

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, May 24, 2016**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Richard R. Searle, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Supervisor

Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Edward T. Gilligan, Deputy County Administrator
Katie A. Howard, Elections/Special Districts Director
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Christine Rhodes, County Recorder
Sylvia Gruhn, Deputy County Recorder
Martha Rodriguez, Elections Coordinator

Attendees: Eric Peterman

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 11:02 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. Accept the elections results certified and submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the Special Election held on May 17, 2016.

Ms. Rodriguez, Elections Coordinator, presented the item using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Rodriguez gave a summary of the Election Day activities and noted that there were no major issues. She then went over the statistics of the voter turnout and noted that there had been 177 provisionals and 16 of those had been rejected.

Chairman Searle asked why there were so many provisionals.

Ms. Rodriguez said that most of them were early voters that did not use their early ballots. She added there were no discrepancies between the results the hand count board came up with and the results tabulated by the machine. She noted that in the upcoming year staff would focus on outreach.

Vice-Chairman Call asked if there were still issues with the post office sending early ballots in a timely manner.

Ms. Gruhn, Deputy County Recorder, said that for the Presidential Preference Election there had been an issue, but her office had contacted post master and she said that they did not have the appropriate staff to count the ballots and have them delivered

Mr. Vlahovich said he would set up a meeting with the post master to plan for future elections.

Vice-Chairman Call asked what the percentage of total votes had been early ballots.

Ms. Rhodes, County Recorder, said that 84% of total ballots had been early ballots.

Vice-Chairman Call asked if election information regarding military personnel could be more prominent on the website.

Ms. Gruhn said that she would look into how to make the website more accessible to military and overseas voters.

Ms. Howard discussed the Douglas election and said that the same format would not work for other cities. She said she had received great support from several departments for drivers and loaders for delivery and would need to reach out to other departments for the August election.

Vice-Chairman moved to accept the elections results certified and submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the Special Election held on May 17, 2016. Supervisor English seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

APPROVED:

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board