Agenda Item 4
ITEM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Misty Atkins, Ryan Maese, Levoy Hurley, Barbara Tellman, Benny White, Brian Bickel, Mike Cease, Arthur Kerschen, Mary Preble and Brad Nelson.

Also in Attendance: Pamela Franklin, Chief Deputy Pima County Recorder.

Absent: Michael Coltrin

ITEM 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Lana O’Brien

Good morning. My name is Lana O’Brien. I am a PC from LD 9 in the league of the LD 9 election integrity task force. I had the opportunity last week to observe the city of Tucson L & A process. I was very impressed with the hard working folks at the city who sincerely seemed to be making every effort to do all the voting processes correctly. However, I noted there were numerous integrity gaps and others noted it as well. Specifically, there is no access to the ES&S source code. Without the source code verification there can be no guarantee the tabulation results could not be manipulated. Neither Party had an opportunity to inspect the components of the tabulation machines, servers, computer or the express voting machines modems. Thumb drives were supplied by ES&S to upload the express voting machines. Thumb drives can both push and pull data so there are lots of ways to corrupt the process through thumb drives. While internet wasn’t hardwired into the tabulation room, there was internet access in that room. I know this because my cell phone had internet access the entire time I was there. Lastly, it was unclear what the chain of custody was between the ballots going to and from the County to the City. While I understand the City isn’t under the Pima Election Commission purview, I felt it was worth bringing up these important integrity points since the county uses ES&S machines too. I would like to
leave you with one last thought. We should ensure our elections are held to the same standards as our financial and security institutions. Thank you.

ITEM 4. MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL:

The meeting summary was approved.

ITEM 5. AGENDA ITEMS:

5A. Recommendation to the State Independent Redistricting Commission

Commissioner Cease proposed the Pima County Election Integrity Commission formally recommend to the State Independent Redistricting Commission that its membership be reconstituted to be comprised of 2 Libertarian Party (LBT) representatives, 2 Green Party (GRN) representatives and 1 Independent (IND or PND) representative. Commissioner Tellman reminded Commissioner Cease that the State Independent Redistricting Commission is defined by law and that law was tasked by initiative and the wording and composition of the Commission is in the law. The only way that law can be changed is with a 2/3 vote of the State Legislature or a vote of the people.

5B. Post-Election Audits

Commissioner White wanted to bring to the attention of the other Commissioners the audits that the Elections Department and Recorder’s Office produce. Maricopa County publishes many reports and Commissioner White would like to see Pima County Elections and the Pima County Recorder publish their audits especially in light of what happened in Maricopa County. Commissioner White will bring forward a motion in a future meeting that will be a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in this regard.

5C. Cast Vote Record of the 2020 General Election in Pima County

Commissioner White explained to the other Commissioners that a Cast Vote Record is a record of every vote counted in the election. Commissioner White requested a Cast Vote Record from Pima County and Maricopa County. Using these Cast Vote Records, Commissioner White was able to determine that Donald Trump lost the election because Republican voters in large numbers did not vote for him. Commissioner White said Maricopa County includes the electronic adjudication records in their Cast Vote Record and would like electronic adjudication added to the
Pima County’s Cast Vote Record when the Pima County starts doing electronic adjudication.

5D. Observation by EIC Commissioners within Elections and the Recorders

Commissioner Benny White asked what EIC Commissioners were allowed to observe in the Elections Department and Recorder’s Office. Brad Nelson of the Elections Department said he wants observers. Political Party observers require credentials but EIC members are invited any time no credentials required. Pam Franklin of the Recorder’s office wants observers as well. She only requests an email the day before any EIC members want to observe at the Recorder’s Office so a member of the administrative staff can be there to answer questions.

5E. Bi-law amendments

Chair Bickel summarized the bi-law amendments by saying most of the changes were grammatical although there are two significant changes. The first change was making a representative of the Recorder’s Office an official member of the Commission. The second change is changing the number of mandatory meetings from 9 to 6. A motion to accept the Bi-law amendment changes was made and seconded and the motion passed 9 Yes and 1 absent.

ITEM 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

JP Precinct Redistricting and JP Precinct organization
Vail School District Election
Possible recommendations to the Board of Supervisor regarding Cast Vote Record and Observation
City of Tucson Election
City of Tucson Signature Verification
Military and Overseas ballots

ITEM 7. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 19, 2021

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT