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Cc: nancydist3@gmail.com; p_Belinda Rodriguez <chair@pinalcountygop.org>
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Attachments: ThePaysonNews_Issue43.pdf

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To: Kent Volkmer <kent.volkmer@pinal.gov>

 Subject:
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Just an FYI plus I am still looking into some analysts and statisticians to provide feedback.

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Subject: RE: Expanded Hand Counts

To: Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov >, Colleen Connor < CConnor@azsos.gov >

Hi Dana!

I hope you are enjoying your DC trip. I am a little jealous you all got the private tour of the supreme court. Such great memories of all the events I went on during that trip.

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Date: Fri, Mar 15, 2024 at 12:56 PM

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Subject: 2024 Election: SCR1037 is legally binding. Can the County comply?

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Greetings,

In May 2023, Senator Borrelli sent an official letter to all Arizona counties responsible for conducting local elections, notifying you that "no electronic voting systems in the state of Arizona may be used as the primary method for conducting, counting, tabulating, or verifying federal elections, unless those systems meet the requirements set forth in SCR 1037." Can the County comply with it? Proof it.

Arizona State Lawmakers have passed SCR 1037, which is a legally binding resolution enshrined and enforced by the Constitution granting the legislature of each state 'plenary powers' under Article 1, Section 4, Clause 1, which provides 'complete and absolute power to act, with no limitations' as it relates to the "times, places, and manner" of state administered federal elections.

Notwithstanding, Arizona's State Governor and Secretary of State are attempting to circumvent the constitutional 'plenary' authority of the legislature to set all policy related to elections and <u>falsely</u> claim this resolution is 'non-binding', which would be true if it was a resolution unrelated to election policy.

Good news, all County Supervisors and Election Directors have the lawful authority to choose hand-counting elections and setting aside all voting machines and electronic devices in the 2024 election!

We the people of Arizona and legal citizens of America deserve security, accountability, transparency, and accuracy in elections. We are asking County Election directors to start restoring trust in elections by holding elections without machines in small precincts (1,000-1,200 eligible voters) for one day voting, as guaranteed in the US Constitution, on paper ballots and hand counting at the precinct level following an election. This can be accomplished in multiple 8-hour shifts until results are determined.

Arizonans demand a ban on election machines in their county and state due to security threats being telegraphed by Cyber Security agencies in the US, Canada, United Kingdom and New Zeeland. 1/31/24:

 $\underline{https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-notice-ccp-cyber-threat-american-homeland-and-national-security}$

It's a disgrace for some lawmakers to continue to defend the impossible and blatantly false claims that voting machines are safe and secure! Professor J. Alex Halderman, Justice Gabelman, Lt Col. Shawn A. Smith, Dr. Walter Daugherity, and many others have provided evidence against these unsubstantiated claims. In fact, most US Senators and House Representatives have publicly stated that election machines are posing a grave danger to our Sovern nation.

In 2018, John Podesta, President of the Center of American Progress CAP, and Hillary Clinton's former Campaign Manager promoted election securities and hand count being more secure than hackable tabulators, or uncertified machines. Per the 2018 CAP report, Arizona got a FAT **D**.

The Arizona SOS Equipment Certification Advisory Committee's minutes reveal (see below) that our machines have been tested last May to 2005 VVSG 1.0 standards, not 2015 VVSG 1.1, or 2020 VVSG 2.0



Col. John Mills, "every voting machine and tabulator can be hacked within 1-7 minutes, in person or remotely, altering vote tallies without detection; if a machine plugs into a wall, regardless of internet connectivity, an intrusion is easy."

Also, "State and Government websites have been accessed by domestic and foreign hacking including the central tally of votes and, intrusions like this, are often not discovered for a year or more with most virtually undetectable." (SolarWinds hack of CISA in Pima county was reported by Mandiant to CISA. Pima County's, our personal data, has been exposed to the world for more than 10 months in 2020.)

Let's restore traditional elections with hand-count, paper ballot, in-person, at precinct elections, county by county! Help Arizona make history and be the first state in the nation to end the monopoly of these hackable electronic machines invented for gambling. Machines prevent citizens from transparency and overseeing their election process as guaranteed in the US Constitution.

We should not be gambling with machines that corrupt the voting process and disguise true voter intent. Hand counting elections in turn are simple, reliable, and affordable.

Please place elections back into the hands of Arizonans in your county today!

We are sending this notification to every County in Arizona as a reminder.

For God and Country.

AZ State Committeemen

The meeting minutes are evidence that the machines and software should not be certified. They cannot conform to FEC and HAVA 2002's 3.2.1 Accuracy Requirement standards and do not meet the minimum nor the maximum standard rate of error during testing.

3.2.1 Accuracy Requirements

For testing purposes, the acceptable error rate is defined using two parameters: the desired error rate to be achieved, and the maximum error rate that should be accepted by the test process. For each processing function indicated above, the system shall achieve a target error rate of no more than one in 10,000,000 ballot positions, with a maximum acceptable error rate in the test process of one in 500,000 ballot positions.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 mandates that a certified system "will yield the most accurate, secure, and expeditious system for voting and tabulating election results."

Machine manufacturers (ES&S) often deceptively display the EAC certificate in their brochure while offering "optional" modems, wireless, or Bluetooth capabilities to election offices. Those technologies are not and have not been tested nor certified by the EAC. Any "optional" use of modems, wireless or Bluetooth will de-certify the entire election system!

Transcribed from the approved minutes that can be found here:

https://azsos.gov/elections/about-elections/elections-procedures/voting-equipment

Secretary of State Equipment Certification Advisory Committee

Approved Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2023

Committee: Tonia Tunnell, Peter Silverman, ESQ., Dr. Michael Marcellin

State certification of the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) EVS 6.3.0.0 Voting System

Sarah Herman, State Certification Manager, ES&S, Secretary of State Adrian Fontes

Equipment and Software tests were done to 2005 VVSG 1.0 standards

Per Meeting minutes:

DS200 tabulator, repeated paper jams, triggering alerts. -Mr. Silverman

Over votes and under votes had to be adjudicated at end of test. - Ryan Macias

Adjudication of over or undervotes cannot be done at voting center, must be done at Central Count.

Overvote would reflect an undervote instead of an overvote in the final count -Dr. Marcellin

Machine was not programmed to detect over votes -Chair, Tonia Tunnell, Az SOS office

Machine can read 27 languages, English, Spanish, Hopi and Navajo, Chinese, not German.

Some write-in votes were counted, others were not (no party affiliation, programming issue)

Write-in votes are counted after close of polls, in the EMS system during adjudication at Central Count.

Problem with school district marking, did not mark two contests accurately.

School board race errors in split precincts, attributed to human error.

Overvote cast for State Senate, did not record overvote!

Republican US Senate & Republican US Representative races need to be examined

via precinct report. (Is that an admission to erroneous or intentional programming?)

Ballots were counted incorrectly according to the test script but supposedly counted them correctly.

(Will it be corrected/ re-programmed correctly by the election?)

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From: Dana Lewis dana.lewis@pinal.gov

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Subject: Fwd: FW: IMPORTANT - PLS Review ASAP - SB1175 Amendment

FYI

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Hello Election Directors and Recorders:

It has been awhile since we discussed SB1175. The House did add the amendment is discussed below (here is the new engrossed version: $\frac{\text{https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/SB1175H.pdf})}{\text{https://www.azleg.gov/legtext/56leg/1R/bills/SB1175H.pdf})}. When I originally sent out the below email to see if this amendment changed your position (we are currently opposed) I only ever heard back from 1 Recorder and 6 Election Directors$

Support:

Election Directors: Cochise, La Paz, Maricopa, Yavapai, Pinal

Oppose:

Election Directors: Pima

Recorders: Pima

From: Jennifer Marson

Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 10:22 AM

Subject: IMPORTANT - PLS Review ASAP - SB1175 Amendment

For reasons I can't explain, my phone won't let me add all 15 of you to one email...so I am sending two...stupid technology

Hello Election Directors:

We have been negotiating with Sen. Kavanagh on his SB1175 which makes changes to the process for appointing people to do the hand count. Many of you noted that the language was confusing and I think we have solved those problems and some others as well.

Things in this amendment:

- 1. New layout for 16-602 B7 because it is currently confusing and has several repeat sentences
- 2. New timeline to 16-602 B7 to give parties more time to find/confirm people, and give counties enough time to vet/assign those people
 - a. New timeline ensures that the people are confirmed by the Thursday before the election
- 3. Eliminate the requirement that the hand count be on a live feed.
- 4. Eliminate LD's being able to appoint people
- 5. Keeps all the existing concepts from B7 but organizes them better. Much of the language in **BLUE** <u>is existing language</u>, but the cleanest way to do the amendment was to

strike Sec. of 6 of the bill and re-insert Sec. 6 with the new language. Leg Council will correct if I am mistaken

Please review the attached language, and for any of your that are currently opposed please let me know if this alters your position to either neutral or support.

Thanks,

Jen

Jen Marson

Executive Director

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From: Dana Lewis <dana.lewis@pinal.gov>

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To: Douglas Wolf <douglas.wolf@pinal.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Fw: It is the Machines!

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From:

Date: Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 10:10 AM Subject: Re: Fw: It is the Machines!

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I am saying to all, the e-machine can be hacked, they are not trustworthy, no one in the county has the program code to ensure these machines are not hacked, the hash code that is used to identify a hack can be hacked, there is historical data showing continuing election problems with machines, and that even professional county staff who are excellant at their job lack the competence in the area to ensure the machines are not hacked. In addition, we have a history of mistakes in our elections which some are people problems however some are data issues. Returning to a trusted full hand count has benefits such as increased trust in our elections and simple tasks that identify any law violations or as some courts say, just sloppy work. Voter disenfranchisement should be a priority.



"To fight so others can remain free"



On Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 10:01 AM, GAYLE PETERS

wrote:



Are you saying that the problems you entail in your email are happening here in Pinal? Because I would dispute that. Maricopa has serious problems but Pinal cannot solve Maricopa's issues.

You may have seen this in the news:

A northwestern Arizona county [Mohave] has rejected a proposal to hand-count ballots in the 2024 election cycle after the local elections director warned that it would cost more than \$1.1 million and involve hiring hundreds of new workers.

And consider Mohave is half the size of Pinal (in terms of population).

I heard pretty conclusively at the BOS meeting that we cannot hand count at this time. We are blessed to have extremely knowlegable, competent individuals in Dana Lewis and Kent Volkmer in office. I believe we should listen to them.

getting voter turnout to increase our majority. We can do that!

Regards,

On 11/16/2023 9:17 AM MST

wrote:

See Rebecca's reply, she is an expert in the cyber security profession.



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From:

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Sent: Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 8:29 AM **Subject:** Re: It is the Machines!

My best guess is our votes are being hijacked and modified using DNS exfiltration via DNS Tunneling. Super easy to do and there is no cyber security monitoring to identify attackers. If the voting machines were a bank, the Government would shut them down.

On Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 8:10 AM

> wrote:

To the Honorable Pinal Board of Supervisors:

The purpose of this email is to follow-up on the November 15, 2023 meeting specifically the topic of elections. As I previously stated, "It is the e-machines". I humbly request a vote to go to hand counts in the August 6, 2024 primary election and the November 2024 General election at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

The County Attorney and the County Recorder are professionals and highly skilled. However, it is the machines that are the issue. The Hash Code in the machines and the fact, the e-machines are coded without the ability of the elections staff to be able to independently check for hacking, is a big red flag. Preventing hacking is hampered and these machines can be hacked, and if hacked, you will never know. The fact our staff is well trained in expertise in their field does not out way the fact, they do not have the coding or programming expertise to monitor these machines.

In addition, past elections show historically the "impracticeablity", not "impractical", as stated by the county attorney. Impracticeablity has a different meaning. It means e-machines are not working. Other words, not counting votes properly and are untrustworthy. This is the word, impracticeability, used by the AZSOS in their own August 2023 letter sent to all 15 AZ counties that gives e-machine users an opt out. It is not a natural disaster criteria that determines impracticeability, it is these e-



machines are not working. Historical data shows tabulators not working, breaking during the elections and causing votes to be rejected due to ballot size and pen reading flaws. Thousands of voters disenfranchised and worried about did their vote being counted. Thousands of provisional votes are caused by these machines and we all know provisional votes are not counted unless the voters actually respond to the election official post querying.

We have seen the reality, this impracticeability historically and in November 2022 elections 60% failure in high GOP areas did not work and thousands of voters were disenfranchised in Maricopa County. In fact, I worked the election in Pinal County as an observer and I watched machines fail at the precinct I worked.

There have been, in reality, felt top Pin issues, ballot size issues, and printers jamming. The election process has become so complex that you can not catch anyone cheating and if alleged, it is excused as just sloppy work.

So, keep it simple, manual hand counts.

Also, we saw blatant violations of the Election Procedure Manual, EPM, and obvious violation of signature verification processes and realized that no one prosecutes violations of election law and prefer to excuse this blatant cheating as sloppy work by those counting votes. We deserve better and elections were better, when we hand counted, and it makes it harder to cheat.

So, ask yourself, why would the state refuse the hand count? Why are they mandating e-machines? Why are they threatening elected representatives?

So, as I said during this November 15th meeting, violations of these EPM laws or rules are only a misdemeanor 2 and then no one prosecutes and the cheaters know their is no enforcement. The state will probably sue with an injunction or even threaten you, however, this is when you remember thos who founded our Republic and the stand these men took to give us a Republic.

It is the e-machines, not our elections or legal staff. These e-machines are not trustworthy.

I humbly ask and respectfully assert, dump these e-machines and take a stand for our Republic to process our elections without e-machines. Determine these e-machine are "impracticeable" and the Logic and Accuracy test are pre-test and fail to test for hacking or account for e-machine malfunctions or breakdowns. There is no formula for impracticeablity except for the past historical data and that shows failure after failure to count votes and many irregularities.

Our freedom is endanger as we witness the state mandating and selectively enforcing law to push a unamerican agenda which I have never seen in my lifetime. "We have a Republic, if we can keep it"- Benjamin Franklin.

Respectfully,



"To fight so others can remain free"



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From: Dana Lewis <dana.lewis@pinal.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: FW: New legislation to implement - SB1342 Hand Count HB2482 Notify Voter if Record Changed

Attachments: image001.png image002.png SB1342 Hand Count Audit 04072024.pdf

Good Afternoon.

I think we should definitely have the conversation with our party chairs so that they are aware of the new law.

----- Forwarded message -----From: Lisa Marra < lmarra@azsos.gov > Date: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 12:21 PM Subject: FW: New legislation to implement - SB1342 Hand Count HB2482 Notify Voter if Record Changed To: amoreno@santacruzcountyaz.gov <amoreno@santacruzcountyaz.gov>, dana.lewis@pinal.gov <dana.lewis@pinal.gov>, dstevens@cochise.az.gov <dstevens@cochise.az.gov>, gabriella@recorder.pima.gov <gabriella@recorder.pima.gov>, Larry Noble , durstl@mohave.gov , durstl@mohave.gov , michael.sample@navajocountyaz.gov <michael.sample@navajocountyaz.gov>, michelle.burchill@yavapaiaz.gov <michelle.burchill@yavapaiaz.gov>, Hansen, Patty <phansen@coconino.az.gov>, Polly Merriman <pmen(@graham.az.gov>, richard.colwell@yumacountyaz.gov <ri>crichard.colwell@yumacountyaz.gov>, rgarcia@lapazcountyaz.org <rgarcia@lapazcountyaz.org>, sbingham@gilacountyaz.gov</ri> <sbingham@gilacountyaz.gov>, Sharie Milheiro <smilheiro@greenlee.az.gov>, sricher@risc.maricopa.gov <sricher@risc.maricopa.gov>, Alexa Venegas <Alexa.Venegas@recorder.pima.gov>, Alisha Guerrero , Angel Aguilar (amanda.campbell@pinal.gov">, Angel Aguilar
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Please see below and attached for information about two bills just signed by the Governor that will impact your offices. SB1342 signed by Governor on 4/2 but will not go into law until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns. It is unlikely to be in place for the Primary Election, but most certainly expected by the General Election. Colleen has provided a summary of what the changes are for the political party hand count audit (Attachment). Essentially, if the county and state party chairs do not designate enough people for a hand count in the county, the highest-ranking official holding statewide office of each political party (currently Governor Hobbs (D) and Treasurer Yee (R)) shall designate qualified electors to be hand count board members. That means there will not be an ability to opt out of the process due to parties not providing a sufficient number of people. We encourage counties, especially those who do not normally conduct a political party hand count audit, to start preparing now. Hand count audits are posted to the SOS website after each statewide election. That link is here 2024 Election Information | Arizona Secretary of State (azsos.gov)

We'll provide more details as they become available on the second bill regarding notification if a voter's record is changed. Both of the bills are linked in email below.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing those of you who are attending our TTX tomorrow!

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From: Colleen Connor < CConnor@azsos.gov>

Sent: Sunday, April 7, 2024 12:16 PM

To: Lisa Marra < "> Keely Varvel "> Amy Chan C.Murphy

Hebert < cmhebert@azsos.gov >

Subject: RE: New legislation to implement

Good day: Attached us a summary of the hand count legislative changes. By adding the state chairpersons as being responsible for appointing hand count board members and adding the highest-ranking statewide officeholders to the process, it would be difficult for a County to not have a hand count.





Colleen Connor

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From: Keely Varvel < kvarvel@azsos.gov > Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 5:36 PM

To: Lisa Marra < line <a href="mai

Subject: New legislation to implement

Colleagues -

There are two bills that have passed the legislature and been signed by the Governor that will require our office and/or the counties to change processes and procedures, presumably by the General Election (these bills do not have emergency clauses on them and the effective date will likely be around August 2024 if the legislature adjourns sine die in May). There is a chance they could be effective by the July 30 Primary election but that would require the Legislature to adjourn sine die by April 30 which is unlikely.

I will take point in working with Craig and the AVID team about implementing HB2482 below.

SB1342 – changes process for selecting political party participants for hand count audit; appears to being trying to deal with counties not having enough political party support to conduct a hand count audit; if a county or state party chair don't provide enough hand count workers in each county, requires highest ranking elected officials from that party (Governor and Treasurer respectively right now) to provide hand count workers

Microsoft Word - SB1342S.1.docx (azleg.gov) - bill

S.1342ELEC ASPASSEDCOW.pdf (azleg.gov) - summary

HB2482 – requires counties to send a text, email and/or letter alert if any changes to a voter's VR record is changed

Microsoft Word - HB2482H.1.docx (azleg.gov) - bill



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Dana Lewis, Recorder Pinal County 520.866-6840



From: Dana Lewis dana.lewis@pinal.gov

Sent time: 11/14/2023 03:28:04 PM

Matthew Roberts <matthew.roberts@pinal.gov>; Garrett Glover <garrett.glover@pinal.gov>; Jared Smith <jared.smith@pinal.gov>; Donna Diaz

<donna.diaz@pinal.gov>; Kim Owens <kowens@gcjpr.com>; Lisa James <ljames@gcjpr.com>

Subject: Fwd: Hand Counts, November 15 PINAL CO BOS Meeting

Team,

Tomorrow is going to be interesting. If you have any thoughts to share prior to 9am tomorrow I am all ears.

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From: Recorder SharedMailbox < recorder.sharedmailbox@pinal.gov >

Date: Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 2:43 PM

Subject: Fwd: Hand Counts, November 15 PINAL CO BOS Meeting

To: Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov >, Donna Diaz < donna.diaz@pinal.gov >

Pinal County Recorder PO Box 848 31 N Pinal St., Bldg E Florence, Arizona 85132

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From:

Date: Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 2:16 PM

Cc:

Subject: Hand Counts, November 15 PINAL CO BOS Meeting

To: Kevin.Cavanaugh < kevin.cavanaugh@protonmail.com, bosdistrict4@pinal.gov, kevin.cavanaugh@protonmail.com, bosdistrict4@pinal.gov, stephen.miller@pinal.gov, mike.goodman@pinal.gov mike.goodman@pinal.gov mike.goodman@pinal.gov mike.goodman@pinal.gov mike.goodman@pinal.gov>, mike.goodman@pinal.gov>

To the Honorable Pinal County Board of Supervisors:

The time is now, and you are placed in a leadership position to save our Republic from the obvious flaws identified in e-machines counting problems of our electoral votes. It appears you have the authority to refuse to use e-machines per 11-251 and 16-443 below.

I support a full hand count in the Pinal County August 6th, 2024, Primary and General Elections and I request this Pinal County Board of Supervisor's stop the use of the e-machines. E-machines have a history of failed tabulations on the day of elections or failed balances with other election data systems. These failures have seriously damaged our Republic and created a common distrust of our elections. In fact, we witnessed some votes in our last Pinal County 2022 election being missed causing a controversy for the position of AZ AG.

We have also witnessed serious e-machine breakdowns in Maricopa County where as many as 60% of these machines failed and disenfranchised thousands of voters. And then, there were the signature verification flaws with some very poor legal decisions in our courts with little regard for disenfranchised voters in my opinion.

Once unlawful or erroneous votes are counted, they cannot be removed without a court order, and we see the results of our 2-tiered justice system. Doing the same thing over and over again, expecting different results, defines insanity according to Albert Einstein.

These problems also were discussed in the presentation presented in the zoom meeting at 6p on November 13, 2023, by Pinal County Board of Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh.

cannot be disclosed to the public, such as, *you cannot do hand counts*, then the BOS are open to personal lawsuits from the state if they disregard or do not follow that legal advice like we see currently going on in Cochise County. This is wrong and our elected officials should not have such leverage on their decision-making authority. Weaponizing government against our elected officials is a tactic used by extreme leftist ideology and needs to stop. Abandoning our elected representatives and allowing the county attorney, due to policy or other reasons, to withdraw legal protections for decisions is wrong.

The November 13th Zoom presentation covered 3 ARS statutes concerning hand count audits and logistical dates. These 10 day or 20-day dates are not mandated since there are available time limit extensions.

ARS 16-648C, indicates there is authority to extend the canvass to 30 days. Seems this portion was used to force certification in 2022.

C. If the official canvass of any county has not been received on the fourth Monday following the general election, the canvass shall be postponed from day to day, not to exceed thirty days from the date of the election, until canvasses from all counties are received.

So, I reviewed ARS 16-621A and the AZAG letter to all 15 Arizona counties, the AZAG argues that ARS 16-621(A) sets out that, "All proceedings at the counting center shall be under the direction of the board of supervisors or other officer in charge of elections and shall be conducted in accordance with the approved instructions and procedures manual issued pursuant to section 16-452..." Since the SOS sets out to use electronic voting machines then that is the law of the state. This is further proved by subsection (c) which states that hand counting should only occur when it "becomes *impracticable* to count all or a part of the ballots with tabulating equipment."

In other words, the State legislature meant that voting machines must be used until they become *impracticable*. *Impracticable means* "in practice impossible to do or carry out." It is my assertion that historical data shows problems in every election, and it makes it impossible to make accurate counts. And hand counts are more trustworthy, and mistakes are easier to recognize and prosecute without internet hacks.

After reviewing ARS 16-443, the statute says "may" indicating there is some independent authority of the Board of Supervisors to not use e-machines and to do full hand counts without e-machines.

16-443. Authorization of use at all elections

At all state, county, city or town elections, agricultural improvement district elections and primary elections, ballots or votes **may** be cast, recorded and counted by voting or marking devices and vote tabulating devices as provided in this article.

However, the Arizona AG has provided an opinion that is contrary to the full hand count of ballots in elections and cites State v Stapley, which I have attached to the AZAG letter.

AZ AG position:

" The Legislature has not provided counties with authority to count ballots by hand instead of via tabulating equipment, and counties may not independently choose to do so. See

State v. Stapley, 227 Ariz. 61, 64–65, ¶ 15 (App. 2011) ("[T]he Board can exercise only those powers specifically granted to it by the legislature.")"

The powers of the Board are in the following Statute:

ARS 11-251 Powers of the Board

"3. Establish, abolish and change election precincts, appoint inspectors and judges of elections, **canvass election returns**, declare the result and issue certificates thereof."

"Canvass election returns" meaning counting votes and gives the BOS the power to count votes and does not say how or require e-machines in my opinion, Thus, the power is granted by the legislature, yet does not require any specific manner on how to count ballots by hand or require only counting by e-machine which adds another legal argument which follows.

ARS 11-251 authorizes the BOS the power to canvass election.

MER Per ARS 16-444B, it seems this is where the court hangs their hat in the last Cochise opinion.

tabulating devices are used. Any provision of law that conflicts with this article does not apply to the elections in which electronic tabulating devices are used.

Per the Cochise court ruling which sounds like they created law and legislated vs interpret law in my opinion.

"Because the legislature provides for a detailed method to verify the results from electronically tabulated voting machines, counties "must" follow that method until the legislature determines otherwise. Accordingly, the counties did not have independent authority conduct a hand count audit."

So, the legal question I think is, "can the BOS refuse to use e-machines and hand count all ballots cast? Seems like the BOS can be based on the word "MAY" in 16-443. It appears the BOS is authorized independent authority and discretion to not use e-machines and good to 100% hand counts.

So, the BOS can determine the e-machines are not practicable and choose to hand count I think according to law. There is no formula to determine practicable or not practicable.

Regardless of the above, it is my opinion, if Pinal County Board of Supervisors vote to us

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Dana Lewis, Recorder Pinal County 520.866-6840



From: Dana Lewis <dana.lewis@pinal.gov>

Sent time: 03/01/2024 02:54:22 PM

To: Michael Moore <mmoore@azsos.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Invitation: Election Integrity discussion meeting @ Mon Dec 11, 2023 2pm - 3pm (MST) (patriotmc@protonmail.com)

Attachments: publickey - EmailAddress(s=patriotmc@protonmail.com) - 0x65C69567.asc signature.asc

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From: patriotmc < patriotmc@protonmail.com >

Date: Mon, Dec 11, 2023 at 4:58 PM

Subject: Re: Invitation: Election Integrity discussion meeting @ Mon Dec 11, 2023 2pm - 3pm (MST)

(patriotmc@protonmail.com)

To: <trecia.koozer@pinal.gov>, <jeffrey.mcclure@pinal.gov>, <kent.volkmer@pinal.gov>, <jeff.serdy@pinal.gov>,

<<u>chair@pinalcountygop.org</u>>, <<u>kjohnson416@earthlink.net</u>>, <<u>dana.lewis@pinal.gov</u>>

So everyone has it, my number is ______. Call/txt any time, Florence is my home for this week and I would love to further the discussion.

Thanks again,

Mark

Sent from Proton Mail mobile

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On Dec 6, 2023, 8:19 AM, Trecia Koozer < trecia.koozer@pinal.gov > wrote:

Meeting will be held in the conference room in the County Manager's suite

When

Monday Dec 11, 2023 · 2pm – 3pm (Mountain Standard Time - Phoenix)

Location

135 N Pinal St, Florence, AZ 85132, USA

View map

Guests

Trecia Koozer - organizer

Jeffrey McClure

Kent Volkmer

Jeff Serdy

chair@pinalcountygop.org

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Dana Lewis

patriotmc@protonmail.com

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Yes No Maybe

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From: Dana Lewis <dana.lewis@pinal.gov>

Sent time: 11/17/2023 09:59:13 AM

To: Matthew Roberts <matthew.roberts@pinal.gov>

BCc: Kim Owens kim Owens@gcjpr.com)

Subject: Fwd: Jack is RIGHT

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From:

Date: Fri, Nov 17, 2023 at 9:10 AM

Subject: Re: Jack is RIGHT

To: <chair@pinalcountygop.org>, Wendy Rogers <wendyjrogers@gmail.com>

Cc: kent.volkmer@pinal.gov < kent.volkmer@pinal.gov >, Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov >, Rebecca Stanke

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< bosdistrict4@pinal.gov>, Kevin Cavanaugh < kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov>

I agree with Senator Rogers. All machines can be hacked. ES & S machines are the machines we use as I understand it. However, I do not think the brand matters.

We both attended ES & S certification process meeting a few months ago along with Rhonda Mattachione and Earl Door. I think the conclusion was if hacked, we would never know. The vendor does not provide the program or hash code data and the county staff lacks the expertise to even identify if they were hacked. Then, how do you prosecute and prove you were hacked in court?

The L & A can not determine whether the e-machine was hacked only that it appears to work however, we saw 60% of e-machine breakdown in high GOP voter areas in Maricopa County. This is very unusual and creates distrust among voters. There are comments made that what happens in Maricopa County is not our concern. I disagree, any unlawful behaviors in elections in Maricopa County affects us. Maricopa is 65% of our vote in Arizona so their elections control us.

Plus, what we are also experiencing is selective enforcement of election laws and no real consequences except persecuting anyone disagreeing with state or media while our courts minimize violations as just sloppy work and no prosecution of these offenders.

We have seen reported irregularities and out right election law violated in other counties and maybe even here in Pinal County. As some among us demand proof instead of an analysis of questionable or unusual events, we continue to do "the same thing over and over expecting different results", a quote from Albert Einstein defining Insanity.

We have seen election problems and votes missed and slowly forwarded to an ongoing court case in the AZAG controversy in Pinal County and still give a 25k bonus to the outgoing county Recorder/Director of Elections.

We have seen courts minimize clear election law violations. By the way, it seems violations of election laws or the EPM is merely a Misdemeanor 2 and it is never prosecuted unless you disagree with the state in my opinion.

We have the federal, state, and others mandate e-machines and selectively pushing laws and minimizing choice to do hand counts or now prohibiting under threats of persecution and prosecutions of elected and non-elected people who decide to deviate from the pseudo mandated e-machine process.

I am not an IT expert, however, no one on this email is, except 1 person, Rebecca Stanke. Rebecca's comment and opinion is, the e-machines can be hacked.

There are red flags everywhere. I am a professional observer of human behavior, however. What I am observing is an attempt to change the focus from the e-machines to a judgment on professional trustworthiness of the county staff, thus fogging the real issue of flawed election practice of using unreliable and vulnerable electronic security e-machines.



The additional behavior I am observing is fear-based behaviors and controlled by the state when exposing what some call "the illusion of choice or freedom". The covert wording placed in the Election Procedure Manual (EPM) through ARS 16-641 to force use of e-machines, prohibiting hand counts and forcing certification of elections using threats of prosecution and persecution is

highly troubling.

The delegation of authority by our legislature to allow a procedure manual to have the same force and effect of law circumventing older Arizona statutes allowing choice is also troubling.

So misinformation is merely in the eyes of whose opinion you want to trust or believe in. Of course, we now have the Office of Misinformation evolving that allows for states or federal government to infringe on our freedom of speech by controlling the media and private corporations using the word "Misinformation".

It is my opinion, when the state mandates or threatens our freedom to choose how we do elections on mere processes such as hand counts vs e-machines and freedom of speech, we should be very concerned because of these irrational behaviors associated with forced adherence and mandating a process with historical chaos in elections is leading to a government that is not an American Republic.

So, let's stay focused on the e-machines and not on our outstanding professional county staff that are honorable and dedicated individuals.

I was very impressed with both County Attorney Kent Volkmer and County Recorder Dana Lewis's presentations at the November 15th BOS meeting. Mr. Volkmer stated he did not like the state telling us we have to use the machines and he recognizes this mandate also. Both are very good at their jobs, however, like me, they are not cyber experts.

So, in closing, our election process has gotten so complex that very few understand it and cheating is well hidden electronically with little audit accountability that allows for criminals to hide in the algorithms.

As I stated at the BOS meeting, Keep it Simple Stupid! KISS, and acronym I have used over the years. Hand counts will make it harder to cheat. Hand counts will increase voter trustworthiness. Hand counts will require more paid trained personnel and these same personnel will keep our funds in the county vs going to an e-machine company in some other state or country.

The question is:,

Do we have the courage to say no!.

Are we willing to protect our freedom to choose?

I agree with Mr. Kent Volkmer, the state and federal governments will sue and file an injunction in the courts. In my opinion, this is how laws are created in some cases. Sometimes even parts of law are declared unconstitutional and invalidated.

I am for a full hand count and no e-machines in our Pinal County Elections.

Respectfully Submitted,



"To fight so others can remain free"



Disclaimer:

All the above are my opinion and the above information is intended only to be used to improved our election process to be a better fair and just election. Any and all comments are not intended to besmirch the professional reputation of any parties to this discussion and only intended to generate discussion surrounding the Pinal County Board of Supervisors consideration to vacate the use of e-machines in our election process.

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Sent time: 11/17/2023 03:00:33 PM

To: Matthew Roberts <matthew.roberts@pinal.gov>

BCc:

Subject: Fwd: Mohave County to vote on Hand Count

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From: Michael Pelton <michael.pelton@pinal.gov>

Date: Fri, Nov 17, 2023 at 2:03 PM

Subject: Mohave County to vote on Hand Count

To: Chris Keller chris.keller@pinal.gov, Dana Lewis dana.lewis@pinal.gov, James Daniels james.daniels@pinal.gov

CC: Kent Volkmer < kent.volkmer@pinal.gov >

FYI

This story just dropped: https://www.votebeat.org/arizona/2023/11/17/mohave-county-hand-counting-ballots-2024-election/

Mike

Mike Pelton

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Sent time: 11/14/2023 03:13:17 PM

To: Garrett Glover <garrett.glover@pinal.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Opinion following Cavenaugh meeting

Garrett,

Can you please find me statutory reference debating these talking points.

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From: KIm Grady < kim@freedompings.com>

Date: Tue, Nov 14, 2023 at 2:19 PM

Subject: Opinion following Cavenaugh meeting
To: Belinda Rodriguez < chair@pinalcountygop.org>

Cc: <<u>dana.lewis@pinal.gov</u>>, Jeff Serdy <<u>jeff.serdy@pinal.gov</u>>,

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Rogers < wendyjrogers@gmail.com >

Belinda, I've already provided you and the BOS a full opinion paper on this matter. Additionally, I'd like to provide this recommendation:

Because we believe that tabulators are undeniably fallible, are probably being used nefariously, and statements have been made leading lay people to believe there is nothing we can do about it; we demand that Kent Volkmer, an official elected to protect the people of Pinal County, provide a statement with the applicable statutes to support showing that machines are not mandatory, that full hand-count votes can be the primary method AND that testing of the hand-count method prior to the 2024 election shall proceed as outlined by state law with guidelines and acceptance from BOS and County Recorder.

If he is of another opinion, then he needs to state that opinion, and again, with applicable statues to support.

AND make it clear that money will not be accepted as an excuse, there is nothing more important than our election. No, money should not be an issue, Volkmer, as our elected county attorney shall do this at no cost to the county and in public view, NO behind closed doors, no executive session, period, he does this like we are forced to do it, on stage, in front of everybody including the camera.

Either way, you as PCRC chair should make abundantly clear to Volkmer and the BOS that our support is in jeopardy, that our support is what matters to them, their word is what matters to us.

Just my recommendation, thanks.

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Sent time: 10/26/2023 12:32:29 PM

To: Kent Volkmer <kent.volkmer@pinal.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Presidential Preference Election (PPE) HAND COUNTS

Attachments: IMG 20230228 100844 579.jpg

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From:

Date: Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 4:54 PM

Subject: Re: Presidential Preference Election (PPE) HAND COUNTS

To: , Kevin Cavanaugh < <u>kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov</u> >, < <u>dana.lewis@pinal.gov</u> >

Hi Dana,

I'm an Sr. Information Cyber Security Engineer. If you think the voting systems are secure, hand over a machine. The security is a joke.

To restore the people's confidence we must have everyone vote in person. No mail-in or machines. Show your American citizenship to vote.

It's time to fight back, please reach out to

https://www.blackhat.com/ and ask them to test and publish on their site all the ways to hack these machines.

Without voter confidence and open source integrity, there is no freedom. Our kids are sent to fight a political war for money and corrupt power.

Thank you

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 4:28 PM Kevin Cavanaugh kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov> wrote:

Thanks for your input on this

I am already on board for hand counting, and have proposed agenda item(s) regarding hand counting, increasing hand-count audit samples, and so on. At least three Supervisors would need to agree to hand counting. A petition would be a tool in demonstrating the desire for citizens to have the PPE hand-counted. You will want to get **Dana Lewis** on board immediately, because as both the County Recorder and acting Elections Director she will have great sway over the Board. I don't recall Dana taking a strong positive position on hand counting.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 10:57 AM

> wrote

I agree with you.

