE – Arnie Urken / Brad Nelson

Cost of Elections spreadsheet has not been sent by Joni Castro. Arnie Urken and Gloria Abarca will follow up with Joni Castro and John Moffatt.

ITEM 10. ELECTION EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT UPDATE – Brad Nelson

Brad Nelson is scheduled to meet weekly with individuals from Pima County IT department and will convey information to the commission.

Chuck Huckelberry attended meeting to discuss information about the procurement process. He stated that no hard decisions have been made, that any member of the commission is welcome to sit in on procurement process. Members that are chosen will need to sign appropriate disclosure and confidentiality agreements. He stated that elections are counted quickly and accurately and nothing has been lost, but that his concern was that we might be at risk if we decide not to procure a system, because replacement parts for our current system are getting harder to find.

The commission feels that our current system is strong enough to go through 2014 elections. Benny White commented that a recommendation will come forth from the commission to wait or delay purchase of new system until after 2014.

Tom Ryan discussed that there are three parallel tracks. The first one is to go ahead with the existing system. The second is to look at the systems that currently exist and have been certified. The third is to look at what kind of technology systems are coming that could be significantly better than what exists right now, then weigh all those things and see how far you have to wait for that technology.

Chuck Huckelberry commented that we can't perform impossible tasks, we have to weigh all options but have to follow the law just like everybody else.

A suggestion from the commission was to talk to vendors about what they design, and that they all work together. Details come from the procurement process, but the other problem is system certification.

Chuck Huckelberry commented that our efforts have to be focused on what's permissible within the law and that's what we are going to do. We need to figure out how to write the best proposal.

Propose a request for qualification then specification, but you need to remember that the key method for that RFP is that the system has to be certified by hopefully a national certification.

Things need to be done timely with a collective decision with the best possible alternative.

A consensus on a decision has to be done sooner or later.

Tom Ryan commented that we cannot rely on the EAC; some states are moving ahead with technology. A request was made to have a few members become part of the procurement process.

A motion was made by Benny White to set up a subcommittee for RFP procurement process, moved by Bill Beard, second by Barbara Tellman and approved unanimously.

The subcommittee is Tom Ryan, Benny White and alternate Christopher Cole.

ITEM 11. NEXT MEETING DATES – Proposed

The November 15, 2013 date was approved.

December 13, 2013 - It was requested by the commission to change this date. Tom Ryan will not be available. New date is December 12, 2013

January 17, 2014 date was approved.

ITEM 12. NEW BUSINESS – AG Opinion- Voter Registration, Separate Ballots for Federal and State Elections

It was requested by the commission that the Pima County Recorder's office have Chris Roads come in at the next meeting and discuss their process in reference to this subject, otherwise send a short memorandum in reference to the process.

The commission also requests that Brad Nelson present briefly on this subject.

ITEM 13. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Bob Hancock – Present- no questions or comments.

ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Tom Ryan and second by Bill Beard and unanimously carried to adjourn meeting at 12:16 pm.