



PRIMARY ELECTION  
AUGUST 26, 2014  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Primary Election was held on August 26, 2014. There were 4 polling locations that were changed in the Sierra Vista area. Two of those changes were related to Churches that no longer wished to participate: 1 was done to provide for a better location and 1 was due to City of Sierra Vista Fire Station not being available. One location in Douglas was changed because the Sunnyside Fire Station had been relocated. In Bisbee the 1 location was moved from the BOS lobby to a conference room. In all of these cases registered voters were notified by postcard and the change was printed on the sample ballots. Immediately prior to the election, the Naco polling location was moved to Turquoise Valley Golf Country Club due to building issues at the Fire Station. All of those voters were notified by telephone. No significant issues with voters locating the correct precinct were identified.

During the two weeks prior to the election, an unusually high number of poll workers called to advise that they would be unable to work on Election Day (35 compared to an average of 6). Election staff was able to find replacements for the majority of these cancellations. However, due to the timing no formal training was provided to these replacements. All efforts were made to identify replacements that had previous poll worker experience. A few precincts worked with one less poll worker but these were in less busy locations and no adverse affects were identified.

There were two equipment failures involving M100 tabulators. The troubleshooters were able to resolve these without disruption to the voting process. Precincts were able to use the central sending location to modem results to the Elections Department. There was an issue with modem for the results from the Pirtleville Fire Station. Upon receipt of the M100 tabulator in Bisbee, the Election staff was able to modem the results to the election system.

This was the first election in which the electronic poll books (tablets) were utilized. Overall, the tablets were well received with successful results in using the tablets. In multiple locations there were printer issues. The troubleshooter/IT people were able to resolve most of the issues that were related to sync issues. However, there were a couple of complete failures of printers, and it is recommended that some additional printers be purchased to have as back-ups. As we continue to implement more technology, it is recommended that additional troubleshooters be hired to work throughout the County and that these troubleshooters have more extensive training on all election equipment (an IT background would be helpful).

There were computer system issues at the Election Department that resulted in initial upload of results being incorrect. The Tabulation back up plan was initiated and memory cards and M650 zip files were transported to Graham County where they were successfully processed.

Both the Republican and Democratic Parties participated in the hand count and early ballot audit that was convened on August 27, recessed and then reconvened on August 28, 2014. There were no discrepancies identified during the hand count and early ballot audit. Those results are included in the report and have been submitted to the Secretary of State.