

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2025**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Hering Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Frank Antenori, Chairman; Tom Crosby, Vice-Chairman, Telephonic; Kathleen L. Gomez, Supervisor

Staff Present: Sharon Gilman, County Administrator
Joe Casey, Deputy County Administrator
Dylan Hendel, Civil Deputy County Attorney
Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Melissa Avant, Elections Director

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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Accept the election results certified and submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the Special Election held on July 15, 2025.

Supervisor Gomez made a motion to accept the election results certified and submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the Special Election held on July 15, 2025. Vice-Chairman Crosby seconded the motion.

Melissa Avant, Elections Director, presented this item. Ms. Avant gave an overview of the Congressional District 7 special primary election. She stated the state performed logic and accuracy testing on June 13, 2025, with perfect results. She stated the vote centers in Douglas, Bisbee, and Palominas opened as scheduled on July 15, 2025, and results were uploaded between 8:03 and 8:45 p.m. She stated a hand count audit on July 19, 2025 confirmed 100% accuracy, and final results were posted July 21 at 9:10 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Crosby offered congratulations to Ms. Avant for successfully navigating the steep learning curve required of her.

Marisol Renteria, Database Web Specialist, clarified that for this election, only state-level candidates were notified about the opportunity to view materials. She stated the candidates received an email with information on where to access them. She confirmed that candidates could send someone from their committee to preview on their behalf and the public was welcome to attend and view the materials.

Ms. Avant reported that there were two minor complaints regarding signage, one in the Palominas district and one locally. She assured the Board that both issues were resolved quickly with additional signs placed to address the concerns.

In response to the Board, Ms. Avant confirmed that two envelope openers were used during this election to process ballots. She mentioned that the DS950 machines are currently stored in the warehouse. She stated these machines were not used for this election and will likely be utilized in next year's election.

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

Chairman Antenori adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

APPROVED:

Frank Antenori, Chairman

ATTEST:

Lara Loewenheim, Clerk of the Board