

# PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES Monday, November 21,2022 9:31 AM

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Chairman Jeffrey McClure Supervisor, District 4

Vice-Chairman Jeff Serdy Supervisor, District 5

> **Kevin Cavanaugh** Supervisor, District 1

> Mike Goodman Supervisor, District 2

> Stephen Q. Miller Supervisor, District 3

PINAL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING ROOM 135 N. PINAL STREET FLORENCE, AZ 85132

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The Pinal County Board of Supervisors convened at 9:31 a.m. this date. The meeting was called to order by Chairman McClure.

Members Present: Chairman Jeffrey McClure; Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh; Supervisor Mike Goodman

Members Present Telephonically: Vice-Chairman Jeff Serdy; Supervisor Stephen Q. Miller

**Staff Present:** County Manager, Leo Lew; Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney, Chris Keller; Clerk of the Board, Natasha Kennedy and Deputy Clerk of the Board, Kelsey Pickard

(1) Discussion regarding the 2022 Pinal County Primary and General Election handling, follow up by staff, After-Action Report, and Administrative Review, process and issues moving forward for the 2022 General Election and follow up. (Kent Volkmer/Virginia Ross/Himanshu Patel)

Virginia Ross, Elections Director, appeared before the Board and provided an update regarding the general election; finished tabulating and canvass completed, the next step is the automatic recount for two of the statewide races.

Supervisor Cavanaugh requested clarification.

Virginia Ross provided clarification regarding the December 6, 2022, Logic and Accuracy testing.

Kent Volkmer, County Attorney, appeared before the Board and provided an update regarding two (2) issues during the general election; first a programming error on voter poll pads which inconvenienced voters however ultimately there was no negative impact, second the lengthy process to count ballots with an explanation of the validation process for early voter ballots which contributed.

Vice-Chairman Serdy spoke regarding an additional issue, over voting and under voting, and that the machines may have been switched off. He advised his office will be reaching out to setup a meeting with Staff.

Kent Volkmer advised he had not heard of this issue, the hand count of validation was completed and suggested no irregularities however, the County Attorney's Office will conduct an after vote analysis and report back. Also, if any additional issues arise please relay them to my office for review.

Discussion held regarding poll pad issues and the ongoing investigation, and the completed investigation regarding an allegation of a candidate not being listed on a voter ballot by the following Board Member and Staff; Supervisor Cavanaugh, and Kent Volkmer.

## **Item Action: Information Only**

(2) Discussion/approval/disapproval of the canvass of the election official results for the November 8, 2022 General Election. (Virginia Ross/Himanshu Patel)

Virginia Ross, Elections Director, appeared before the Board and presented.

Vice-Chairman Serdy requested information from Kent Volkmer regarding the Cochise County canvass.

Kent Volkmer, County Attorney, appeared before the Board and spoke regarding the delay of the Cochise County canvass to November 28, 2022, and advised if they do not canvass by the deadline it is probable that the Secretary of State's Office will file a lawsuit with the Courts to ensure the Board does their job.

Discussion held regarding the delay of the Cochise County canvass, A.R.S. 16-646(C) the Board's ministerial duty to Canvass an Election, and the Pinal County Canvass by the following Board Members and Staff; Chairman McClure, Vice-Chairman Serdy, and Kent Volkmer.

## **Item Action: Approved**

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor Cavanaugh

To approve the canvass of the election official results for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

**Motion Passed** 

Ayes: Cavanaugh, Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy (5)

(3) Discussion/approval/disapproval of the second clarification of Resolution No. 082620-ED, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Pinal County Approving the Fee Schedule and Election Worker Pay for the Pinal County Elections Department Recorded on August 27, 2020, and clarified said Election Worker Pay portion of the Fee Schedule Approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2022. This action is a second clarification for the approval to include pay for Election Board members at the pay of \$0.10/ballot under the Election Worker Pay section to mean each card of a ballot that is processed by the Early Board for work conducted in performing any recounts in accordance with Arizona Law. This clarification shall be applicable for the 2022 General Election and subsequent elections, as appropriate or relevant when necessary to ensure accuracy in pay. (Geraldine Roll/Virginia Ross)

Geraldine Roll, Elections Department, appeared before the Board and presented.

**Item Action: Approved** 

Motion Made By: Supervisor Cavanaugh

Seconded By: Supervisor Goodman

To approve the second clarification of Resolution No. 082620-ED, a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Pinal County Approving the Fee Schedule and Election Worker Pay for the Pinal County Elections Department Recorded on August 27, 2020, and clarified said Election Worker Pay portion of the Fee Schedule Approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 19, 2022. This action is a second clarification for the approval to include pay for Election Board members at the pay of \$0.10/ballot under the Election Worker Pay section to mean each card of a ballot that is processed by the Early Board for work conducted in performing any recounts in accordance with Arizona Law. This clarification shall be applicable for the 2022 General Election and subsequent elections, as appropriate or relevant when necessary to ensure accuracy in pay.

**Motion Passed** 

Ayes: Cavanaugh, Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy (5)

### (4) CONSENT ITEMS:

All items indicated by an asterisk (\*) will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Board Member, County Manager, or member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.

Chairman McClure asked if there were any requests from a Board Member, staff or the audience to remove any consent agenda item for discussion, there being none.

Item Action: Approved Consent Agenda Item A

Motion Made By: Supervisor Goodman

Seconded By: Supervisor Miller

To approve Consent Agenda Item A.

Motion Passed

Ayes: Cavanaugh, Goodman, McClure, Miller, Serdy (5)

\* A. Board of Supervisors, sitting as the Board of Equalization, for ratification of Hearing Officer decisions from the Board of Equalization (BOE) Hearings on Personal Property Petition for Review of Valuation held on November 18, 2022, pursuant to A.R.S. 42-16102. (Natasha Kennedy)

<u>9:55 a.m.</u> – Chairman McClure adjourned the November 21, 2022, Special Session Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

PINAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jeffrey McClure, Chairman

ATTEST:

Natasha Kennedy, Clerk of the Board

Minutes Prepared By: Kelsey Pickard, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Approval of Minutes: December 21, 2022