

The Elections Advisory Committee met in a regular session on July 30, 2019. The meeting was held at 198 S. Main Street, Yuma, Arizona.

1. **CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 10:01 a.m.**
2. **ROLL CALL:** Committee members present were: Recorder Robyn Pouquette; County Administrator Susan Thorpe; Supervisor Martin Porchas; Supervisor Darren Simmons; Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney Bill Kerekes. Others present were: Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs Director Paul Melcher; Election Services Director Mary Fontes; and Deputy Clerk/Executive Assistant Desarae Doten.
3. **Approve the minutes for the following meeting: a) March 28, 2019 Regular Session; and b) March 28, 2019 Executive Session**

MOTION (SIMMONS/PORCHAS): Approve as presented.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 5-0.

4. **Yuma County Recorder and Elections Report**

a. **Elections Calendar**

Ms. Pouquette provided a handout which contained the 2019 Primary and General Election calendar for the City of Yuma and noted ballots were scheduled to be mailed tomorrow.

Discussion ensued regarding a new legislative change which requires the city to analyze their turnout and compare that to the Governor's Election and if there is a 25% deviation they would be required to place their election on the consolidated calendar which would be even years. The City of Yuma would prefer to stay on their current cycle (odd years).

Ms. Pouquette explained that the calendar did not reflect changes requiring signature compliance for voters to come in three (3) days after voting to fix a problem. Five (5) days will be given during the federal cycle. An example is when a voter forgets to sign an envelope.

Supervisor Simmons mentioned a possible recall election for the Antelope School District, and noted he hopes the State School Superintendent will conduct an audit. Ms. Fontes and Ms. Pouquette reported they are meeting with School Superintendent Tom Tyree this week. Comments were made concerning the unexpected costs to the General Fund if a recall election is called.

b. **Voter Registration Statistics**

Ms. Pouquette provided a handout. Discussion ensued regarding the mailing process and how and when a voter is placed on the inactive list.

Supervisor Porchas questioned when a voter is removed and Ms. Fontes explained that occurs after two federal election cycles.

Ms. Pouquette noted that lists are received daily to move voters to the inactive status or remove completely.

c. Budget Updates

Ms. Fontes stated she was still reviewing the budget.

d. Internal Operations and Procedures Update

Ms. Pouquette reported she continues to work with Shannon Gunderman to create the Standard Operating Procedures.

A handout containing Senate Bill 1090 was provided and discussion ensued concerning the change which would be to assign the authority to determine location of emergency voting centers to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Ms. Pouquette provided details on how this issue was handled in the past by staff at the Recorder's Office.

Discussion ensued about assisting a voter who was temporarily located at a hospital or rehabilitation center via staff or volunteers. Under Senate Bill 1090 this burden would be shifted to the BOS.

Ms. Pouquette stated she believes the bill could be problematic or confusing and the most appropriate thing to do is expect that the Recorder's Office through Elections place an item on an agenda asking the BOS to approve a resolution for emergency voting. Supervisor Simmons and Supervisor Porchas agreed that since there have been no issues handling emergency voting in the past there would be no reason to change the process.

Discussion ensued regarding the effective date of the bill which is set for August 27th.

e. Voter Outreach Information / Election Correspondence

Ms. Pouquette reported there was not an update to provide because the City of Yuma prefers to do their own outreach about their elections.

f. Report Requests

Ms. Thorpe asked if anyone had any requests and noted the next quarterly meeting will be held after the election, sometime in September.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the County Supervisors Association (CSA) Legislative Summit which will be held in October.

Ms. Pouquette stated she will touch base with Mr. Melcher if there are any Arizona Association of Counties (AACo) resolutions that affect the county.

Ms. Fontes reports she will put together a cheat sheet for the campaign filing dates to review at the next meeting.

5. Discussion of future agenda items

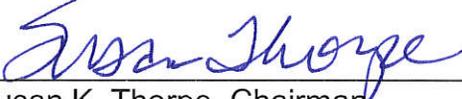
Ms. Thorpe reported those items will be the City of Yuma election, campaign filing dates and internal Standard Office Procedures.

Supervisor Porchas asked to be kept updated concerning third party groups since a majority of their focus is on South County. Ms. Pouquette reported that staff attempted to schedule training sessions; however they did not participate.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Adopted this 4th day of October, 2019.



Susan K. Thorpe, Chairman