Let's get a petition going

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 9:01 AM J

> wrote



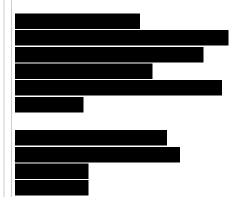


To the Honorable Pinal County Board of Supervisors:

I humbly request your governing body to provide policy direction to the county Recorder and the acting Director of Elections to implement hand counts for the PPE process in our 2024 election. I support our Honorable State Senators Wendy Roger's and Sonny Borelli's position asserting a hand count in the PPE will insure election integrity strength and build confidence in our current damaged reputation among our electorate of our election process.

Request a resolution directing this hand count of PPE or any other legal process required to implement these needed steps to build confidence in our election process supporting our county Recorder to implement this action.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sent time: 07/05/2023 04:12:21 PM

To: James Daniels <james.daniels@pinal.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Request for comment

James - I am going to forward this to sasha in a stand alone email to buy some time while we answer the other questions if you are okay with it.

----- Forwarded message ------From:

Date: Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 2:17 PM
Subject: Re: Request for comment
To: Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov >

We'll go over ASAP. Here is a written statement:

Today's unanimous vote by the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to place the position of elections director under the supervision of the office of Recorder is the first step toward regaining the confidence of the people of Pinal County in our elections system. The overwhelming show of support from the public for this decision was humbling and inspiring. We will immediately begin the work required to deliver free, fair, transparent and accurate elections. Actions toward that goal will begin in the coming days, according to the outline in my statement to the BOS. My commitment to excellence in public service began when I took the oath to serve in the uniform of this great nation and continues today as Recorder. I appreciate the confidence and trust placed in me and my office on behalf of the people of Pinal County.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2023, at 1:33 PM, Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov > wrote:

Ladies, Here is what Sasha is asking: Hi there! Questions for you:

- 1. I want to clarify your stance on hand counting, since several community members asked about it. My understanding from your remarks in the meeting is that you can't legally do it right now and you think the various counties need to work together to develop a plan within legal confines if Pinal was to do a trial of it. Is that an accurate description? And, in general, do you think a hand count trial is something the county should pursue?

 2. With finding a new elections director, you indicated that will be difficult. What timeframe do you think an elections director needs to be found within to ensure a smooth election in 2024? Do you think a successful candidate
- director needs to be found within to ensure a smooth election in 2024? Do you think a successful candidate absolutely needs to have Arizona elections experience? And, besides you, who else will be involved in the hiring decision?
- 3. Do you have any thoughts on what responsibilities the board should keep and what ones they should delegate to you?
- 4. So that I can describe your experience and qualifications, when did you join the Recorder's Office, in what capacities have you served there (besides deputy recorder and recorder, obviously!) and what experience did you have before that?

Thanks in advance for any answers you can provide to these... know some stuff is still murky.

In terms of deadline, I'm trying to get a draft of my story to my editor ASAP - probably in the next hour or two so that it's published before the 5 pm mark. I can add in comment before publication even after I hand it off to my editor. I know you're sitting in the meeting right now and have a crazy day ahead, so if you aren't able to respond before we publish the initial version, I can also absolutely add anything you send me after the fact.



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Sent time: 08/03/2023 01:40:39 PM

To: Garrett Glover <garrett.glover@pinal.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Yellow sheet article

Just an fyi...

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Tami Ryall** Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 11:25 AM
Subject: Re: Yellow sheet article
To: Dana Lewis dana.lewis@pinal.gov>

You are doing great. The most important thing that helps me to defend the County at the Capitol is to be informed & keep sharp so I appreciate that you are so open to communicating. If you keep me educated, we will put on the flack jacket & hopefully absorb most of the bullets at the Legislature. You are really doing well interacting with the public. You have been impressive.

Call if I can be helpful. Cell is best 520.705.1202. I appreciate you!

Tami Ryall, Policy Advisor Pinal County, AZ 520.705.1202 c tami.ryall@pinal.gov

On Thu, Aug 3, 2023, 11:03 AM Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov > wrote: Agreed. How else can I assist the county at this time?

On Thu, Aug 3, 2023 at 10:58 AM Tami Ryall < tami.ryall@pinal.gov > wrote: FVI

We need a Borrelli translator

The Pinal County Board of Supervisors is considering its own ballot hand count plan after Borrelli and Rogers continued their county-by-county tour at a board meeting today. The pair repeated claims of "hacked" tabulation machines and voter registration platforms and encouraged the rural county to consider ditching tabulation machines in the 2024 election. Rogers told the supervisors this was a "time of crisis." "Senator Rogers, we're just county supervisors what can we do?" Rogers said. "You are the implementers of the election. You are standing at a pivotal point in history." The meeting then pivoted to the legality of hand counting ballots. Borrelli urged the county to go forward but warned the "left will come after you like ugly on ape." He pointed to the hand count battle in Cochise County, where he said the board was deterred "through lawfare and all sorts of tricks from the other side." Rogers told the board to "expect" lawsuits "because that's the tenor of the times." She told the board the legislature "will back you up," in the case of a lawsuit. Pinal County Attorney Kent Volkmer said, in his opinion, there is nothing in statute prohibiting a hand count. But he pointed to a statute requiring election results be printed from a tabulation machine. He referenced the Cochise County case, where an appellate court is looking at the legality of hand counts in general. A draft opinion released ahead of oral argument concluded Cochise County was within its rights to perform a 100% hand count of early ballots, but not those cast on Election Day. Volkmer predicted the final opinion "will likely discuss no machine tabulation," but he advised the board to hesitate on making any final decisions until a decision comes down from the Arizona Court of Appeals. Supervisor Stephen Miller then pivoted to the logistics of a hand count, citing the plan presented yesterday by Mohave County Elections Director Allen Tempert that found a hand count would face significant logistical and financial hurdles. Borrelli said Tempert was "looking for ways to gum it up and make it really complicated." Supervisor Jeffrey McClure still noted the effort would likely require "massive" manpower. The county still lacks an election director after Geraldine Roll left the department at the end of June, signing her resignation letter "really, not respectfully." Dana Lewis, Pinal County recorder, said the county is hoping for someone with prior election experience, but "no such candidate has appeared yet."



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Sent time: 03/15/2024 11:05:14 AM To: brown11@auburn.edu Subject: Hand Count Analysis

Dr. Brown,

I would love any literature or information that you could provide regarding the exercise you were able to participate in. I have to put a response together to present to the Board of Supervisors and anything would be appreciated. Very Respectfully,

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From: Dana Lewis <dana.lewis@pinal.gov>

 Sent time:
 04/27/2024 05:33:23 PM

 To:
 scott.brown@claytoncountyga.gov

Subject: Press Release
Attachments: CERA COUNTY.docx

Scott,

I'm attaching a word doc and also cut and pasting it into the body of the email! Can you let me know you got this? CERA COUNTY, OREGON

Office of County Recorder Mitchell Hale

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact

Kathleen Brown-Sorenson Deputy Elections Director

k.brown@cera.ec

CERA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT TO HAND COUNT 100% OF BALLOTS FOR 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

Many races will be decided in the Primary Election

AUBURN UNIVER CITY, OR - April 27, 2024 – In an unprecedented mandate by the County Board of Commissioners, the Cera County Elections Department has released its outreach and budget plan to inform voters and taxpayers of the resources required to accomplish the task. Mitchell Hale, Cera County Recorder, who administers administrative oversight of the Elections Department states, "It has taken a staff of five full time employees over six months to put together a comprehensive plan of attack for such an enormous undertaking." The Primary Election is Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Hand counts using established subject matter experts, certified staff, and previously acquired physical resources is the objective of the department to mitigate exorbitant costs. Additionally, short shifts and hands-on training is being implemented to reduce human error. The certification of the election canvass must be voted on by the five member County Board of Commissioners no later than the statutory deadline of Wednesday, August 28, 2024 which is 29 days after the election.

Cera County Elections Director Kathleen Brown-Sorenson said, "One of our greatest liberties as Americans is the right to vote. These acts to create understanding in our processes and bring trust and transparency to ensure free, fair, accurate and legal elections is our number one priority."

With all County offices on the ballot, the following logistics have been established:

- 1,000 Volunteers
- \$100 stipend per shift
- Four hour shifts
- 26 consecutive days to include weekends
- Bipartisan Teams of 2 with roving election judges

Citizens interested in the process are encourage to attend one of three town hall meetings at the County Elections Department. Schedule can be found here: VOTE@CERA.EC

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From: 03/15/2024 04:44:37 PM

To: 'Kevin Cavanaugh' <kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov>

Subject: RE: 2024 Election: SCR1037 is legally binding. Can the County comply?

Dear Supervisor Cavanaugh,

Thank you for your honest answers. Keep asking the Election Director and Recorder questions about it. I would like to get the purchase orders for all machines and devices as well as computers and software. After all, we the people are paying for it with our taxes. I will put in a PPR public records request for those items. You should ask for them too. That's your job as supervisor.

Just know, Maricopa's \$8 million Lexmark order, was done without any bids as required by law. In 2016, Lexmark was purchased by three Chinese conglomerates, namely **Apex Technology, PAG Asia Capital, and Legend Capital.** I told them prior to purchasing. It blatantly violates SCR 1037.

So, if Pinal owns any Lexmark printers that would be a violation as well. Add to this that most Election and Recorder offices have Levono computers in their offices. Those are also Chinese and would be prohibited from use as well.

Would you please forward Ms. Angie Woods email? Thank you.

Respectfully,

From: Kevin Cavanaugh < kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 4:52 AM

To:

Subject: Re: 2024 Election: SCR1037 is legally binding. Can the County comply?

Hello

Thank you for your email.

I can't answer your questions about Sen. Borelli's letter. The Board of Supervisors must rely on our County Attorney Kent Volkmer to determine if and how the Board must comply with mandates from State government.

What I can tell you is that our Board of Supervisors work session was cancelled Wednesday and I did not have the opportunity to ask questions about a purchase order for new elections computers that are wi-fi enabled. At the previous meeting I asked the Elections Director / Recorder about the existence of the purchase order and she appeared to have no knowledge of them, stating only that our existing computers to work with the tabulation machines were being updated from one Windows version to another. The Chairman asked that follow up questions be asked at our next update meeting, which was cancelled less than a week before the presidential preference election. I do not know if the computers have been received or installed.

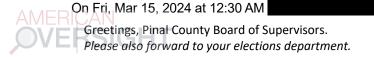
The problems you mention were from Maricopa County. Pinal County had errors as well, but they were not as well publicized as those in Maricopa.

Ms. Angie Woods, Finance Director, did not actually sign the document. Her name is affixed to all purchase orders. I asked her about this and she said that the Elections Department, signed off on the purchase including two authorizations within that department.

If you would like a copy of the purchase order for the computers please send in a Public Records Request referencing the March 6th Board of Supervisor meeting and request "A copy of the purchase order referenced by Supervisor Cavanaugh." The website for making the request: https://www.pinal.gov/293/Public-Records-Request

wrote:

Kevin Cavanaugh
Pinal County Supervisor, District 1
Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**



AZ-PINAL-23-0848-A-000046

In May 2023, Senator Borrelli sent an official letter to all Arizona counties responsible for conducting local elections, notifying you that "no electronic voting systems in the state of Arizona may be used as the primary method for conducting, counting, tabulating, or verifying federal elections, unless those systems meet the requirements set forth in SCR 1037." Can the County comply with it? Proof it.

Arizona State Lawmakers have passed SCR 1037, which is a legally binding resolution enshrined and enforced by the Constitution granting the legislature of each state 'plenary powers' under Article 1, Section 4, Clause 1, which provides 'complete and absolute power to act, with no limitations' as it relates to the "times, places, and manner" of state administered federal elections.

Notwithstanding, Arizona's State Governor and Secretary of State are attempting to circumvent the constitutional 'plenary' authority of the legislature to set all policy related to elections and <u>falsely claim this resolution is 'non-binding'</u>, <u>which would be true if it was a resolution unrelated to election policy</u>.

Good news, all County Supervisors and Election Directors have the lawful authority to choose hand-counting elections and setting aside all voting machines and electronic devices in the 2024 election!

We the people of Arizona and legal citizens of America deserve security, accountability, transparency, and accuracy in elections. We are asking County Election directors to start restoring trust in elections by holding elections without machines in small precincts (1,000-1,200 eligible voters) for one day voting, as guaranteed in the US Constitution, on paper ballots and hand counting at the precinct level following an election. This can be accomplished in multiple 8-hour shifts until results are determined.

Arizonans demand a ban on election machines in their county and state due to security threats being telegraphed by Cyber Security agencies in the US, Canada, United Kingdom and New Zeeland. 1/31/24: https://selectcommitteeontheccp.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-notice-ccp-cyber-threat-american-homeland-and-national-security

It's a disgrace for some lawmakers to continue to defend the impossible and blatantly false claims that voting machines are safe and secure! Professor J. Alex Halderman, Justice Gabelman, Lt Col. Shawn A. Smith, Dr. Walter Daugherity, and many others have provided evidence against these unsubstantiated claims. In fact, most US Senators and House Representatives have publicly stated that election machines are posing a grave danger to our Sovern nation.

In 2018, John Podesta, President of the Center of American Progress CAP, and Hillary Clinton's former Campaign Manager promoted election securities and hand count being more secure than hackable tabulators, or uncertified machines. Per the 2018 CAP report, Arizona got a FAT **D**.

The Arizona SOS Equipment Certification Advisory Committee's minutes reveal (see below) that our machines have been tested last May to 2005 VVSG 1.0 standards, not 2015 VVSG 1.1, or 2020 VVSG 2.0 standards. Why was our election equipment and software tested to nearly 20-year-old standards? Col. John Mills, "every voting machine and tabulator can be hacked within 1-7 minutes, in person or remotely, altering vote tallies without detection; if a machine plugs into a wall, regardless of internet connectivity, an intrusion is easy."

Also, "State and Government websites have been accessed by domestic and foreign hacking including the central tally of votes and, intrusions like this, are often not discovered for a year or more with most virtually undetectable." (SolarWinds hack of CISA in Pima county was reported by Mandiant to CISA. Pima County's, our personal data, has been exposed to the world for more than 10 months in 2020.) Let's restore traditional elections with hand-count, paper ballot, in-person, at precinct elections, county by county! Help Arizona make history and be the first state in the nation to end the monopoly of these hackable electronic machines invented for gambling. Machines prevent citizens from transparency and overseeing their election process as guaranteed in the US Constitution. We should not be gambling with machines that corrupt the voting process and disguise true voter intent. Hand counting elections in turn are simple, reliable, and affordable. Please place elections back into the hands of Arizonans in your county today! We are sending this notification to every County in Arizona as a reminder.

For God and Country.

The meeting minutes are evidence that the machines and software should not be certified. They cannot conform to FEC and HAVA 2002's 3.2.1 Accuracy Requirement standards and do not meet the minimum nor the maximum standard rate of error during testing.



3.2.1 Accuracy Requirements

by the test process. For each processing function indicated above, the system shall achieve a target error rate of no more than one in 10,000,000 ballot positions, with a maximum acceptable error rate in the test process of one in 500,000 ballot positions.

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 mandates that a certified system "will yield the most accurate, secure, and expeditious system for voting and tabulating election results.

Machine manufacturers (ES&S) often deceptively display the EAC certificate in their brochure while offering "optional" modems, wireless, or Bluetooth capabilities to election offices. Those technologies are not and have not been tested nor certified by the EAC. Any "optional" use of modems, wireless or Bluetooth will de-certify the entire election system!

Testing was riddled with paper jams, alerts, human errors, problems, programming errors, zoom issues, and much more, see below.

Transcribed from the approved minutes that can be found here:

https://azsos.gov/elections/about-elections/elections-procedures/voting-equipment

Secretary of State Equipment Certification Advisory Committee Approved Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2023 Committee: Tonia Tunnell, Peter Silverman, ESQ., Dr. Michael Marcellin State certification of the Election Systems & Software (ES&S) EVS 6.3.0.0 Voting System Sarah Herman, State Certification Manager, ES&S, Secretary of State Adrian Fontes Equipment and Software tests were done to 2005 VVSG 1.0 standards

Per Meeting minutes: DS200 tabulator, repeated paper jams, triggering alerts. –Mr. Silverman Over votes and under votes had to be adjudicated at end of test. - Ryan Macias Adjudication of over or undervotes cannot be done at voting center, must be done at Central Count. Overvote would reflect an undervote instead of an overvote in the final count –Dr. Marcellin Machine was not programmed to detect over votes –Chair, Tonia Tunnell, Az SOS office Machine can read 27 languages, English, Spanish, Hopi and Navajo, Chinese, not German. Some write-in votes were counted, others were not (no party affiliation, programming issue) Write-in votes are counted after close of polls, in the EMS system during adjudication at Central Count. Problem with school district marking, did not mark two contests accurately. School board race errors in split precincts, attributed to human error. Overvote cast for State Senate, did not record overvote! Republican US Senate & Republican US Representative races need to be examined via precinct report. (Is that an admission to erroneous or intentional programming? Ballots were counted incorrectly according to the test script but supposedly counted them correctly. (Will it be corrected/ re-programmed correctly by the election?)



From: Dana Lewis <dana.lewis@pinal.gov>
Sent time: 10/25/2023 07:30:55 AM

To: Subject: Re: Follow-up

It was equally nice to meet you Thanks for the information. I plan to review and get back to you with lots of questions!

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 8:16 AM

Dana

It was nice to have met you the other day at Neal's party. Per our conversation, I am attaching some material to give an overall perspective of what we are doing as Cause of America and our focus. Cause of America (<u>Cause of America</u>) was actually started by: myself, Liz Harris and a team in Colorado who also performed canvassing efforts. Mike Lindell got involved and helped formalize the team into what is today known as Cause of America.

We have multiple successes across the US and would love to work with you if you are open to it.

