The Pima County Election Integrity Commission met virtually on September 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM 2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also in Attendance: Pamela Franklin, Chief Deputy Pima County Recorder, and Anne Lillie, Pima County Elections Department.

Absent: Michael Coltrin, Barbara Tellman and Benny White.

ITEM 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Rebecca Bowie – Hello, I’m just here as a student just observing your meeting for a project for my class, so thank you for letting me join.

ITEM 4. MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL:

The meeting summary was approved.

ITEM 5. AGENDA ITEMS:

5A. Establishing election precincts for 2022 – Commissioner Preble suggested with all the voters removing themselves from the Permanent Early Voting List and the consolidation of Precincts with heavy Republican Voter Registration there will be more voters at Polling Places. Brad Nelson asked Pam Franklin if there was an unusual volume of voters removing themselves from the Permanent Early Voters List. Pam Franklin said there was no trend like that. Commissioner Preble asked about the 9,922 voters who were taken off the voting rolls on August 23. She suggests that is a really high number when usually only 200 – 300 voters are removed. Pam Franklin explained that most of the 9,922 people were not removed from the voting rolls, but instead were moved to the inactive list. Commissioner Hurley asked why it is easier to get on the Permanent Early Voting List than it is to get off. Pam Franklin said it was just as easy.
to get on as to get off. Commissioner Hurley also stated he is against precinct consolidation. Chair Bickel suggested Commissioner Hurley speak at the Board of Supervisor’s Meeting.

5B. Altering Justice Precincts – Commissioners Preble and Hurley suggested that crime will increase and eliminating Justice Precinct 5 would be the wrong move. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to observe the status quo and there not be a reduction on the number of Justice Precincts at this time. Commissioner Preble seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 yes votes and 2 no votes.

5C. Vail USD November 2021 Special Election – Brad Nelson offered the new members of the Commission a chance to come to the Elections Department to see how things are done.

5D. HAVA 2020 Grant Award – Commissioner Hurley commented on his surprise to see mention of vote centers on the HAVA Grant Award. Brad Nelson commented that the money is being used to buy technology that will be used by the Recorder’s Office and the Elections Department and that this technology will enable Pima County to go to Vote Centers, but electronic poll books will greatly improve the administration of elections in a polling place or vote center environment. Commissioner Hurley made a motion to accept the HAVA money and Commissioner Preble seconded. The motion passed with 6 yes votes and 1 no vote.

5D. Virtual Meetings – After discussing what the Pima County Board of Supervisors do at their meetings, it was decided the EIC would mirror the Board of Supervisors.

ITEM 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Lana O’Brien will do a Tabulation Technology Demonstration
Recommendation to the State Independent Redistricting Committee
Bi-Law Amendments

ITEM 7. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 15, 2021
November 19, 2021

Motion made by Commissioner Hurley to skip December’s EIC meeting. Commissioner Preble seconded. The motion passed 7 yes votes and 0 no votes.

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT