

## Elections System Due Diligence Activities

- In December 2014, after the Recount, through early April, activities include:
  - Reviewed literature and websites to identify available election system options
    - Many systems available nationwide
    - Require certification from Election Administration Commission (EAC – national)
    - In Arizona, also requires certification by Secretary of State's (SOS) Certification Committee
    - Only two systems certified for use in Arizona & we closely examined both:
      - ES&S
      - Unisyn
  - Researched statutes and SOS Elections Manual for requirements
  - Spoke with both vendors re: systems to identify what is available and how it works
  - Attended Open House in Yavapai County for demonstration of Unisyn system as it is deployed there
  - Attended Open House in Graham County for demonstration of ES&S system
  - Went to Pinal County to see ES&S system in action there (used for both Primary & General elections in 2014) and discuss Central Count approach to tabulation with both Pinal and Pima counties
  - In Pinal County also got introduction to the ballot layout/programming module of ES&S Electionware software
  - Arranged for Unisyn representatives to come to Cochise County to conduct demonstration of their election system
  - Obtained and reviewed all information from Yuma & Yavapai counties about their use of Vote Centers
  - Learned pros and cons about available types of equipment being used: Ballot On Demand printers, touch screen voting machines w/ ballot cards, etc.
  - Explored the option of moving exclusively to Central Count (Pinal; Pima)
  - Researched voting trends and historical election costs in Cochise County
  - Researched number of unused ballots (destroyed/wasted) in Cochise County
  - Arranged for Mary Fontes from the Secretary of State's office to come to Cochise to conduct a joint training session for Elections & Records staff on ballot management and ballot audit practices
    - Identified several topics for future meetings with Elections & Records to fine-tune procedures and ensure smooth operations

- Moved the Elections mail-opening machine to the Records office for a more efficient workflow with Early Ballot opening
- Records and Elections staff have met at least weekly, or more often and will continue to do so until all topics have been addressed
- Conducted weekly Election Stakeholders meetings between the Primary & General elections, tracking activities and status
  - Meetings are now monthly until before the Presidential Preference Election in March 2016
  - Meetings include: Elections, Records, IT, GIS, Procurement, County Attorney and County Administration representatives
- Arranged a conference call with ES&S to better understand their e-poll book solution and how it works
- Worked with IT's GIS staff to develop views of how Vote Centers could be configured in Cochise County
- Had a few meetings with Procurement regarding process for acquiring a new election system
- Met separately with Tyson/IT to discuss IT support for elections
- Arranged a WebEx demo of ES&S's Electionware software for use in ballot layout/programming and for tabulation
  - Easy to use and tabulation module is significantly improved
- Met with Unisyn representatives in Flagstaff for 2.5 hours to discuss their option, status of system certification, etc.
  - Were repeatedly told that their entire system was certified by the SOS except the Adjudicator software module
- Checked the certification status of each system online and phoned Kris Kingsmore, Deputy Director of Elections for the SOS, to confirm status of both systems certification
  - Kris is one of the three-member State Elections System Certification Committee
    - She confirmed that the ES&S solution was 100% certified but that the Unisyn's Central Count solution was not yet certified
    - Yavapai County is using the Unisyn system with BOS approval, on an experimental basis