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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 28, 2022

**TO:** Melissa Manriquez  
Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Steve Christy   
District 4 Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Addendum Item

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Please place the following item on the Addendum to the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of May 3, 2022:

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**Discussion/Direction/Action regarding the status of the plan being implemented by the Pima County Elections Department and the Pima County Recorder's office to use vote centers rather than polling places for the 2022 Primary and General Elections. It is requested that representatives of the Elections Dept. and Recorder's office who are familiar with these details be present.**

**A time certain of 10:00 a.m. is requested for this item. (District 4)**

Thank you.

**PIMA COUNTY ELECTION INTEGRITY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FOR April 22, 2022**  
<http://www.pima.gov/commission/ElectionIntegrity.shtml>

The Pima County Election Integrity Commission met at Pima County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 130 W Congress Street, 1st Floor April 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEM 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those in attendance said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM 2. ROLL CALL:**

Present: Misty Atkins, Ryan Maese, Levoy Hurley, Barbara Tellman, Benny White, Brian Bickel, Arthur Kerschen and Mary Preble

**ITEM 3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**ITEM 4. MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL:**

The meeting summary is a draft.

**ITEM 5. AGENDA ITEMS:**

a. Update on Elections Laws from the Legislative Session. A possible special session and the lawsuit filed with Superior Court in Yavapai County. (Michael Racy)- All Committees will have hearings about the budget. The governor may call as many as four or five special sessions for the budget, education funding formula, and proposed water authority. Twelve budget bills were introduced continuing last year's budget adjusted for inflation and all 12 failed. All of the election bills have been held up for the last 3-4 weeks. No activity on any controversial bills due to a rift in the senate where two Republican senators have been no votes on issues and absences in the House of Representatives. Mr. Racy provided documents on what voter bills are passed and may be passed and some that probably won't pass. Mr. Racy will comeback in a month to update us on the voting bills.

b. Update of the E-Poll Books-( Levoy Hurley)-Elections/Recorder has received 200 E-poll books and they will be updated tomorrow. We also received all the cradle points to access the internet and received them a month before we thought they would arrive. We do not have the date of when we will get the rest of the E-Poll books. Elections is working on a date when we will know if this will work.

c. Update on Voting Center Locations-(Ray Melendez)-They are going well with about 90% complete with contracts in hand and the other 10% is verbally agreed to it just takes time for the contracts to come in. We have started the ADA

surveys and we should be done within two weeks. We are missing 5. We have 129 voting centers, the original number from meetings with the board of supervisors which is what we have been sticking with. We are tracking the contracts and how much we are paying to voting centers. Out of the 129 there are 25 that are rural. The rural locations are historic locations and are the only locations that can't meet the 2,000 square feet requirement. We went to 129 because we had smaller locations and we have an additional location 1-3 miles away to help with long lines. A map will be produced that shows all the Voting Centers in Pima County.

d. City of Tucson Election in May- (Benny White)- The Democratic and Republican parties are monitoring this election.

e. Tenex University- (Benny White)-Asked about training materials from Tenex. No date has been given when they will get that to us. Jesus is working on a training packet for the E-Poll Books. The Cradle Points are here and a training session will need to be done to show how to connect the cords and make sure it is connected with the E-Poll Books. It will be a similar process to how the WiFi's and hot spots were used for the precinct voting places.

f. Test of Equipment - (Jesus Federico)-We have some of the E-Poll books that we are testing with the voter vouchers printers. They are connecting with easy to the Poll Books. I did a test where one person tried to vote more than 3 times and the system flagged them. The E- Poll Books are able to read the AZ driver License and may be able to read Military and Tribal ID.

g. Commissioner's term expiration (Brian Bickel)-Mr. Hurley will be sending his loyalty oath and will be sworn in. Mary Preble will need to do this in June. Mr. Hurley will let her know this. Arthur Kerschen needs to get reappointed by the Libertarian Party. There were issues with this in the past and we will get this cleaned up.

h. Update on staffing at Pima County Elections and Pima County Recorder (Barbara Tellman) The Elections department is in the process of hiring 40 intermittent employees and have interviews scheduled next week. We have a supervisor opening open but are having a difficult finding a qualified candidate. There is also a Tech level position that Elections is hiring for.

i. Discussion of DoD ban of removable media (Brian Bickel)- Talked about jump drives being used for data transfers that may be corrupt and can hack systems. This was discussed just to bring it to the public's attention.

j. Discuss the Board of Supervisors Redistricting (Brian Bickel)-This is something that is going to impact the elections for two Pima County Community College Board members this year. The Board of Supervisors is trying to get this done as soon as possible and will discussed at their May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The most notable change is moving Precinct 127 from Supervisor district 1 to Supervisor district 3.

k. Update on Elections Department and Recorders staffing (Levoy Hurley)- The Recorder's office is hiring Intermittent worker and have one more position

open that is being interviewed for next week. The Elections department is in the process of hiring 40 intermittent workers and have interviews next week. We have a supervisor opening open but are having a difficult time finding a candidate that meets the qualifications. There is also a Tech level position that Elections is hiring for.

l. What is the status of updates to the Security Plan to account for Vote Centers and E-Pollbooks? (Levoy Hurley) We haven't talked about this in some time. The security plan has been updated and we are using the original security plan we normally use. We have password activation and who can access the system is controlled. We are working on backup plans to address acts of God and power outages.

m. What is the audit process for monitoring Runback, including Chain of Custody? (Levoy Hurley) It is a function that goes through the elections and recorders. Elections department is responsible for the printing of the ballots and recorder's office is responsible for mailing out the early ballots. The entire plant is under video surveillance 24/7. The network is monitored from a command center and the system will shut down if they get an attempted infiltration. There aren't any political observers due to the security.

n. What is the status of Drop Box use? What are security protocols? (Levoy Hurley)- People think of a large metal box that is unattended when thinking of a drop box. We never use those in Pima County we have a box with two people of two different parties and they handle it at all time. They are exclusively at every early voting sites.

o. What is the process for assisting Vulnerable Voters? (E.g. Nursing homes) (Levoy Hurley)-Team voting process has a special election board that can be sent out to people who need assistance. The team consists of two people of two different parties. They assist the voter with filling out the ballot if they need it. The Recorders will put this on their website too. They do not use volunteers for this only employees from the Recorders office.

p. What is the plan for military voting? ((Levoy Hurley)-UOCOVA(The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting) They can receive their ballots via mail, email and fax. The initial mailing or sending out of those ballots is done 45 days prior to the election. Any ballots requested or received are processed within 24 hours. Military voting is not affected by the E-Poll Books. They can sign up to vote on election day as long as it's before 7 PM.

q. What non-profits are engaged in election-related activities coordinating with County offices? (Levoy Hurley)The only group that works with the Recorders office is the League of Woman Voters. They produce a pamphlet Elected Officials. They give us copies of these to give to our staff and voters. It is a quick reference tool. They work with us on the language they use for voter registration to make sure it is correct. They don't provide the Recorders office with any funding.

**ITEM 6.**      **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Michael Racy will be coming to discuss the Elections Laws from the Legislative Session, a possible special session and the lawsuit filed with Superior court in Yavapai County. (Barbara Tellman)

**ITEM 7.**      **NEXT MEETING DATE**

May 20, 2022

**ITEM 8.**      **ADJOURNMENT**