

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION HELD ON  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Ann English, Chairman; Peggy Judd, Vice-Chairman; Tom Crosby, Supervisor

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator  
Christine Roberts, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board

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

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

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

***ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Discussion and direction on election integrity and security, election processes, and possible changes we want to pursue in Cochise County.

Chairman English stated that Vice-Chairman Judd asked for this work session and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Judd, who introduced the speaker, Dan LaChance. Mr. LaChance presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. LaChance gave his background information and discussed his concerns with the Arizona election system. Mr. LaChance outlined and explained 3 violations of the Equal Protection Clause in the 14th amendment, which included the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL) and Active Early Voter List (AEVL), A.R.S. §16-168 which created a statewide voter database and Arizona Secretary of State's unique Uniform Resource Locator (URL) program. He discussed his concerns SLI Compliance equipment certification, the mail in process and the polling place process related to Arizona elections.

Mr. Hoang Quan presented using a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Quan displayed an article and told the story of the recall of Hugo Chavez and the election system in Venezuela and compared it to the trajectory that America is headed to now. Mr. Quan gave his background and discussed his concerns about voting programs and machines.

Vice-Chairman Judd introduced two goals to start the discussion. First, the Recorder is working on paper ballots that have security measures built in and second, is going back to regional voting centers with printed poll books. Chairman English asked what

regional means. Vice-Chairman Judd stated that it has already been determined that voting centers in each community are not economical and stated that in these regional voting centers there would be a book to sign into your precinct and gave the example of precincts in Willcox voting at the same location.

Supervisor Crosby began reading a letter from Paul Rice regarding information requested from the Secretary of State regarding accreditation of voting machines and requested consensus from the Board that the issues having to do with the County's use of voting machines should come up for a vote. Chairman English stated that this is not the place to take polls. Ms. Roberts cautioned the Board that this is a work session and not a place to take a vote. Supervisor Crosby asked again for consensus that the issues having to do with the County's use voting machines should come up for a vote. Chairman English stated that if Supervisor Crosby feels that this is important, he can put that on an agenda. Supervisor Crosby stated that he is looking for consensus right now. Ms. Roberts cautioned of an open meeting law violation. Ms. Roberts stated that this is a work session for discussion. Supervisor Crosby repeatedly raised a point of order during Ms. Roberts' previous statement and stated the County Attorney is out of order. Supervisor Crosby discussed the role of the County Attorney at Board Meetings. Ms. Roberts interjected that Supervisor Crosby's definition of her role and statutes are incorrect and warned for a third time that taking a vote during a work session is an open meeting law violation and stated she will report it to the Attorney General. Supervisor Crosby stated in the absence of Rules of Order he insists the Board use statutes. He stated the Attorney may not interject unless solicited by the majority of the Board. Supervisor Crosby quoted portions of A.R.S. § 11-532. Ms. Roberts stated that Supervisor Crosby is misinterpreting the statutes.

Vice-Chairman Judd stated that the Board needs to follow the agenda. She stated that she noted on her list to begin to hand count the election results and not use the tabulating machines. Supervisor Crosby asked if they have consensus that the issues having to do with the County's use of voting machines should come up for a vote. Vice-Chairman Judd stated she is not ready for that yet and wants to do more exploration.

Supervisor Crosby quoted from the Purcell case regarding voter identification. Supervisor Crosby asked if the Board should instruct the County Recorder to move toward fixing the mail-in ballot chain of custody and voter ID problems addressed by Mr. LaChance today within the parameters of the law. Vice-Chairman Judd stated that she would like to have ID for mail-in ballots and discussed ideas to accomplish that. Supervisor Crosby stated that it sounds like there is consensus to instruct the County Recorder to move toward fixing the mail-in ballot chain of custody and voter ID problems addressed by Mr. LaChance today within the parameters of the law. Vice-Chairman Judd stated yes and she has added chain of custody for mail-in ballots.

Vice-Chairman Judd stated that she would like to have a check on the physical equipment at polling locations to not cause a backlog of voters at the polling locations. Vice-Chairman Judd stated she would like the Board to support legislation to make 100% hand count allowable and the use of machines optional. Vice-Chairman Judd stated she would like to have high school students work at polling locations. Vice-Chairman Judd discussed viewing the vote cast record to properly canvass an election and Supervisor Crosby concurred.

Chairman English asked the Board to put all suggestions regarding the election process in writing.

Chairman English stated that when the election took place Vice-Chairman Judd and Supervisor Crosby indicated that the election was fair and well run and would like to know the reasoning for wanting to change. Supervisor Crosby stated that it is illegal or impossible to confirm the accuracy of the voting machines. Vice-Chairman Judd stated that she and her constituents want to know that the voting machines are accurate.

Chairman English adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Ann English, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Tim Mattix, Clerk of the Board