Here is a presentation I gave a few weeks ago which may help with understanding our process. <u>Hand Count—Arizona Legislative District 12 (Id12gop.org)</u>

Thanks,



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From: Dana Lewis dana.lewis@pinal.gov Sent time: 08/30/2023 02:28:37 PM To: Cc: Donna Diaz <donna.diaz@pinal.gov>; James Daniels <james.daniels@pinal.gov>; BCc: Subject: Re: FW: ACT NOW TO RECLAIM ELECTION INTEGRITY! Attachments: image003.png image002.png image001.jpg Thank you for your questions. As the Recorder and officer in charge of elections I will follow the letter of the law. However, this resolution removes my office from being the administrator and puts the responsibility and the cost on the PCRC. On Wed, Aug 30, 2023 at 2:01 PM < gad1538@cox.net > wrote: See below from the MCRC Chair. Dana, Is this something the Pinal County Elections Dept. is aware of and will the primary follow the Chair's request? Belinda, Is this resolution something the PCRC should endorse? From: Maricopa County Republican Committee < news@maricopagop.org > Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2023 11:36 AM Subject: ACT NOW TO RECLAIM ELECTION INTEGRITY! View in browser





Please contact Jeff Dewit at chairman@azgop.com and the AZGOP Board and MALs to Vote YES on the MCRC Resolution to Retake Arizona Elections

ACT NOW TO RECLAIM ELECTION INTEGRITY ON ELECTION DAY!

Don't let Adrian Fontes and Stephen Richer remove Donald Trump from the ballot! Urge AZGOP <u>Chair Jeff DeWit</u> and the <u>AZGOP Board</u> NOW to Withdraw the AZGOP from a Government-Run AZ Presidential Preference Election by THIS FRIDAY, September 1st, 5pm!

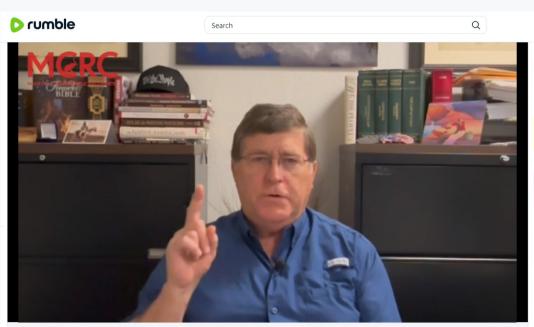
IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION:

- The RNC recently passed a resolution for paper ballots and hand count at the precinct level. The RNC does not have the authority to dictate our state PPE but the resolution included:
 - Having an auditable paper trail
 - Supporting hand count procedures to audit votes
 - Applauding those who perform hand counts
 - Supporting precinct polling
 - Opposing vote centers and demanding geographically defined voting and management
 - Stopping drop boxes that are only placed in heavily Democrat areas
 - Preventing further expansion of early voting that makes Election Day tabulation more complicated and delayed
 - Stopping additional confusion with schemes like ranked choice voting
 - Requiring IDs and citizenship for voting
- The MCRC Resolution has <u>received support from legislators including AZ Senator Wendy</u>
 Rogers referencing the below video saying "Arizonans MUST WATCH MUST DO" AZ-PINAL-23-0848-A-000051



- It will not cost \$13M-15M to run our own election. This inflated estimate based on government run elections was provided by Adrian Fontes with no breakdown or details and likely includes many unneeded costs including mailing costs and machines not needed for a Presidential Preference handcount. We will provide a comprehensive budget at the AZGOP meeting based on REAL numbers of an actual county who implemented this and our projected voter turnout and poll needs. We have already gathered the support and a commitment on a National level to help meet the financial needs.
- A Presidential Preference Election and CANNOT alienate Independents because it is only for Republicans. The PPE is different and only Republicans can vote.
- ARS 16-227 does not require a call letter be mailed to every Republican as the title of the resolution clearly states "nonpartisan elections" which does not apply to the PPE.
- In the 2020 election, AzGOP Chairman Kelli Ward, with the support of the EGC, gave
 courtesy to our standing President at the time and said President Trump would be our
 nominee. We had one candidate, and PPE was not needed. If the Republican party does
 what it did in 2020, then it spends \$0.

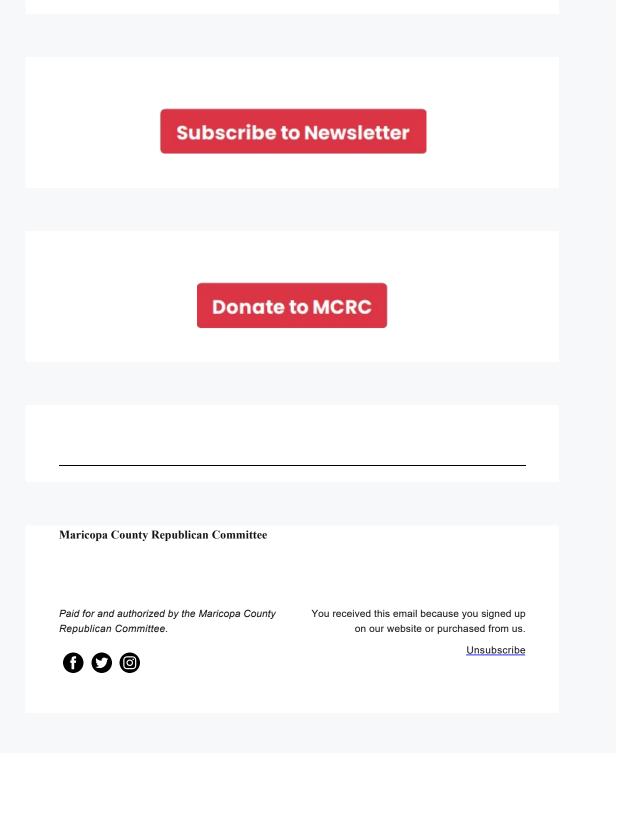
MUST-SEE VIDEO HERE:



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Sent time: 09/25/2023 01:49:59 PM

To:

Subject: Re: Hand count

My job is to follow the law. That's the shortest answer I know.

On Mon, Aug 28, 2023 at 8:42 AM

Dana, how do you feel about hand count, aka getting ride of the machines? What would be the impact to you, your department, the process?

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> wrote:

Short answer



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Sent time: 11/02/2023 05:22:58 PM

To: Douglas Wolf <douglas.wolf@pinal.gov>

Subject: Re: Interesting Read

Douglas,

Yes this was a statement that was made before, during and again after the BOS meeting.

On Thu, Nov 2, 2023 at 1:32 PM Douglas Wolf < douglas.wolf@pinal.gov > wrote:

Hi Dana

I see also asked for a return to hand counting. I guess a spot on court decision is not binding on Pinal County.

All the best,

Douglas Wolf Pinal County Assessor 520-866-6361



On Tue, Oct 31, 2023 at 9:18 AM Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov > wrote:

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 Sent time:
 07/31/2023 05:23:32 PM

 To:
 Tami Ryall <ami.ryall@pinal.gov>

 Subject:
 Re: mohave hand count doc

Thanks Tami - yes as soon as we found out it was posted I was reading it to see how questions may be posed to us in upcoming sessions. I truly appreciate you for looking out for the county on this!

On Mon, Jul 31, 2023 at 4:05 PM Tami Ryall < tami.ryall@pinal.gov > wrote:

Hi. I'm sure you probably have this but wanted to make sure. It is Mohave's review of the possibility of hand counts. The Executive summary is a bit superficial, but there is good info in the meat of the report (link below)

Tami Ryall, Policy Advisor Pinal County, AZ 520.705.1202 c tami.ryall@pinal.gov

https://resources.mohave.gov/Repository/Calendar/08 01 2023BOSAgenda0fe47379-660b-465f-a8b5-4eb9fc976f30.pdf

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Sent time: 10/26/2023 01:12:09 PM

To: Kent Volkmer <kent.volkmer@pinal.gov>

Subject: Re: Presidential Preference Election (PPE) HAND COUNTS

Attachments: IMG_20230228_100844_579.jpg

Wonderful. Thank you!

On Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 1:06 PM Kent Volkmer < kent.volkmer@pinal.gov > wrote:

Thanks for the heads up. When you next present on Elections to the board (in 2 meetings, I think) I will be jumping on the back end and discussing the new case. It should provide you some cover.

Thank you,

Kent Volkmer

Pinal County Attorney



On Thu, Oct 26, 2023 at 12:32 PM Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov > wrote:

fyi...

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Rebecca Stanke < rebeccastanke@gmail.com >

Date: Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 4:54 PM

Subject: Re: Presidential Preference Election (PPE) HAND COUNTS

To: Jack Mattachione < <u>imattachione@yahoo.com</u>>, Kevin Cavanaugh < <u>kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov</u>>,

<<u>dana.lewis@pinal.gov</u>>

Hi Dana,

I'm an Sr. Information Cyber Security Engineer. If you think the voting systems are secure, hand over a machine. The security is a joke.

To restore the people's confidence we must have everyone vote in person. No mail-in or machines. Show your American citizenship to vote.

It's time to fight back, please reach out to

https://www.blackhat.com/ and ask them to test and publish on their site all the ways to hack these machines.

Without voter confidence and open source integrity, there is no freedom. Our kids are sent to fight a political war for money and corrupt power.

Thank you

Rebecca Stanke

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 4:28 PM Kevin Cavanaugh < kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov > wrote:

Thanks for your input on this Rebecca:

I am already on board for hand counting, and have proposed agenda item(s) regarding hand counting, increasing hand-count audit samples, and so on. At least three Supervisors would need to agree to hand counting. A petition would be a tool in demonstrating the desire for citizens to have the PPE hand-counted. You will want to get **Dana/IZeWNA** and **300R# BhANGGIATE** by,



because as both the County Recorder and acting Elections Director she will have great sway over the Board. I don't recall Dana taking a strong positive position on hand counting.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 10:57 AM Rebecca Stanke < rebeccastanke@gmail.com> wrote: I agree with you.

Let's get a petition going

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 9:01 AM Jack Mattachione < <u>imattachione@yahoo.com</u>> wrote:



To the Honorable Pinal County Board of Supervisors:

I humbly request your governing body to provide policy direction to the county Recorder and the acting Director of Elections to implement hand counts for the PPE process in our 2024 election. I support our Honorable State Senators Wendy Roger's and Sonny Borelli's position asserting a hand count in the PPE will insure election integrity strength and build confidence in our current damaged reputation among our electorate of our election process.

Request a resolution directing this hand count of PPE or any other legal process required to implement these needed steps to build confidence in our election process supporting our county Recorder to implement this action.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Mattachione, MRC
Masters Rehabilitation Counseling, Retired
US Army Airborne, Medically retired
Disabled American Veteran
International Logistics Engineer Specialist
DOD Retired

766 North Mountain View Rd Apache Junction, Arizona 85119 239 672 0943 480 772 5230



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From:

Sent time:

To:

Subject:

Michael Quinn Sullivan <michael@TexasScorecard.com>

12/28/2023 04:47:55 AM

Jalynn Krassner < jeff.serdy@pinal.gov>

Texas Minute: 12/28/2023

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READ ONLIN

Good morning,

In today's Texas Minute, we've got answers to yesterday's One Click Survey and a look at more of the top stories from 2023.

- Michael Quinn Sullivan Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023

2023 In Review

Democrat Chairs Continue to Plague Texas House

- The practice of Republican lawmakers in the GOP-dominated legislature naming Democrats to chair important policy committees continued in 2023, despite widespread opposition from voters. <u>Emily Medeiros looks back</u> on the story.
- In the March 2022 Republican Primary, more than 81 percent of voters affirmed a non-binding ballot proposition for Republican lawmakers to abandon the practice.
- While it has now ended in the Texas Senate, House Speaker Dade Phelan and the House Republican Caucus continue to let Democrats run major policy committees. Republican activists say this has contributed to the chamber's lackluster performance on conservative legislative priorities.
- As recently as this fall, Speaker Phelan has doubled down on his support of
 placing Democrats in leadership positions, saying he has no plans to stop
 appointing Democrats to key committee chairmanship positions.

2023 In Review

As New Law Takes Effect, Parents Still Fighting Sexually Explicit Books

- As Texas implements a new state law designed to protect children from sexually explicit content in school libraries, parents are continuing to fight with local officials to remove age-inappropriate books from schools and public libraries. <u>Erin Anderson explains</u> how out-of-state vendors have tried to block the law.



- The READER Act mandated new "collection development" standards prohibiting school libraries from obtaining or possessing materials that are sexually explicit, harmful, pervasively vulgar, or educationally unsuitable.
- A portion of the law requiring book vendors to rate materials sold to school libraries based on sexual content is being challenged in court by a group of vendors and publishers.
- While some school districts have begun to take action against sexually
 explicit materials in their collections, parents report other districts are
 waiting to see how court challenges play out.

•	"There isn't anything more important than protecting our children." –
	<u>Christin Bentley</u>

2023 In Review

Election Security Remains a Chief Concern for Voters

- As the 2024 election season heats up, citizens remain concerned with election security after a mixed 2023 legislative session. <u>Daniel Greer has the</u> details.
- Legislation removing Texas from a controversial interstate voter roll crosscheck system did pass both chambers. Lawmakers also reversed a 2021 deal made by House Speaker Dade Phelan with the Democrats. It is once again a felony to vote illegally.
- Nearing the end of the session, Democrats in the House killed a constitutional amendment that would have barred non-citizens from taking part in any elections.
- Lawmakers did pass a measure allowing the blind to vote online. Gov. Greg
 Abbott vetoed it, citing vague wording and the potential for unintended
 consequences. Abbott's concerns were well-founded. Election integrity
 watchdogs were critical of the bill for this progressive approach, allowing
 blind voters to cast ballots online was seen as a gateway to full-blown online
 voting in Texas.
- Democrats, meanwhile, have sued Texas to remove age-limits to vote by
 mail. Lower courts have rejected legal arguments in support of universal
 balloting by mail. Now, Democrats are going to try their luck at the Supreme
 Court. It's long been established that voting by mail is more vulnerable to
 fraud and abuse than in-person voting.

2023 In Review

Lawmakers Leave Texas Lands Accessible to Foreign Powers

- Despite the efforts of State Sen. Lois Kolkorst (R-Brenham) to stop foreign enemies from owning land, mineral, and timber interests in Texas, lawmakers failed to deliver on the popular proposal. Sydnie Henry explains what happened.
- Kolkhorst's push came amid revelations that large swaths of land near Texas military installations and other infrastructure had been purchased Ay PINAL-23-0848-A-000061



individuals closely associated with the Communist Party of China and the Red Army.

- According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Chinese firms and investors have bought 383,935 acres of U.S. land. Polling has shown that 82 percent of Republican voters in Texas would support a ban on Chinese land purchases in the state.
- As the 2023 legislative session began, Gov. Greg Abbott said he would sign Kolkhorst's measure if it reached his desk. Even though it passed the Senate, her legislation was killed in the House State Affairs Committee by Todd Hunter (R-Corpus Christi).
- Other states, including Arkansas and Florida, have enacted laws restricting hostile foreign nations from land ownership.

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Today in History

On Dec. 28, 1926, the first oil well in Ector County started producing 20 barrels a day.

Number of the Day

The population of Ector County in 2021.

161,091

(Source: U.S. Censure Bureau)

Quote-Unquote

"Be at War with your Vices, at Peace with your Neighbours, and let every New-Year find you a better Man."

- Benjamin Franklin

Y'All Answered

The practice of setting personal resolutions for the new year dates back thousands of years. Yesterday, we asked readers if they plan to set any resolutions for 2024.

Two-thirds of respondents (77.1 percent) said they will not be making resolutions for the New Year, while 22.9 percent said they will be.

Here is a brief sampling of the notes folks sent in...

- "No, this is why gyms are full in January and empty the rest of the year. Set
 the goal again or make a new one. Don't wait for 1/1, or you'll continue to fail
 every year." David Dell
- "New resolution, same as the old resolution: work hard to glorify God and remove corrupt public officials." – Laura Nunn



"Resist the Maoists." – Thomas Bazan

- "One of my resolutions always is to read the Bible in a year. I'll find a daily reading plan online and try to stick to it." – Cathy Blake
- "I make a list of personal, professional, parental, and spiritual goals every year and post them by my desk. I don't call them resolutions. Resolutions seem so rigid and lead to failure. Goals are reached step by step. Any book on success will tell you to do this, so I figured they can't all be wrong... and they weren't! I really like where I'm at in life and what I've accomplished!" Julie McCarty
- "I do not make 'New Year's Resolutions.' One should resolve every day to live the best life that he/she can and to do something good for someone that day." – Ken Marx
- "My New Year's Resolution is I will do all in my power to spread the word and vote to unseat all House Republicans who voted to impeach AG Paxton."
 Neal O'Quinn
- "I resolve each day to commit the events of the day to the leading of the Holy Spirit. God knows the future and can direct me correctly day by day to accomplish God's will for me and anyone in my circle of influence." – Beverly Uhlmer Roberts
- "It is a waste of time making resolutions." Eleanor Edmondson
- "No, I don't make New Year's resolutions. Like every day, it is a new day to find the best ways to enjoy life and do what is best and correct." – Roger Taylor
- "My political resolution is to do everything in my power to keep Texas RED, help Texas-First & America-First candidates win their elections (including President Trump), and rid Texas of the RINO plague! My personal resolution is to sleep 7 hours each night. These resolutions may not be very compatible." – Dana Krasinski
- "I don't make a New Year's resolution every year. When I do, it has to be for something I feel strongly about, and I will see the benefit throughout the year and beyond." – Dennis Scharp
- "In my experience, no one manages to keep their New Year's resolutions.
 The last thing I need is one more thing to beat myself up for!" Louise Herrmann

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Good morning,

The purveyors of cultural rot prefer we adopt the fatalistic posture of victims. As we begin the New Year, citizens should resolve to reclaim our heritage of self-governance by stepping boldly and courageously into the public square. More on that coming up.

Here is the Texas Minute for Friday, December 29, 2023.

– Michael Quinn Sullivan

Phelan Fundraiser to be Hosted By Liberal Politicians

- With polling showing him unpopular with Republicans in his home district
 and around the state, embattled House Speaker Dade Phelan of Beaumont is
 holding a fundraiser in San Antonio headlined by a Democrat politician and
 a disgraced former speaker. <u>Brandon Waltens has the details</u>.
- In 2009, Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) conspired with the Democrat caucus and a dozen Republicans to oust Texas' first Republican House Speaker. Taking over the job, he went on to obstruct much of the GOP agenda for a decade and remained in power with the help of Democrats.
- More eyebrow-raising is Leticia Van de Putte's presence on Team Phelan.
 She was a hard-left member of the Texas Legislature for 25 years in both the
 House and the Senate. In 2014, she was the Democrat opponent to Lt. Gov.
 Dan Patrick. She received less than 40 percent of the general election vote.
- "It's as if everyone knows he's Democrats' best ally." <u>Texas GOP Chairman</u> <u>Matt Rinaldi</u>
- Phelan's fundraising committee also includes former State Rep. Lyle Larson, a San Antonio Republican who was routinely rated as one of the chamber's most liberal members. He was forced from office after opposing Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas GOP on numerous policy proposals.
- In the GOP primary, Phelan faces two Republican opponents: David Covey and Alicia Davis.

