

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, September 4, 2014**

A special board meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2014 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Patrick G. Call, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Richard R. Searle, Member (telephonically)

Staff Michael J. Ortega, County Administrator; Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator;
Present: Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney; Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Martha Reynolds

Chairman Call called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Approve the canvass of the Primary Election held on August 26, 2014.

Mr. Michael Ortega, County Administrator, presented this item. Mr. Ortega gave the background of the primary election and said that Mr. Vlahovich would go over the details.

Mr. Jim Vlahovich, Deputy County Administrator/Interim Elections Director, used a PowerPoint presentation to go over the details of the primary election. He covered the history of registered voters and noted that the Recorder's Office had cleaned up voter rolls by contacting people that had moved or no longer voted in Cochise County. He stated that there were changes in polling locations including an emergency move in Naco due to building repairs and listed the technical difficulties that had occurred with equipment and hardware, which were handled by flying ballots to Graham County to be tabulated. He added that Graham County was the County's official backup and thanked their staff for their assistance.

Vice-Chairman English stated that she had confidence in the accuracy of the numbers and noted that they had been run three times to assure they were correct.

Supervisor Searle thanked staff for their efforts in ensuring that all numbers were accurate.

Vice-Chairman English moved to approve the canvass of the Primary Election held on August

26, 2014. Supervisor Searle seconded the motion.

Chairman Call called for vote and it was approved 3-0.

2. Discussion regarding issues occurring during the August 26 Primary Election and next steps in preparing for the November 4 General Election.

Mr. Ortega reviewed the steps that would be taken in preparation for the General Election that will be held on November 4, 2014. He noted that one of the main observations was the equipment used and that staff would look at different equipment and hardware after this election cycle to address technical issues. He added that transparency was crucial and staff would continue to engage and involve party chairs, media, and the general public.

The Board thanked all those involved for their help.

Chairman Call adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED:

Patrick G. Call, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlenthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board