

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION HELD ON
Monday, August 15, 2016**

A work session of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, August 15, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Richard R. Searle, Chairman; Patrick G. Call, Vice-Chairman; Ann English, Member

Staff Present: James E. Vlahovich, County Administrator
Britt W. Hanson, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
Arlethe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board
Katie Howard, Elections & Special Districts Director
Sylvia Gruhn, Deputy County Recorder

Chairman Searle called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

INTRODUCTIONS

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Elections & Special Districts

1. Discussion and possible direction on a status update regarding Primary Election.

Ms. Howard gave an update on the elections processes leading up to the Primary Election. She noted that during poll worker training staff had been adamant about the importance of privacy, especially since Arizona is being watched nationwide due to the vote center situation that occurred at Maricopa County. She added that at this time she was not sure if the Department of Justice would be observing vote centers in Cochise County, but wanted all poll workers to be aware just in case.

She noted the write-in candidate information would be more prominent at the vote centers and was also available online for early voters. She noted that Ms. Pat Fleming, temporary employee, had been working diligently in coming up with a complete set of instructions for early boards.

Chairman Searle asked Ms. Gruhn how many early ballots had been received.

Ms. Gruhn said that about 4,300 early ballots had been received as of Friday morning and they received another 1,000 that afternoon.

Ms. Howard continued with election temporary employees and noted that due to audit procedures they would all have to go through four hours of new employee training, which meant they were getting paid to attend unnecessary training.

Chairman Searle asked Mr. Vlahovich and Mr. Hanson if there was another way to orient temporary employees without a four hour training.

Mr. Hanson said that the procedure was internally imposed and he would work with Ms. Howard and the Human Resources Department to come up with a solution.

Ms. Howard listed important upcoming dates and noted that there would be an item on the August 30th Meeting to cancel the election and appoint for several special districts.

She asked the Board if they wanted to go over the error with the city election being left off of the Pueblo del Sol Precinct in Sierra Vista.

Chairman Searle said that Ms. Howard did not need to go through the process of how the error happened, but said that there should be steps in place to avoid making similar errors in the future.

Ms. Howard said that there were now four steps in place to avoid such errors in future elections.

The board thanked Ms. Howard for her hard work.

Chairman Searle adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

APPROVED:

Richard R. Searle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Arlthe G. Rios, Clerk of the Board