Year in Review

COMING UP AT NOON TODAY...

You will find these Year in Review stories at TexasScorecard.com.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

- House-Led Impeachment of Ken Paxton Crumbled in the Senate
 After a secret impeachment cost taxpayers untold millions, Paxton was acquitted on all impeachment charges.
- Number of Texas Teachers Charged With Sex Crimes Continues to Grow
 In 2023, at least 100 Texas educators faced arrest or conviction for sex with
 students, sexual assault of children, soliciting sex, and possessing child
 pornography.

Federal Court Says Targeting Kids With Sex is Constitutionally Protected

- A federal judge ruled that Texas' ban on sexually explicit performances in front of minors violates freedom of speech, but Attorney General Ken Paxton is appealing the ruling. Will Biagini has the story.
- Senate Bill 12 by State Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) prohibits sexually
 oriented performances for children under 18 years old. It was signed into law
 by Gov. Greg Abbott and took effect on September 1. The American Civil
 Liberties Union sued the state over the measure, arguing it violated
 constitutionally protected speech.
- David Hittner, a federal judge appointed to the bench by President Reagan, ruled in favor of the ACLU, allowing sexually explicit performances that target children to continue.
- Paxton has appealed the ruling to the Fifth Circuit, but that court has yet to issue a ruling.
- "When sexually-explicit performances marketed as family-friendly entertainment became common in recent years, Texas sprang into action by passing SB 12 to protect children and families," <u>Paxton told Texas Scorecard</u>.
 "As I promised, my office is pursuing all legal remedies possible to aggressively defend this law."

Year in Review

Despite Failure to Expand Crony Gambling, Sands Prepares to Spend Big in Texas

- Amid a push to expand gambling in Texas, Las Vegas Sands spearheaded pro-gambling lobbying and campaign contributions during the 2023 legislative session. As <u>Daniel Greer reports</u>, the effort failed but has marked an escalation for the issue.
- Contrary to the assertions made by proponents, the push for casino gambling in Texas is centered around government-enforced monopolies for politically connected multinational corporations.
- Studies have found that casinos generate up to 50 percent of their revenues from "problem" and pathological gamblers, leading to massive increases in welfare and law enforcement spending in those states.



 Following the 2023 legislative session, a political action committee AZ-PINAL-23-0848-A-000066 connected to Sands is backing the campaigns of 28 Republicans in the House who showed support for casino gambling. Significantly, many of those voted to impeach Attorney General Ken Paxton and opposed Gov. Greg Abbott's school choice proposals.

Year in Review

Texas A&M Faced Intense Scrutiny Over Leftist Hires

- Following a hiring debacle involving the advocate of an extreme leftist
 ideology, the Texas A&M president suddenly resigned this summer and has
 since been replaced by the Board of Regents. But, as Sydnie Henry explains,
 the new president is just as committed to pushing the university to the social
 and political left.
- The new president, Mark Welsh, had been the dean of TAMU's Bush School of Government and Public Service, where he was a fierce advocate for "diversity, equity, and inclusion" programs designed to push leftist ideology.
- Under a new law passed this year, state universities—like Texas A&M—must block any promotion of policies, training, or activities "designed or implemented in reference to race, color, or ethnicity." Welsh has said he opposed the law.
- Experts caution that A&M and other state universities are simply redeploying the same personnel and policies with new names and titles in an effort to evade the intent of the law.

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The Texas Minute will return on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024.

Friday Reflection

by Michael Quinn Sullivan

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It seems everyone wears weakness as a badge of secular honor and demands others validate their fears and insecurities. As the new year bears down on us, I would like to offer a different way.

Scattered throughout the Old and New Testaments of the Bible are variations of the phrases "be strong," "be courageous," 'take courage," and "fear not." It is almost like God knows the whole "I'm a victim" thing is spiritual poison.

It also explains why the purveyors of cultural rot prefer you to adopt the fatalistic posture of a victim. People who cower and cringe rarely fight back. The political elite wants us to live lives full of anxiety so that we can be more easily controlled.

Isaiah still speaks to us when he wrote, "Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you."

Rather than live shadowy lives as cowering supplicants, we're called to walk in confidence.

As Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" He later adds, "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angely mal-23-0848-A-000067 rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,



nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Yes, there are some fearsome fights ahead of us in the new year, but it doesn't mean we should be fearful of them. When the people of God were preparing to cross in the Promised Land, God charged their leader Joshua to, "Be strong and courageous... I will be with you." They knew they would be outnumbered in the fights to come, but they were to leave fear on the other side of the Jordan.

Throughout their conquest of the land, you find Joshua and the people echoing that phrase back and forth as words of encouragement.

So should we.

Be strong and courageous; fear not.

The year ahead presents itself with a great many opportunities to fight and struggle for the cause of self-governance in our republic. Take courage from the knowledge that you are not alone in this struggle. There are other men and women likewise doing what they can, where they can, to advance liberty.

My friends: Be strong and courageous.

Quote-Unquote

"I do not want to see any of the people cringing supplicants for the favor of the Government, when they should all be independent masters of their own destiny."

– Calvin Coolidge

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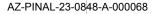
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NEWS DIGEST

by Brandon Waltens

Good morning,

Last night, *Texas Scorecard* hosted the 2023 Conservative Leader Awards dinner. Other groups give awards and baubles to politicians, we give engraved swords to grassroots activists! These are men and women who give of their time and energy in their communities to lead the fight for a better Texas.

This year's **Conservative Leader Award** recipients included:

Melissa Beckett

Christin Bentley

Dr. Mary Talley Bowden, MD

Brandon Burdon

Cindi Castilla

Pat Greer

Lauren Heese

Richard Heizer

leannette Hormuth

Fern McClaugherty

Miriah Sachs

Tracy Shannon

Carlos Turcios

We also presented the **Torch of Freedom** to an individual who, at great personal sacrifice, was willing to shine a light into the dark recesses of corruption. This year, the Torch of Freedom went to **Bonnie Wallace** for her work in organizing a statewide movement to take on pornographic materials being made available to children in public libraries.

Featured

As Special Session Ends, Dan Patrick Says Dade Phelan is 'Impossible to Work With'





The Texas Legislature has ended the Fourth Special Session, with the Texas House once again leaving school choice undone.

At a press conference held last week, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick laid the blame at House Speaker Dade Phelan's feet.

More

State

Gov. Abbott Continues Endorsements Against Incumbents

State Representatives Travis Clardy and Drew Darby are the governor's latest antischool choice targets.

Texas House Has Yet to Disclose Impeachment Costs

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said he is giving Speaker Dade Phelan and the House until the end of the year to comply.

Lawmaker Blasts Texas Democrats for 'Siding With Hamas'

State Rep. Brian Harrison has filed a resolution to remove every Democrat committee chair in the Texas House.

Read more in **State** news...

Local

Soros-Funded Bail Reform Group Linked to Austin, San Antonio Shooter

The Texas Organizing Project is known for bailing out criminals with violent histories.

Lawmakers Call For Investigation into Antisemitic Incident at Dickinson School

State Sen. Mayes Middleton and State Rep. Greg Bonnen are calling for a "thorough and transparent investigation."

DeSoto School District Investigating Teacher Who Allegedly Assaulted Student

The school district says the teacher is currently on leave.

Read more in **Local** news...



Federal

New Poll Shows Trump Increasing Lead in Texas

The former president is leading the field of Republican presidential candidates, with 61 percent of the vote among primary voters.

Border Patrol Sees Record-Breaking Number of Illegal Alien Encounters

Border patrol agents saw 12,000 encounters at the southwest border Tuesday.

Illegal Aliens Processed 'Virtually' at Southwest Border

Former Border Patrol Chief Rodney Scott says this is "unsustainable and a huge threat."

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- José Antonio Navarro

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Partners in Democracy,

Here are the notes from the last VEWG! Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you so much for your continued support!

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Key Points from the Regular Meeting held on November 1, 2023

It was a busy meeting of public hearings with no less than ten spanning items 13 through 22. These included approval as presented of a Planned Area Development (PAD) Overlay District and a rezone from General Rural-GR to Community Commercial-C-2 (9.32 acres) and Multiple Residence-MR (18.43 acres) on 27.74 ± acres, to allow a mixed-use development plan located west of Hunt Highway and south of north Stone Creek Dr. in the San Tan Valley area; and approval of an Industrial Use Permit to operate an electric vehicle battery pack testing facility panal-23-0848-B-000001



480.0± acre parcel in the Industrial (I-3) Zoning District located as part of the Pinal County Airpark within proximity to Red Rock Community. The approval of the application, submitted on behalf of Lucid Motors, included the rewording of one of nine stipulations to read: this IUP runs commensurate with the terms of the lease. (Items 16/17, 19)

- The Board approved items related to Risk Assessment FY23, Internal Audit Plan FY24-26, and the 22-23 Silent Whistle Update, all presented by Eric Groen of Internal Audit. In Item 10, the Internal Audit Plan FY24-26, Data Governance Audit estimated timing was updated to read 2024 Q2. (<u>Items 9, 10, 11</u>)
- In the Supervisor District Updates item, Supervisor Miller informed the public about a Veterans Day fundraiser he'll be attending at Attesa on Friday, November 11th. Click here for more info. Supervisor McClure said that he will be in Arizona City for a Community Meeting this Friday between 3-5 p.m. along with County Attorney Kent Volkmer and Recorder Dana Lewis. Click here for more info. Supervisor Cavanaugh expressed his happiness that fire hydrants have been installed in the community of Randolph. And Chairman Serdy informed the public about a recent announcement from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to develop the Goldfield Recreation Area for non-motorized day use northeast of Apache Junction. Click here to read more. (Item 3)
- In the County Manager's report, Leo Lew informed the public that Peralta Regional Park will be closed on Saturday for an employee and family Picnic in the Park event. He also announced that Development Services will be adjusting its hours in the New Year, extending hours Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the one-stop-shop closing to the public on Fridays. He then played a video showcasing the County's Adopt-a-Road program volunteers, click below to view the video. (Item 2)



 Supervisor Serdy appointed Frank Davila of Dudleyville to the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve out the term through February 16, 2024, due to a current vacancy on the Commission for District 5. Frank is pictured below with Supervisor Serdy. (Item 6D)





 In discussion for future agenda items, Chairman Serdy requested County Attorney Kent Volkmer address the board as soon as possible on a recent court ruling on hand-counting ballots (<u>Item 23</u>)

Regular Session Action Summary

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Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, November 9th - Work Session Wednesday, November 15th - Regular Meeting

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Chairman Serdy, Vice Chairman McClure, Supervisor Miller, Supervisor Goodman and Supervisor Cavanaugh:

I'd like to share some of my thoughts and observations regarding our Elections Department Director, Geri Roll.

Yesterday, 4 Pinal County GOP volunteers and I attended the ES&S Certification upgrade and installation at the Elections Department. We had the opportunity to ask questions of the ES&S Chief Security Officer.

During the meeting, Geri mentioned that she would be cancelling the GPS contract currently in place. When asked why, she stated that the system was inadequate and too much money (\$30K) and that it had never been used in transporting the MARKED ballots after the polls closed. YIKES!! The implementation of the GPS tracking devices gave our voters a small reassurance that our County was protecting the ballots (both marked and unmarked) and now we find out they weren't used for transporting the marked ballots.

When asked if she had consulted with anyone about her decision to cancel this contract, she said no. It is very disconcerting that she would not ask for any input or feedback from anyone on an issue this important.

She told us that it was already on the 6/21 agenda for BOS approval to cancel the GPS contract. I strongly recommended that she have it pulled from the agenda and that I would be sending an email to PCs to attend the BOS meeting to provide input on this issue.

In addition, when asked the question if she ever deleted batches, she said yes. When asked if those deletions were ever pushed to someone in a position above her for review or approval. She said NO. It wasn't necessary and that the audit logs were available for anyone who wanted to see them.

This is very concerning in that she is solely making the decision to delete batches without a second set of eyes or opinion...similar to her making the decision to cancel the GPS contract. Reviewing audit logs after a batch has been deleted is TOO late.

Considering that Geri does not have hands on election process experience and has only been in a legal advisory role in her previous positions, I would highly recommend that there should be reporting or approval from a supervisor or consulting with an individual who has more election process knowledge and experience.

I also received an email on 5/31 that a hand count exercise was going to be held and if I could provide a couple of volunteers. The email had no details as to time and place. I replied to Geri's email asking for date, time and location to provide clearer information to volunteers.

After 3 emails, I finally received the details. The second email informed me that the hand count exercise was taking place that day and had begun at 8:30a. How is it that Lisa Sanor (Democrat Chair) was notified of the date, time and location with sufficient notice to be at the hand count exercise at 8:30a?

The Democrat Chair (Lisa Sanor) also was able to see and be part of the hand count exercise and write a review of her observations, but we weren't invited to the exercise until the last minute.

State. Why was this tabled indefinitely?

Have we considered hand counts where votes are cast (precinct)? SCR1037 is buzzing everywhere. People are asking why the Pinal County is not following what Mohave is doing. I think we need to look into the legalities of SCR 1037. If it can be done, we should one of the first to move in that direction.

I'm sure Geri was a great attorney in both Maricopa and Pinal County. However, I have some reservations that her knowledge and skills can lead us to a successful election without its integrity being compromised or challenged. I am concerned that we are heading towards another botched election.

You have individuals in the County who have years of experience in Elections. At the very least, conduct some interviews and bring the cream of that crop into this department to assist. We all know you have an individual right here in Pinal County, accessible to you, that has years of experience, knowledge and the skills to lead us through a successful election. At the very least, she and the Elections Director should be joined at the hip in discussing or making decisions for the processes and systems used.

We can't afford another botched Election. YOU, the Board of Supervisors can't afford another botched election. There were people who asked publicly for your resignation in the last primary fiasco. I know they will DEMAND your resignation if you allow this to happen again.

There's approximately 150 days until elections. We better start putting a better plan in place now. Please take a very close look at what is happening in your Elections Department!

Belinda Rodriguez - Chair Pinal County Republican Committee (PCRC) Chair@pinalcountygop.org



From: Jeff Serdy <jeff.serdy@pinal.gov> Sent time: 11/21/2023 09:13:10 AM

To: Chris Keller chris Keller@pinal.gov chris Keller@pinal.gov chri

Subject: Fwd: Hand Count Cost Anslysis/1st Amendment



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From:

Date: Mon, Nov 20, 2023 at 2:47 PM

Subject: Hand Count Cost Anslysis/1st Amendment

To: bosdistrict4@pinal.gov <bosdistrict4@pinal.gov>, Jeff Serdy < jeff.serdy@pinal.gov>, Steve Miller <stephen.miller@pinal.gov>, mike.goodman@pinal.gov <mike.goodman@pinal.gov>, Kevin Cavanaugh

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Cc: Belinda Rodriguez < chair@pinalcountygop.org, Vicky Mclaughlin < district5chair@pinalcountygop.org, Dana Lewis

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Respectfully,



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From: Jeff Serdy <jeff.serdy@pinal.gov> Sent time: 11/22/2023 08:54:57 AM

To: Cornelia Van Driel <cornelia.vandriel@pinal.gov> Subject: Fwd: Hand Count Cost Anslysis/1st Amendment



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Date: Wed, Nov 22, 2023 at 12:45 AM

Subject: Re: Hand Count Cost Anslysis/1st Amendment

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Kent Volkmer < kent.volkmer@pinal.gov >

Dear

(SIGH

Your letter commending the Board of Supervisors, Recorder Dana Lewis and County Attorney Kent Volkmer for their efforts is greatly appreciated.

In previous emails that you have written, I have asked you the question "which e-machines are you referring to that were used in Pinal County?" I have yet to receive a response. I know that you have had a tour of the Elections Office and received an explanation of the equipment and process used in Pinal County just as I have. Yet, now you are asking for the Elections Department to provide "the cost of elections using e-machines for 2020 and 2022 in Pinal County and any cost analysis conducted by our Pinal County staff or consultant to determine the cost of doing hand counts or e-machines". Again, I ask, which e-machines are you referring to that were used in Pinal County?

The next 11 months are crucial to having a positive, winning outcome to the 2024 PPE, Primary and General elections. Why would you want to want to divert and distract the efforts of our key staff at the Elections Dept & Recorder's Office with providing you with this data when they need to focus on setting, implementing and perfecting procedures to ensure that we have the safest, most accurate election in 2024?

I am in favor of hand counts as much as anyone else but you have heard repeatedly the only way to get that done for the 2024 elections is to change the law which requires our legislators to do so. Focus on getting that done or maybe redirect your efforts to counties such as Maricopa where e-machines are used to print and count ballots. This is not the case in Pinal County.

Pinal County uses e-machines for ADA voting only. 17...I repeat 17 ballots were cast using these e-machines in the last election. While each and every ONE of those ballots is important, it is less than .0006% of the overall ballots cast.

Jack, I urge you to redirect and use your efforts and talents to help us win in 2024 by focusing on:

- 1) recruiting PCs to fill your precinct; if your precinct is full then help to find PCs for every precinct in District 5.
- 2) register individuals to vote as Republicans; focus on PND and OTHER individuals. Start with your precinct; when you have reached out to every neighbor, then help out in another precinct.
- 3) help your District to outline and implement a plan and commit to chasing ballots in the PPE, primary, and general election. Getting those individuals to vote in person or return their ballots will be the difference in us winning or losing in 2024.

You are a very resourceful individual with great and many talents. You have already done an excellent job by bringing in new PCs in your precinct and other precincts.

Please help us reach the best outcome (**WINNING**) in 2024 by redirecting your efforts to the 3 items above. Winning in 2024 is our last chance to keep our 1st & 2nd Amendment rights, our Freedom of Speech, and to keep mandates from being pushed on us by our government (including how to count votes).

