

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2024 at 10:01 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

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

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator  
Sharon Gilman, Deputy County Administrator  
Paul Correa, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney  
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Joe Casey, Associate County Administrator  
Marisol Renteria, Interim Elections Director

Vice-Chairman Crosby called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

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

***ACTION***

**Board of Supervisors**

1. Accept the election results certified and submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the General Election held on November 5, 2024.

Supervisor Judd made a motion to accept the election results certified and submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the General Election held on November 5, 2024. Chairman English seconded the motion.

Joe Casey, Associate County Administrator, presented this item. Mr. Casey stated the report before the board outlines the canvas for the November 5, 2024, General Election, conducted in compliance with statutory requirements and the 2023 Elections Procedure Manual. He stated 82,242 registered voters, the election saw a turnout of 72.35%, representing 59,951 participants. He stated challenges encountered included wait times at some vote centers reaching two and a half hours, a bomb threat on election night requiring evacuation, and a power outage on November 13 due to a blown transformer, delaying power restoration until late evening. Despite an incorrect calculation regarding early voter hand counts, after consulting with the Secretary of State and county attorney's office, the election is ready for certification.

Supervisor Judd expressed gratitude for the efforts in completing the lengthy and challenging election process. She acknowledged that the issues faced were unavoidable and could have happened to anyone, with appreciation for the team's ability to address concerns and answer questions throughout. Supervisor Judd noted a desire to reduce voter wait times in future elections, suggesting ideas such as splitting vote centers or adding more machines to improve efficiency.

Chairman English expressed gratitude to election workers, the elections' director, and especially county employees who stepped outside their normal roles to ensure an efficient and effective election. She stated the effort and adaptability of all involved were recognized as crucial to overcoming unforeseen issues, which are considered an inevitable part of elections. Chairman English emphasized the teamwork and dedication that contributed to the election's success.

Vice-Chairman Crosby conveyed his thanks to Mr. Casey and Ms. Renteria.

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

Vice-Chairman Crosby adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board