

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL/EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

A special meeting of the Cochise County Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

Present: Thomas E. Borer, Chairman; Ann English, Vice-Chairman; Peggy Judd, Supervisor (telephonic)

Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Britt Hanson, Of Counsel, County Attorney
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board

Attendees: Jacqui Clay, School Superintendent
David Stevens, Recorder
Lisa Marra, Elections Director
Martha Rodriquez, Elections Programs Coordinator
Gabe Ruiz, Elections Warehouse Clerk
Melissa Wirthlin, Constable
Jennifer Graeme, Associate HR Director
Elda Orduno, HR Director
Cathy L.Traywick, Treasurer
Jonathan Johnson, Recorder Technician
Lara Beach, Voter Registration Technician

Chairman Borer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

ACTION

Board of Supervisors

1. Accept the elections results certified and submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the General Election held on November 3, 2020.

Ms. Lisa Marra, Elections Director, presented this item. Ms. Marra distributed reports to the attendees and said as this election includes school board elections, it must also be canvassed by the County School Superintendent, Jacqui Clay, who is present along with Recorder Stevens. She said the election followed legal guidelines and no abnormalities or defects in the process were found in this fifth and final election conducted this year.

She touched on some highlights from the reports: Number of registered voters; turnout percentages; early voters by mail and in person at the Recorder's Office; Emergency voting; and number of individuals who voted at the 17 Vote Centers on election day in comparison to 2016 with no Covid-19 impacts. She outlined the reports issued on Election Day and commended Elections and Recorder Departments' staff. There were no problems uploading results to the Secretary of States website or with the County's internal website. She also commended IT, Emergency Services, the Sheriff's Office, the AZ Supreme Court, and Presiding Superior Court Judge Conlogue and staff for their roles during the election process.

Ms. Marra outlined the types of ballots tallied and subsequent hand counts and delays in verifying write in votes. She listed the jurisdictional elections and the areas covered.

She thanked all the County staff especially IT, Fleet, Facilities, Health, Highways and Solid Waste and the various functions they assisted with and personally thanked her Elections Department staff. She noted the Department of Justice did not attend any elections as observers in the County and the tremendous amount of misinformation spread about the election process. In spite of 2020 and our political climate, in a public health crisis, she said she continues to be honored to represent this Board and our residents as the County election official and asked that the results be certified.

The Board praised all the County staff, especially the Elections and Recorders' Offices for giving all citizens of the County ample opportunities to vote.

Mr. Stevens gave statistics regarding the number of voters and praised his staff for getting all the votes counted.

Vice-Chairman English made a motion to accept the elections results certified and submitted by the Cochise County Elections Department as the official canvass for the General Election held on November 3, 2020. Supervisor Judd seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Borer adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Thomas E. Borer, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board