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From: Jeff Serdy <jeff.serdy@pinal.gov>

11/09/2023 08:57:09 AM Sent time:

To: Stephen Miller <stephen.miller@pinal.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Handcounts - Virtual Meeting with Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh



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----- Forwarded message -----From: Date: Thu, Nov 9, 2023 at 8:42 AM Subject: Re: Handcounts - Virtual Meeting with Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh Belinda Rodriguez < chair@pinalcountygop.org> Cc: Kevin Cavanaugh < kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov >, , Stephen Kridler < skridler1@aol.com>, Jeff Serdy < jeff.serdy@pinal.gov>, Steve Miller <stephen.miller@pinal.gov>, mike.goodman@pinal.gov <mike.goodman@pinal.gov>, bosdistrict4@pinal.gov <<u>bosdistrict4@pinal.gov</u>>,

Per ARS 16-444B, it seems this is where the court hangs their hat.

B. The provisions of all state laws relating to elections not inconsistent with this article apply to all elections where electronic tabulating devices are used. Any provision of law that conflicts with this article does not apply to the elections in which electronic tabulating devices are used.

Per the court ruling which sounds like they created law and legislated vs interpret in my opinion.

"Because the legislature provides for a detailed method to verify the results from electronically tabulated voting machines, counties "must" follow follow that method until the legislature determines otherwise. Accordingly, the counties did not have independent authority conduct a hand count audit."

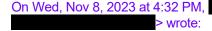
So, the question is, can we just do hand counts without electronic machines. It seems to me handcounts can occur if machines are not used. We can refuse the machines and the hand counts are not being used as an audit Trail for electronic machines because the electronic machines are not being used.

So, no machines, than hand counts can be used? However, the legislature use the word "may" in ARS 16-602 thus giving the county an independent authority to use hand counts if machines are not used. So, as I see it, county can prohibit electronic machine use, thus hand counts are not being used as an audit.

Thoughts? Would love to hear from Mike Goldstein on this issue.

§16-602, which createsa gradual, multi-stthoughts? ep process that must be satisfied before a hand-count audit of all precinct or early ballots may occur. SeeA.R.S. (providing, "[t]he provisions of all state laws relating to elections ... to all elections where electronic tabulating devices are used"). Because the legislature provided for a detailed method to verify the results from electronically tabulated voting machines, counties must follow that method unless and until the legislaturedetermines otherwise. Accordingly, the County did not have independent authority to conduct a hand-count audit of all precinct or early ballots in the first instancefor the 2022 electio





D5 PCs,

I am sending this so you can connect and listen im preparation to the BOS Meeting (11/15/23) where this topic is to be discussed. I will be sending out more info about the BOS Meeting

shortly. I hope to see MANY PCs in attendance so when the time comes to ACT/Make DECISIONS we are all educated, have asked our ??? and have made our decisions about this topic.

WATCH for more Hand Counts - BOS messages to come.

Thank you for ALL you do--The POWER of the PC!

Subject: Handcounts - Virtual Meeting with Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh

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From the office of Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh





In preparation for the hand count discussion that will take place at next Wednesday's BOS meeting:

Pinal County Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh will hold a <u>Virtual Meeting</u> for approximately 20 minutes at 6:00pm on Monday night November 13th, 2023.

Item to be discussed:

1. Upcoming Pinal County BOS hand count discussion.

Virtual Meeting with Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh
Monday, November 13 · 6:00pm-6:20pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link:



The Arizona District II Court of Appeals recently released its ruling that Counties do not have the ability to increase the number of precincts audited in the mandatory hand count audit. What effect will this have on the verification of election results in Pinal County?

Does ARS 16-443 mandate that Counties must use tabulation machines? Is there anything in the ARS that prevents counties from tabulating the results by hand?

There will be limited time for questions, so please submit all <u>questions here</u> prior to the meeting

I look forward to seeing you there.

Coram Deo, Joshua Franklin

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Administrative Manager Pinal County - BOS District 1

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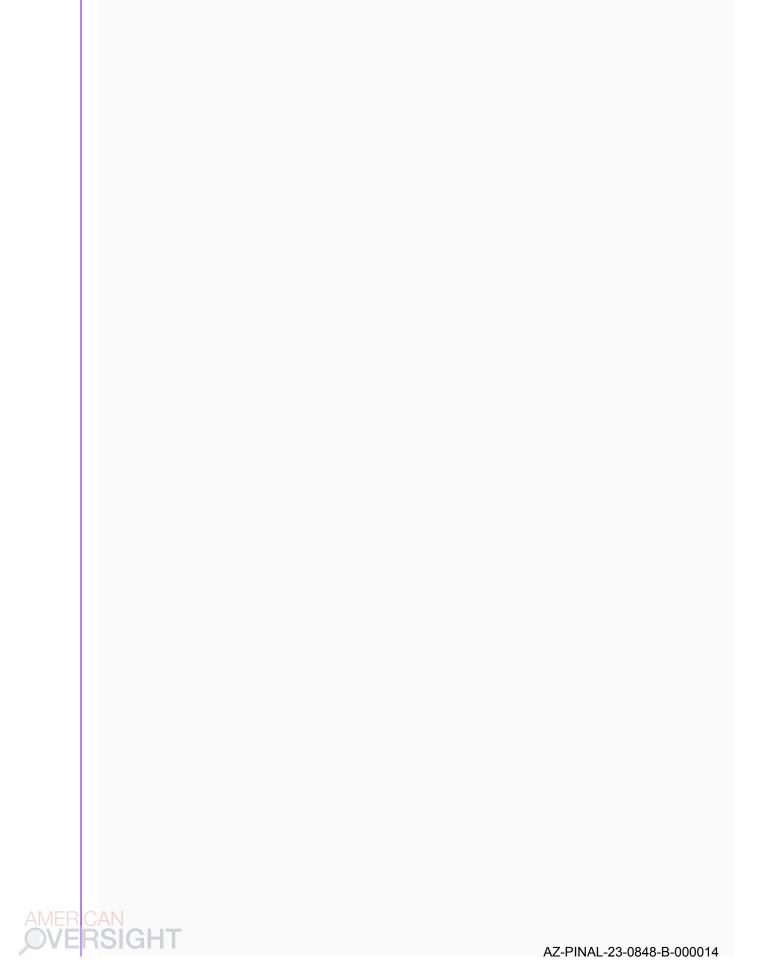


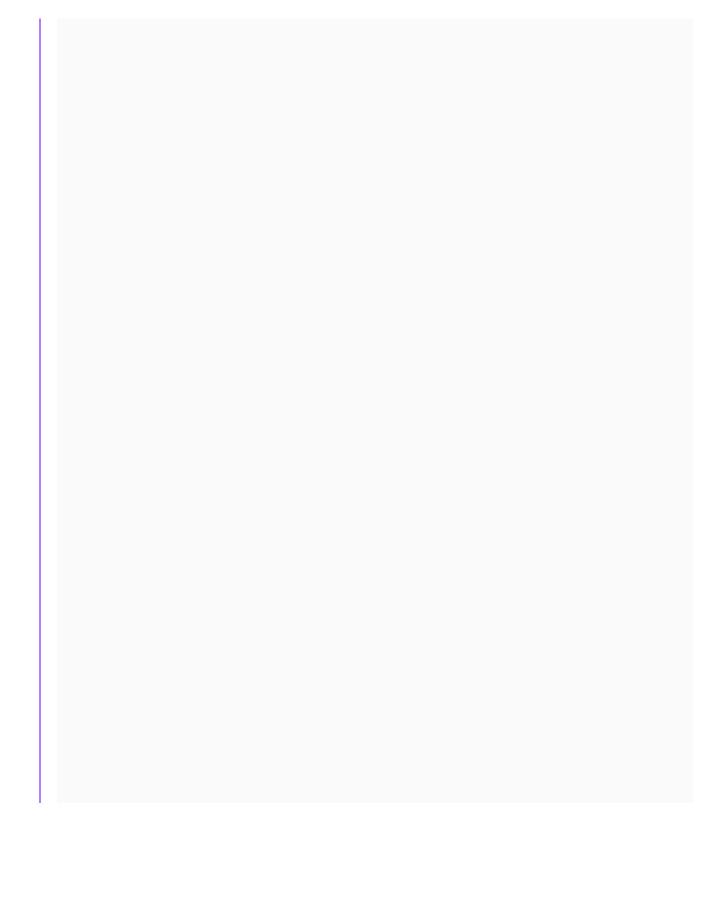


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Sent time: 06/07/2023 02:26:13 PM

To: Trecia Koozer <trecia.koozer@pinal.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Just an FYI on Votebeat/Jen's latest piece on what's been happening in Mohave County this week

Attachments: Arizona Secretary of State steps in as Mohave County makes plan for hand-counting ballots - Votebeat Arizona.pdf



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Date: Wed, Jun 7, 2023 at 2:11 PM

Subject: Just an FYI on Votebeat/Jen's latest piece on what's been happening in Mohave County this week

To: Jeffrey McClure < ieffrey.mcclure@pinal.gov>, Jeff Serdy < ieff.serdy@pinal.gov>, Dana Lewis < dana.lewis@pinal.gov>,

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From: Jeff Serdy <jeff.serdy@pinal.gov> 11/21/2023 09:14:34 AM Sent time:

To: Cornelia Van Driel <cornelia.vandriel@pinal.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Subject: Urgent Support for Full Hand Count in Upcoming Pinal County Elections - Echoing Mr. Mattachione's Recommendations



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Date: Sat, Nov 18, 2023 at 10:59 AM

Subject: Subject: Urgent Support for Full Hand Count in Upcoming Pinal County Elections - Echoing Mr. Mattachione's

Recommendations

To:

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Ross Teeple <ross@teeple4sheriff.com>, Sheriff Lamb <info@sherifflambforsenate.com>, cc:

Belinda Rodriguez <chair@pinalcountygop.org>, Vicky Mclaughlin <district5chair@pinalcountygop.org>,

To the Honorable Pinal County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my full support for the sentiments and recommendations outlined by Mr. Jack Mattachione in his recent communication. After careful consideration of the issues he raised regarding the upcoming Pinal County August 6th, 2024, Primary and General Elections, I find myself in agreement with his stance and concerns.

The call for a full hand count and the vacation of the use of electronic voting machines is not just a matter of preference but seems a necessary step towards ensuring the integrity and trustworthiness of our electoral process. The history of inaccuracies and malfunctions associated with these machines, as detailed by Mr. Mattachione, underscores the urgency of this matter. The incidents in Pinal County, as well as the breakdowns in Maricopa County, have raised significant doubts about the reliability of these systems.

Furthermore, I am convinced by the legal interpretations presented by Mr. Mattachione regarding ARS statutes and the discretionary power of the Board of Supervisors in this context. It appears that there is sufficient legal ground for the Board to opt for a full hand count, especially considering the 'impracticable' nature of electronic tabulation methods, as evidenced in recent elections.

In light of these considerations, I strongly urge the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to take immediate and decisive action. The decision to move towards a hand count for the upcoming elections is not merely a logistical choice but a stand for the democratic values that underpin our society. It is a stand for transparency, accuracy, and the collective trust of the electorate.

As a concerned citizen and a firm believer in the principles of democracy, I request that the Board seriously consider the proposals put forth by Mr. Mattachione. Our commitment to a fair and trustworthy electoral process is crucial, and I believe that the actions you take now will be a significant step in reinforcing the public's faith in our democratic institutions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to seeing positive steps taken in this direction.







From: Jeffrey McClure <jeffrey.mcclure@pinal.gov>

Sent time: 06/16/2023 05:18:58 PM

To:

Subject: Manual Tabulation Update

As promised, a statement concerning the Manual Tabulation. You may distribute the County's statement. The aside by me is for clarity if you are having conversations. Have a great weekend.

The County Statement:

Pinal County is pausing its Manual Tabulation Exercise to take the time to develop and agree upon best practices with the state and our fellow Arizona counties on how to perform this exercise.

Elections Director Geraldine Roll will give an Elections Update at the Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 21st. The meeting begins at 9.30 a.m. in Florence.

My aside:

As this may become the trend across the State, we all want to make sure that we are all on the same page and doing the same thing. If this were to become the norm, the Election procedure Manual (from SOS) would have to be updated to accommodate a Manual Tabulation. (To be clear, a "Hand Count" is a statutory term used as a test to count of the 2% of precincts to make sure the Tabulator machines were correct.)



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From: Jeff Serdy <jeff.serdy@pinal.gov> Sent time: 06/28/2023 02:02:42 PM

To: Cornelia Van Driel <cornelia.vandriel@pinal.gov>; Kelety, Josh <JKelety@ap.org>; Kent Volkmer <kent.volkmer@pinal.gov>

Subject: Re: Associated Press inquiry

On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM Kelety,

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I'm a reporter with The Associated Press in Phoenix. Reaching out to inquire about Pinal County's reported interest in pursuing a trial hand count of 2022 ballots. I'm hoping to get more information about the status of the trial and how the trial will inform Pinal County's election administration policy. Do you have time to discuss the issue today or sometime later this week?

My cell is

Thanks,



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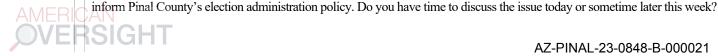




Sent time: 06/28/2023 05:17:29 PM To: Cc: Cornelia Van Driel <cornelia.vandriel@pinal.gov>; Kent Volkmer <kent.volkmer@pinal.gov> Subject: Re: Associated Press inquiry Prolly tomorrow the 29th On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 3:06 PM Kelety, Hi Jeff, Thank you for the response. I'm still interested in speaking with you to discuss your view of the project (even if it has been put on hold) and the board's interest in hand counting ballots. Do you have time for a brief phone call? From: Jeff Serdy < jeff.serdy@pinal.gov > Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 2:03 PM ; Kent Volkmer **To:** Cornelia Van Driel < cornelia.vandriel@pinal.gov>; < kent.volkmer@pinal.gov> Subject: Re: Associated Press inquiry [EXTERNAL] On Wed, Jun 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM Kelety, Josh < <u>JKelety@ap.org</u>> wrote: Hello, Yes, I suppose I could give you a vague overview of the concept. However, with the turmoil of having the elections director resign abruptly, the project may but put on hold. County Attorney Volkmer could provide more details than myself anyway. Thanks, Jeff Serdy

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From: Jeffrey McClure <jeffrey.mcclure@pinal.gov>

Sent time: 07/31/2023 02:59:11 PM

To:

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Re: CALL TO ACTION - Pinal County Board of Supervisor Meeting - August 2, 2023 - Discussion and Presentation Concerning SCR 1037 - Use

of Electronic Voting Systems or Handcounting

Thanks for the heads up. Certainly not unexpected.

Jeffrey McClure Supervisor, District 4 Vice Chairman of the Board Pinal County

On Jul 31, 2023, at 2:56 PM,

wrote

FYI



Begin forwarded message:

From: Belinda Rodriguez <

Subject: CALL TO ACTION - Pinal County Board of Supervisor Meeting - August 2, 2023 - Discussion and Presentation Concerning SCR 1037 - Use of Electronic

Voting Systems or Handcounting Date: July 31, 2023 at 2:49:44 PM MST

To: Belinda Rodriguez <

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CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL PC'S:

On the Pinal County Board of Supervisors' August 2, 2023 (9:30a) agenda for discussion and presentation is Senate Concurrent Resolution 1037 (SCR1037). Please plan to attend to hear the presentation/discussion and provide your input during the Call to Public portion of the meeting. The presentation/discussion will pertain to SCR1037 and use of electronic voting systems or handcounting in future elections for conduction, counting and tabulating ballots and certifying election results in upcoming elections

Here's Link for the Pinal County Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda - August 2, 2023

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Discussion and presentation concerning Senate Concurrent Resolution 1037, Senator Borrelli's May 22, 2023, letter about the Resolution, and use of electronic voting systems or hand-counting in future elections for conducting, counting and tabulating ballots and certifying election results in upcoming elections. (Supervisor Miller)

See you all there...let's pack the rooms and show the "POWER OF THE PC" again!!

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Email:
Ph:



From: Kevin Cavanaugh kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov

Sent time: 07/14/2023 08:44:41 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Elections and Highway 347

Thanks for your email:

I think machines can accurately count ballots. In the General election the complexity of operating the machines, feeding errors, and software set-up, all let to errors. I believe we should have a manual-count contingency available as well as doing a greater statistical sampling of ballots. Right now we count 2% to verify the machines, I proposed 4% and PCAO discussed with the Attorney General's as being an acceptable number. Had we done that in the general election, it is likely the errors would have been caught before the canvas.

City management aside, we need to expand 347. It is a State highway, and very costly to update. Pinal County could not fund the improvements like we did on Hunt Highway for a variety of reasons - mostly it's not our financial or governmental responsibility to take sole responsibility for a State Highway, but cooperating to help obtain grants for connecting roads is reasonable.

Round-a-bouts are prevalent in the area I moved from. They are a much more efficient way of moving traffic. Pinal County has no operational control over the City of Maricopa, they are independent, but my territory overlaps in terms of services.

Warm Regards,

Kevin Cavanaugh
Pinal County Supervisor, District 1
Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 9:32 PM

Kevin,

I believe hand counting ballots is going backwards. Imagine if corporations and governments quit using systems and computers due to lack of trust. As you may know, trust is established with computer systems by conducting audits and recommendations for improvements by computer experts.

> wrote:

The second subject is Highway 347 issue. The issue is due to poor planning by Maricopa, former mayor, current mayor and the city council. They have a master plan for residential and commercial expansion. Based on this plan, residential and commercial development should have happened in sync with roads expansion. Basically they have put the cart before the horse. In the master plant, they should have insured space was reserved for future road expansion.

A good example of this road mismanagement, although they knew of the 347 problem, they continued to allow commercial development on John Wayne Parkway further compounding the problem. Also, landscaping was installed on John Wayne Parkway at cIty entrance instead of having 3 lanes to ease traffic. How about roundabouts, they have solved traffic issues in other cities and states.

Thank you.



From: Kevin Cavanaugh kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov

Sent time: 01/04/2023 11:12:21 AM

To:

Subject: Re: ELECTIONS

Thank you . The possibility of zoom has been discussed previously, but I recall not well received. I will bring it up again.

I will see if we can give you a link to give me questions in real-time - the question is if I am able to get time to ask. I could not relay your items in call to the public as that is specifically for the Public.

Kevin Cavanaugh

Pinal County Supervisor, District 1

Coolidge District Office Tel. 520-866-7568

On Wed, Jan 4, 2023 at 11:07 AM Courtney Ramirez < courtneylramirez74@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Supervisor and board members,

I wasn't able to attend in person but did watch the beginning of the meeting today and caught the election update and call to the public.

Please I beg of you, create a zoom link for the folks who cant attend in person to be able to speak during call to the public or discussion. You all do realize most people work, become sick or whatever, and aren't able to speak and exercise our 1st Amendment during these meetings when a zoom link isn't available for the People. This should be illegal.

It's not that difficult to incorporate that from this day forward.

Also, there is no reason Pinal County is failing at NOT doing a hand count. Pinal County must do everything in its power to do away with all machines and technology regarding our elections. It's faulty period. Paper ballots and hand counting are a must. Let's set the example for Arizona.

So to clarify, I asked recently if you are under an NDA, gag order, ect. Did the response today confirm that?

With so much discrepancy and irregularities, is it possible to call in our military or national guard to ensure a proper count of 2022 elections and possibly prior to ensure counts are accurate?

Are you aware of this election with Hunt & Campbell?

History may repeat itself.....

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1918 Arizona gubernatorial election

Please forward this to the elections department and County atty office also, please send me their emails so I have them for future reference.

I agree, if these elections were incorrectly & fraudulently "certified", anyone and everyone needs to be held accountable. [Knowingly], Interference with elections is treason.

This EO, initiated by Trump in 2018, has been recently extended by the biden administration. This may be part of the bigger picture with what's playing out in front of us.

Question...how many of you are aware of this and in your opinion, we can assume this applies county wide?

There is an emphasis on the "the proliferation of digital devices and internet-based communications has created significant vulnerabilities and magnified the scope and intensity of the threat of foreign interference."

https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/09/07/notice-on-the-continuation-of-the-national-emergency-with-respect-to-foreign-interference-in-or-undermining-public-confidence-in-united-states-elections-2/



Thank you so much and have a wonderful day!



From: Kevin Cavanaugh kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov

Sent time: 10/23/2023 08:20:34 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Hand count 2024 Presidential Ballots

Thank you for your email

I have fought for hand counting of elections long before the 2022 elections debacle(s) here in Pinal County. While elected officials give lip-service to hand counting, behind closed doors the issue is dead.

Before the 2022 general election I asked for an expansion of the hand count audit of same day ballots, as the Chairman had delayed discussion of a full election hand count until it was too late to execute in a classic 'we tried' move. If we would have done at least the legal and available expansion of the hand count audit, the errors may have been found and potentially changed outcomes in a couple of races.

Temporary Elections Director Virginia Ross allegedly failed to perform statutorily required duties, namely a reconciliation of the master audit logs. If this was true, it was a misdemeanor crime. The County Manager said that a 'consensus' had been reached to bring the counts to the board and let Abe Hamadeh fight it out in court. If there was a 'consensus' among those in authority over Virginia Ross to have an errant count delivered to the Board it would be a Class 5 felony Election Interference, in addition to Conspiracy to Commit a class 5 felony among the participants. The County Manager corrected himself later in the conversation saying the consensus occurred within Virginia's thought process.

We have transcribed every Board of Supervisor's meeting regarding elections. It is around 600 pages of information. If you would like a copy let me know.

I am glad you are paying attention, but even Republican party leadership in Pinal County has worked against hand counts. You just have to go back and check the record. "It's asinine" (meaning utterly foolish) was the statement given in a Board of Supervisor's Meeting.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Sat, Oct 21, 2023 at 4:05 PM

I support the efforts of Wendy Rogers and many other great Arizonans to pump the brakes on machines counting ballots and have Pinal county PC's or others do the same as volunteers.

A clunky email on my part for sure. Please consider this measure.

Thanks,



From: Kevin Cavanaugh kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov
Sent time: 11/20/2023 04:22:58 PM

To:
Subject: Re: Hand Count Cost Anslysis/1st Amendment

Hello

Thank you for your email. You may want to formalize your request by using the link for records at https://www.pinal.gov/293/Public-Records-Request

Have a great afternoon,

Kevin Cavanaugh
Pinal County Supervisor, District 1
Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Mon, Nov 20, 2023 at 2:47 PM

To the Honorable Pinal County Board of Supervisors and the Honorable Clerk:

The purpose of this email is to commend each of you, County Recorder Dana Lewis, County Attorney Kent Volkmer, for your outstanding professionalism and assistance. Just to set the record straight because I am hearing my emails in support of hand counts somehow is being misguided as disrespecting the County Attorney or County Recorder. I want to affirm I have no problems with the county attorney or the county Recorder, I have only a problem with the e-machines, the violation of our 1st Amendment, Freedom of Speech, and mandates pushed by our government on how to count votes.

> wrote:

So, after listening and researching the cost analysis of hand counts vs E-machines for elections, I respectfully request a reference to a link or other observable documents that shows the cost of elections using e-machines for 2020 and 2022 in Pinal County and any cost analysis conducted by our Pinal County staff or consultant to determine the cost of doing hand counts or e-machines.

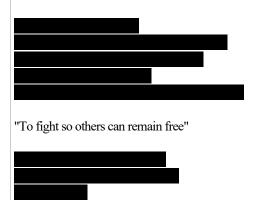
I have extensive life experience doing price and availability studies for multi-million dollar programs exceeding 100 million dollars or more for Foreign Military Sales for our country.

I would like to review the Pinal County cost to determine the validity and predictive nature of the cost.

I have seem some interesting studies that show some low cost and in reality cost are sometimes hidden and show low cost to make the sale. A lot of times, the support, maintenance, and repairs or propriety nature of the system, is low balled.

I would like to review the data, if possible, and provide our country with some thoughts to consider.

Respectfully,

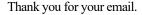




From: Kevin Cavanaugh kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov

Sent time: 11/14/2023 09:49:59 AM

Subject: Re: Hand Count Opinion Paper



To:

I have been pushing for hand counts and cleaning up our elections process since my first few months in office. I appreciate the information you provided. Many say publicly 'we support hand counts' but behind closed doors figure out a way to stop hand counting. Conservative politicians are rare, and conservative politicians who are willing to act on their beliefs are an endangered species being hunted by their opposition.

The Cochise County Supervisors are in a tough spot, I agree that we need to support them. When the machine of government uses legal tools to come at an elected official it can be very costly, I have personally experienced this. We do need to support them financially in the event they are indicted as a competent defense team will require at least a \$50,000 retainer.

Warm Regards,

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. 520-866-7568

On Mon, Nov 13, 2023 at 2:21 PM

wrote:

Pinal County Board of Supervisors; County Recorder, Lewis,

Belinda Rodriguiz, PCRC Chair, requested that an agenda item concerning the November 13 Grand Jury trial of Cochise County Supervisors, Peggy Judd and Tom Crosby, be placed on Pinal County November 15 Board of Supervisors regular session agenda and encouraged all Pinal County PCs be present to provide public input. I cannot be there, please accept this opinion paper in my place. My hope is that my opinion and findings will assist you, our County Supervisors and County Recorder with serving your constituents.

History

Late October, 2023, two Republican Cochise board members, Peggy Judd and Tom Crosby, were subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury, November 13, for breaking the law. The subpoenas do not specify the crime but Judd and Crosby believe it is because they did not certify the 2022 midterm election by the December 5 deadline as outlined in ARS Section 16-648, subsection C.

Their reason for the holdup: tabulator machines were not legally certified. Their intention was to hold up the certification until a statutorily allowed hand-count could be made. The board members legally obtained a resolution to do so, but the hand-count never happened because in December 2022, a judge ruled that Crosby and Judd were breaking the law by refusing to sign off on the vote count by the deadline. Law suits ensued including from Arizona Governor, Katie Hobbs. The county attorney refused to represent Judd and Crosby in these cases so they represented themselves, results of these suits were in the Governor's favor, based solely on failure to adhere to the deadline.

Fast forward to 2023

Why now, why them? Because they are pushing for hand-count for future elections and have become the model and leader to other AZ counties that wish to do the same... or maybe just because they are Republicans.

The grand jury process is the only way that Arizona law allows attorney generals to pursue a criminal prosecution. It will be up to a grand jury of citizens to decide whether to indict the supervisors. It's a felony in Arizona for an elections officer to knowingly refuse to perform a duty prescribed to them under state law, or to act in violation of state law. This could be a Class 3 or Class 6 felony, which carry potential jail time and fines.

Attorney General Kris Mayes will indict. But this indictment is about so much more than a hand-count. The AG will find a Grand Jury sympathetic to the AG's motive, this will go to court, and the AG will lose, but not until it costs our elections officials hundreds of thousands of dollars; thus completing the AG's motive: to create an election process that is entirely biased and corrupt, to threaten and intimidate ANYONE from even considering to challenge the status quo, and to control a system that perpetuates the destruction of our Democratic Republic.



Feeling helpless, feel like giving up? Well don't.

Here's what we know:

- Tabulators were malfunctioning, about 17,000 Election Day ballots (in Maricopa) were involved. These ballots were sent,
 "to be tabulated later by more robust machines at county elections headquarters," according to county officials. This brings not only chain of custody into question but also the legitimacy of this "more robust tabulator," or any of the other "less robust" tabulators in use.
- Due to policy supported by Hobbs (then SOS) there are only a limited number of precincts where a hand-count was allowed. Pinal County itself failed to count more than 500 ballots in the 2022 General Election, as revealed by Hamadeh, but due to "under-count" of the Hobbs policy, more are suspected.
- Expansion of hand-count audits is a highly debated topic, but even the right of a small sampling of early and Election Day
 ballots was denied the Cochise County officials and resulted in a slew of Hobbs suits that were based solely on failure to
 adhere to a deadline, no counter suits followed especially in pursuit of the governor's illegal interference of statutorily
 allowed hand-counts.
- 1.5M ballots were cast in Maricopa, in-person on Election Day ballots that were cast were cast overwhelmingly for Republicans, and those only accounted for 16% of that 1.5M. Presumably a large chunk of the remaining 84% were cast in early-voting or other methods that are less secure and ripe for fraud.
- Governor Hobbs vetoed every single bill proposed to change the use, certification, and verification of electronic tabulators. Senate Concurrent Resolution 1037 bypassed the governor's veto and was sent directly to the Secretary of State with instructions to go into immediate effect. SCR 1037 informs all Arizona counties and the secretary of state that they are no longer allowed to use electronic tabulators, including Dominion and ES&S machines. Even though a resolution is a powerful Congressional Action, often resulting in a bill and law, Secretary of State, Fuentes, denies the power of the resolution and interferes with our legislative process.
- Fuentes in a letter to Senator Sonny Borrelli stated: "I urge any county official to consider the negative consequences to election systems, voters and taxpayers that would result from the introduction of election procedures which are untested and have no legal basis." We know that state law does not prohibit full hand-count AND state law does not mandate tabulators. Don't let the interpretations fool you.
- Third party vendors lack accountability. One tabulator vendor and provider to PC, Runbeck, denies FOIA requests, all
 chain of custody and video footage requested has been denied. Runbeck lawyers are related to Katie Hobbs. Dominion
 and ES&S also a tabulator vendors and provider to Maricopa County have visibility to records we don't/don't even know
 about, they've said so, Fuentes confirms. We are giving away our election rights to third-party vendors who control the
 machines.

All PC Republican PCs are urged to take and YOU must back us:

- 1) Encourage and support Senator Wendy Rogers to take legislative action against Governor Hobbs and Attorney General Mayes, drop all charges against Judd and Crosby, come to a more "bi-partisian" agreement on bills proposed... OR NO MONEY, NO SUPPORT!
- 2) Follow through with what Cochise and Mohave have started: send them a barrage of support to get hand-count and to establish policies for hand-count and one day elections BEFORE 2024!
- 3) Read statutory law, arm yourself with facts to be able to counter any argument you are faced with. The big ones involved here: Supervisors must carry out elections as planned, statutorily-required hand-count audits are allowed including random sampling of early and Election Day ballots, powers "expressly conferred by statute," There are many more. ARS Section 16 and the Election Process Manual is where you find them.
- 4) Read the bills authored, and the arguments against them, decide for yourself: are they worthy, do they need rework, can you help?
- 5) Get Judd and Crosby legal representation/council. County attorney cannot represent Judd and Crosby, Cochise County does not provide representation for criminal matters, finding representation has been very difficult. Reach out to a bro-bono legaleeze type person if you can.
- 6) Tell Hobbs, Mayes, Fuentes that election statutes referred to in this fight: ARS 16 -621, -622, -602, -449 are not subject to their interpretation, the law is the law, you cannot rewrite it to suit your agenda. AND Article I, Section 4, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution gives We the People the right to decide how our elections are run, it's in the Constitution, you know that little piece of paper that formed this nation, signed September 17, 1787; it still lives today and is not up to your interpretation OR denial.

The fight has come to us. It is imperative that we start now, be swift, be decisive, go to war with intention to WIN! Believe in the power of the PC.



Sincerely,

D5 Pinal County Republican Committee

A list of references can be made available upon request.



Sent time: 10/23/2023 08:11:23 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Hand count

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I am glad you are paying attention, but even the head of the Republican party in Pinal County is working against hand counts.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Sun, Oct 22, 2023 at 12:59 PM Hand count ballots!

> wrote:

I'll help!

And AZ and our country!



From: Jeffrey McClure <jeffrey.mcclure@pinal.gov>

Sent time: 11/17/2023 09:37:08 AM

To: Trecia Koozer <trecia.koozer@pinal.gov>

Subject: Re: It is the Machines!

OY VAY!

Jeffrey McClure Supervisor, District 4 Vice Chairman of the Board Pinal County

On Nov 17, 2023, at 9:00 AM, Trecia Koozer <trecia.koozer@pinal.gov> wrote:

Nothing totally now, but worth keeping you in the loop considering the audience members.

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From: Belinda Rodriguez < chair@pinalcountygop.org>

Date: Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 9:25 PM Subject: Re: It is the Machines!

To:

Cc: , Jeff Serdy <<u>jeff.serdy@pinal.gov</u>>, <u>bosdistrict4@pinal.gov</u>

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<<u>sborrelli@azleg.gov</u>>, Teresa Martinez <<u>TMartinez@azleg.gov</u>>,

Just so I'm clear...which e-machines in Pinal County elections are you referring to that are used and that can be hacked?

Belinda Rodriguez - Chair Pinal County Republican Committee (PCRC) Chair@pinalcountygop.org

On Nov 16, 2023, at 10:10 AM,

> wrote:

I am saying to all, the e-machine can be hacked, they are not trustworthy, no one in the county has the program code to ensure these machines are not hacked, the hash code that is used to identify a hack can be hacked, there is historical data showing continuing election problems with machines, and that even professional county staff who are excellant at their job lack the competence in the area to ensure the machines are not hacked. In addition, we have a history of mistakes in our elections which some are people problems however some are data issues. Returning to a trusted full hand count has benefits such as increased trust in our elections and simple tasks that identify any law violations or as some courts say, just sloppy work. Voter disenfranchisement should be a priority.





On Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 10:01 AM, GAYLE PETERS t> wrote:

Hi et al,

Are you saying that the problems you entail in your email are happening here in Pinal? Because I would dispute that. Maricopa has serious problems but Pinal cannot solve Maricopa's issues.

You may have seen this in the news:

A northwestern Arizona county [Mohave] has rejected a proposal to hand-count ballots in the 2024 election cycle after the local elections director warned that it would cost more than \$1.1 million and involve hiring hundreds of new workers.

And consider Mohave is half the size of Pinal (in terms of population).

I heard pretty conclusively at the BOS meeting that we cannot hand count at this time. We are blessed to have extremely knowlegable, competent individuals in Dana Lewis and Kent Volkmer in office. I believe we should listen to them.

May I respectfully suggest that we turn our attention to actions that will help us win in 2024. We need to work on getting voter turnout to increase our majority. We can do that!

Regards,

On 11/16/2023 9:17 AM MST

> wrote:

See reply, she is an expert in the cyber security profession.



"To fight so others can remain free"



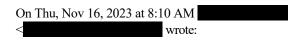
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From: 'To: "

Sent: Thu, Nov 16, 2023 at 8:29 AM Subject: Re: It is the Machines!

My best guess is our votes are being hijacked and modified using DNS exfiltration via DNS Tunneling. Super easy to do and there is no cyber security monitoring to identify attackers. If the voting machines AZ-PINAL-23-0848-B-000035





To the Honorable Pinal Board of Supervisors:

The purpose of this email is to follow-up on the November 15, 2023 meeting specifically the topic of elections. As I previously stated, "It is the e-machines". I humbly request a vote to go to hand counts in the August 6, 2024 primary election and the November 2024 General election at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

The County Attorney and the County Recorder are professionals and highly skilled. However, it is the machines that are the issue. The Hash Code in the machines and the fact, the e-machines are coded without the ability of the elections staff to be able to independently check for hacking, is a big red flag. Preventing hacking is hampered and these machines can be hacked, and if hacked, you will never know. The fact our staff is well trained in expertise in their field does not out way the fact, they do not have the coding or programming expertise to monitor these machines.

In addition, past elections show historically the "impracticeablity", not "impractical", as stated by the county attorney. Impracticeablity has a different meaning. It means e-machines are not working. Other words, not counting votes properly and are untrustworthy. This is the word, impracticeability, used by the AZSOS in their own August 2023 letter sent to all 15 AZ counties that gives e-machine users an opt out. It is not a natural disaster criteria that determines impracticeablity, it is these e-machines are not working. Historical data shows tabulators not working, breaking during the elections and causing votes to be rejected due to ballot size and pen reading flaws. Thousands of voters disenfranchised and worried about did their vote being counted. Thousands of provisional votes are caused by these machines and we all know provisional votes are not counted unless the voters actually respond to the election official post querying.

We have seen the reality, this impracticeability historically and in November 2022 elections 60% failure in high GOP areas did not work and thousands of voters were disenfranchised in Maricopa County. In fact, I worked the election in Pinal County as an observer and I watched machines fail at the precinct I worked.

There have been, in reality, felt top Pin issues, ballot size issues, and printers jamming. The election process has become so complex that you can not catch anyone cheating and if alleged, it is excused as just sloppy work.



So, keep it simple, manual hand counts.

Also, we saw blatant violations of the Election Procedure Manual, EPM, and obvious violation of signature verification processes and realized that no one prosecutes violations of election law and prefer to excuse this blatant cheating as sloppy work by those counting votes. We deserve better and elections were better, when we hand counted, and it makes it harder to cheat.

So, ask yourself, why would the state refuse the hand count? Why are they mandating e-machines? Why are they threatening elected representatives?

So, as I said during this November 15th meeting, violations of these EPM laws or rules are only a misdemeanor 2 and then no one prosecutes and the cheaters know their is no enforcement. The state will probably sue with an injunction or even threaten you, however, this is when you remember thos who founded our Republic and the stand these men took to give us a Republic.

It is the e-machines, not our elections or legal staff. These e-machines are not trustworthy.

I humbly ask and respectfully assert, dump these e-machines and take a stand for our Republic to process our elections without e-machines. Determine these e-machine are "impracticeable" and the Logic and Accuracy test are pre-test and fail to test for hacking or account for e-machine malfunctions or breakdowns. There is no formula for impracticeablity except for the past historical data and that shows failure after failure to count votes and many irregularities.

Our freedom is endanger as we witness the state mandating and selectively enforcing law to push a unamerican agenda which I have never seen in my lifetime. "We have a Republic, if we can keep it"-Benjamin Franklin.

Respectfully,



"To fight so others can remain free"





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Respectfully,

TRECIA KOOZER

District Administrator- District 4 Office of Vice-Chairman Jeffrey McClure Board of Supervisors

PINAL COUNTY

P: 520-866-6054

W: Pinalcountyaz.gov E: trecia.koozer@pinal.gov







Sent time: 08/07/2023 10:20:02 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Paper Ballots

Thanks

I have been opposed to the machines for some time, and proposed an 'expanded hand count' which would have allowed us to do up to 99 precints by hand in the 'audit' portion of the machine count but couldn't get any buy in from the other Supervisors as well as having County Attorney Kent Volkmer getting many his talking points from the Secretary of State's Office legal team.

There is no prohibition, that I can find, to 100% voting by manual count. The laws on the books are geared toward managing machine counts.

However, the 'samples' of hand counting are done in the most inefficient way possible justifying the argument that we cannot accomplish a hand count in the required amount of time. Many are giving lip service to the prospect of hand counting and at the same time ham-stringing efforts to get there.

I'll keep doing what is right.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Sat, Aug 5, 2023 at 12:21 PM wrote: Dear Mr Cavanaugh.

I'm am a resident at 42515 w Paseo Dr. Maricopa. This is to implore you to vote to get rid of the voting machines and do a paper ballot vote and manual count on the precinct level. This must be done with utmost expediency or we will loose our republic to a totalitarian anti constitutional regime.

Please respond to this request ASAP

Thank you

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone



From: Jeffrey McClure <jeffrey.mcclure@pinal.gov>

Sent time: 06/02/2023 11:19:53 AM

To: James Daniels <james.daniels@pinal.gov>
Subject: Re: Pinal County conducts trial ballot hand count

Pretty good. Thanks.

On Fri, Jun 2, 2023 at 9:33 AM James Daniels < <u>james.daniels@pinal.gov</u>> wrote:

FYI

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Jen Fifield** <<u>jfifield@votebeat.org</u>>
Date: Fri, Jun 2, 2023 at 9:16 AM

Subject: Fwd: Pinal County conducts trial ballot hand count

To: James Daniels < james.daniels@pinal.gov >

In case you guys don't get my newsletter.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jen Fifield, Votebeat Arizona" <a >az.tips@votebeat.org Subject: Pinal County conducts trial ballot hand count

Date: June 2, 2023 at 9:14:42 AM MST

To: < ififield@votebeat.org>

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June 2, 2023



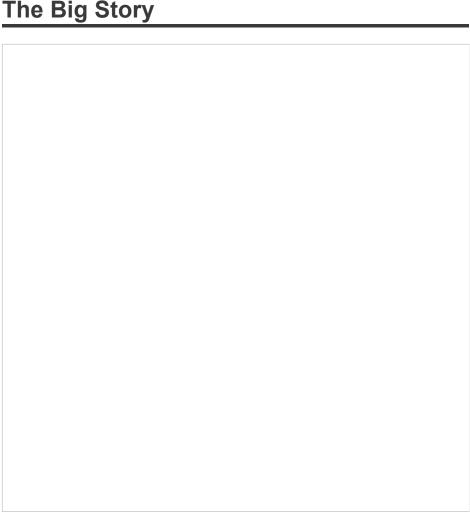
Hi, everyone. It's Jen Fifield. I spent the day in Pinal County yesterday talking to county leaders about how they are moving forward after a **troublesome midterm election cycle**. I can't wait to share what I learned, soon.

For now, here's a quick update on the county's plan to conduct a trial ballot hand count, which I wrote about last week. (They are calling this a "manual tabulation" to distinguish it from an official step of post-election auditing.) Turns out, the effort has already begun. Elections Director Geraldine Roll has directed staff to hand count all votes on 2,000 ballots — test ballots from 2022, not real ones. When I got to the elections center, three staff members were sitting at a table meticulously tallying winners on a tracking sheet, by batches of 25 ballots. So far, they said it was taking them about 87 minutes to hand count each batch. With more than 145,000 ballots cast in the midterm election, at that rate it would take something like a half-million minutes.

Roll says the effort is meant to gather data to inform any future conversations by the supervisors about hand-counting ballots. The results, to be released at a later date, will provide an estimate on just

how long it would take to hand count all votes on all of the county's ballots in future elections — something that is currently illegal in Arizona, but that some GOP lawmakers and voters have been pushing for since 2020.

I'll keep you updated on how it goes, and you keep me updated on what you're hearing, too: **jfifield@votebeat.org**.



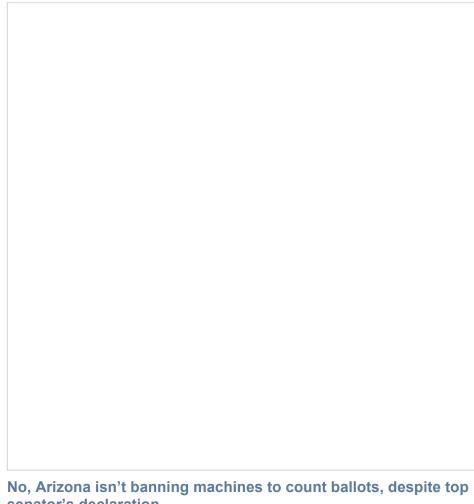
After botching election results, Arizona county wants to try hand-counting ballots

Three Pinal County supervisors – all Republicans representing the GOP-leaning fast-growing suburban county just southeast of Phoenix – told me they want to see if it would be feasible to hand-count ballots instead of using machines.

That's despite the fact that hand-counting ballots has repeatedly been proven to be far **less accurate** and efficient than counting ballots by machine, according to **numerous studies** and election experts across the country.

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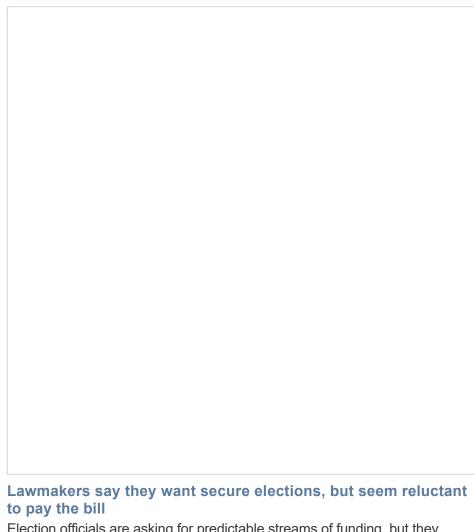




senator's declaration

What to know about the Senate majority leader's letter asserting the Legislature's "plenary authority" over Arizona elections.





Election officials are asking for predictable streams of funding, but they aren't getting them.



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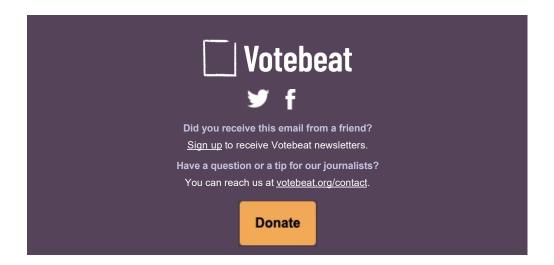
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Jeffrey McClure District 4 Supervisor Chairman of the Board



Sent time: 01/17/2023 09:29:51 AM

To:
Subject: Re: Pinal County Election Integrity

Dear

I was reflecting on our prior exchange and thought I would take a moment to update you.

Had we increased the number of hand-count audit ballots to a statistically relevant number throughout the state, we may have caught the machine count and other errors, corrected them before the ballots were canvassed, and all the lawsuits may not have been necessary.

In Pinal County, Virginia Ross was chosen by our County Management team to handle the general election because she had run several 'successful' elections previously. No statistically valid sampling of those elections occurred, and if she processed those election results the same way she did the election in 2022 - I would have doubts as to actual counts. If the margins were wide in the races the outcomes may not likely have changed.

I ran for public office in 2018 and lost by 14 votes and was recently told by a well informed elected government official that it was likely that I actually won that election. Correct election results are important to me, and I will keep pressing in for accurate election results no matter the candidate.

Kevin Cavanaugh
Pinal County Supervisor, District 1
Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Fri, Nov 4, 2022 at 3:06 PM

> wrote:

Thank you, and the same to you.

Arizona Voter

On Fri, Nov 4, 2022 at 2:52 PM Kevin Cavanaugh < kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov > wrote:

Thanks ,

Have a great weekend.

Kevin Cavanaugh

Pinal County Supervisor, District 1

Coolidge District Office Tel. 520-866-7568

On Fri, Nov 4, 2022 at 1:04 PM

> wrote:

I enjoyed your reply (no snark). It's one of the better replies I've ever received from an elected person.

BTW, my dad died when I was seven, and I worked my way through university.

Regards,

Arizona Voter

On Fri, Nov 4, 2022 at 9:16 AM Kevin Cavanaugh kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov> wrote:

You are clearly uniformed. Hand counts are required in every election in Arizona. . . . already. Machines that do repetitive work and require an accurate count must be verified. We *already* do a hand-count-audit of the ballots consisting of 2% in order to test the accuracy of the machine, it's the law. It's required by the Secretary of State.

law) on 165,000 ballots and you will find that the hand-count formula used to verify the machine is insufficient. My proposal was to increase the precincts verified by hand count from 2 to 6, of our 113 precincts.

If you don't like making sure the machines are accurate - then you may have zero integrity and no morals.

My mommy and daddy were dead by the time I graduated college, and they didn't leave me a trust fund.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Thu, Nov 3, 2022 at 7:27 PM Mighty Moose <<u>r5473c@gmail.com</u>> wrote:

My understanding is that the entire Pinal County Board, including yourself, is Republican.

It's come to my attention that you are spreading the word that we need ballot hand counts in Arizona, because you fear the voting machines aren't safe and/or accurate.

Apparently, this is an admission by you (and the rest of the elected Arizona Republicans) that We the People didn't put you in office, since Arizona's elections are fraudulent. You, and all elected Arizona Republicans are in your offices due to deliberate ballot fraud or machine error? Is that right?

You cannot have your cake and eat it. Either you, a Republican, were legally and democratically elected, or you're in office as a consequence of fraud. Which is it?

Your bio says you're a college grad. Frankly, I don't believe it. No one as ignorant as you are could possibly be a college graduate. Did your mommy buy a counterfeit degree for you?

You have zero integrity and no morals.

Pinal County Voter



Sent time: 10/25/2023 04:28:13 PM

To: Subject:

Re: Presidential Preference Election (PPE) HAND COUNTS

Attachments: IMG_20230228_100844_579.jpg

Thanks for your input on this

I am already on board for hand counting, and have proposed agenda item(s) regarding hand counting, increasing hand-count audit samples, and so on. At least three Supervisors would need to agree to hand counting. A petition would be a tool in demonstrating the desire for citizens to have the PPE hand-counted. You will want to get **Dana Lewis** on board immediately, because as both the County Recorder and acting Elections Director she will have great sway over the Board. I don't recall Dana taking a strong positive position on hand counting.

Kevin Cavanaugh
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On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 10:57 AM

> wrote:

I agree with you.

Let's get a petition going

On Wed, Oct 25, 2023 at 9:01 AM

> wrote:



To the Honorable Pinal County Board of Supervisors:

I humbly request your governing body to provide policy direction to the county Recorder and the acting Director of Elections to implement hand counts for the PPE process in our 2024 election. I support our Honorable State Senators Wendy Roger's and Sonny Borelli's position asserting a hand count in the PPE will insure election integrity strength and build confidence in our current damaged reputation among our electorate of our election process.

Request a resolution directing this hand count of PPE or any other legal process required to implement these needed steps to build confidence in our election process supporting our county Recorder to implement this action.

Respectfully submitted,





Sent time: 11/20/2023 09:54:24 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Subject: Urgent Support for Full Hand Count in Upcoming Pinal County Elections - Echoing Mr. Mattachione's Recommendations



I agree that there is not a machine made that we can trust combined with operator errors. If there is a machine that had transparent source code I would be more confident, but seeing the recent errors in Pennsylvania with ES&S - I no longer have confidence in this company.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Sat, Nov 18, 2023 at 10:59 AM

To the Honorable Pinal County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to express my full support for the sentiments and recommendations outlined by Mr. Jack Mattachione in his recent communication. After careful consideration of the issues he raised regarding the upcoming Pinal County August 6th, 2024, Primary and General Elections, I find myself in agreement with his stance and concerns.

> wrote:

The call for a full hand count and the vacation of the use of electronic voting machines is not just a matter of preference but seems a necessary step towards ensuring the integrity and trustworthiness of our electoral process. The history of inaccuracies and malfunctions associated with these machines, as detailed by Mr. Mattachione, underscores the urgency of this matter. The incidents in Pinal County, as well as the breakdowns in Maricopa County, have raised significant doubts about the reliability of these systems.

Furthermore, I am convinced by the legal interpretations presented by Mr. Mattachione regarding ARS statutes and the discretionary power of the Board of Supervisors in this context. It appears that there is sufficient legal ground for the Board to opt for a full hand count, especially considering the 'impracticable' nature of electronic tabulation methods, as evidenced in recent elections.

In light of these considerations, I strongly urge the Pinal County Board of Supervisors to take immediate and decisive action. The decision to move towards a hand count for the upcoming elections is not merely a logistical choice but a stand for the democratic values that underpin our society. It is a stand for transparency, accuracy, and the collective trust of the electorate.

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Sent time: 10/23/2023 05:43:11 PM

To:

Subject: Re: VOTE YES: PROPOSED HAND COUNTING OF BALLOTS

Kevin Cavanaugh

Pinal County Supervisor, District 1

Coolidge District Office Tel. 520-866-7568

Nice talking with you. Thank you for reaching out.

Kevin

Jeff Serdy is the Chairman

Title: Pinal County Supervisor - District 5 Chairman

Additional Phone: <u>520-866-6106</u>

ERMAIL: jeff.serdy@pinal.gov

On Mon, Oct 23, 2023 at 5:21 PM Thomas Baer < worden words:

Mr. Cavanaugh;

Good day Sir. My name is **Exercise.**, I live in the City of Maricopa District 1 and I'm a registered voter in your district. The reason I'm writing to you is in regards to Senator Wendy Rogers proposal for hand counting ballots in all upcoming elections during the last PCRC meeting held on Saturday 21, 2023. I'm very much in favor of this and as Precinct Committeeman for Precinct 101 I'm strongly encouraging you to vote in favor of this proposal. I will be encouraging all my fellow voting constituents to support this proposal and reach out to you on this matter.

If you need any further information from myself on this matter please let me know. Thank you for your support on this proposal.

Respectfully;



Sent time: 04/14/2023 08:13:37 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Voting machines

Thanks

People go about their work-a-day lives and do not realize the problems inside government, but I am glad you do. The problems with the voting machines have been minimized even here in Pinal County. Prosecutors around the Country have been politically weaponized and some even suggest that it is happening in Pinal County after the County Attorney publicly warned the Elected Supervisors that they would be charged with felonies for failing to canvass the vote (but not mentioning what to do if we know the vote is wrong)

Here are some actions you can take to make a real impact.

- 1) Public Records Requests Do your own investigation and seek the information through Public Records Requests. You can obtain almost any government record
- 2) Attend public meetings and make your voice known at "Call to the Public" which gives you the opportunity to speak for three minutes before every regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 3) Run for Office Many people are elected un-opposed and that is part of the problem.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**

On Mon, Apr 10, 2023 at 4:47 PM kennethvickoren < kennethvickoren@aol.com > wrote:

There will be an uprising like you have never seen. You work for us we the people not some supervisor who never took an oath to uphold the constitution. We the people are waking up. It's not going to be pretty if things don't change.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

----- Original message -----

From: Kevin Cavanaugh < kevin.cavanaugh@pinal.gov >

Date: 4/10/23 9:35 AM (GMT-07:00)

To:

Cc: Joshua Franklin < joshua.franklin@pinal.gov>

Subject: Re: Voting machines

Thanks for your email Kenneth and it was nice to speak to you on the telephone.

We will send updates as they become available, but there is little to no chance that the Board will agree to eliminate machine counts. We have unwisely accepted funds from the Zuckerberg Foundation to build an elections building, we sent incorrect vote tallies to the Secretary of State after the last general election, and yet we (the government) collectively insist that a machine count is more accurate than a hand count.

Citizens believe that their voices are heard in government. I have heard you, but without a majority of Supervisors who share the same concerns and are willing to act on them, your confidence in our election system will not likely be restored.

Kevin Cavanaugh Pinal County Supervisor, District 1 Coolidge District Office Tel. **520-866-7568**



On Sat, Apr 8, 2023 at 10:32 AM	> wrote:
Get rid of these machines or we will never trust another election.	
Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device	



From: Mike Goodman <mike.goodman@pinal.gov>

Sent time: 03/05/2024 07:04:42 AM

To:

Subject: Re: Goldstein petition gathering

I will . Thank you for the invite and having the opportunity to discuss what lies ahead. I will definitely help with setting a time for Kent and Neal to discuss hand counting.

Thank you again for yours and many hours of service you do in our community.

Mike

On Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 10:17 PM

> wrote:

Dear Supervisor Mike,

Thank you and Alice so much for attending with us last night. And for providing so much extensive information to our PC's. A lot of our D-2/LD-15 political leadership was in attendance.

Please facilitate a meeting, as you advised last night, between you, Attorney Kent Volkmer, and Representative Neal Carter to discuss specifically hand-counting elections in Pinal County. And please let us know the outcome of that meeting.

That is our biggest ASK at this time.

Attached is a very lovely photo that I took. Again thank you.

Sent from Proton Mail for iOS

