

The Elections Advisory Committee met in a regular session on October 4, 2019. The meeting was held at 198 S. Main Street, Yuma, Arizona.

1. **CALL TO ORDER: The meeting convened at 9:01 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: Deputy Clerk/Executive Assistant Desarae Doten.
3. **Approve the minutes for the following meeting: July 30, 2019 Regular Session**

MOTION (SIMMONS/PORCHAS): Approve as presented.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 5-0.

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

Ms. Pouquette provided a Power Point presentation.

- a. **Elections Calendar and Upcoming Elections**

Ms. Pouquette reported early voting will begin on October 9, 2019 and voting considerations will be addressed with Yuma City Council.

The Presidential Preference Election is scheduled for March 17, 2020 (Democratic Primary Only and the deadline to register to vote will be February 17, 2020.)

The Statewide Primary and General 2020 are scheduled for August 4, 2020 and November 3, 2020. Ms. Pouquette noted that candidate packets are available online and displayed the list of persons who have already filed a "Statement of Interest."

- b. **City of Yuma Primary Recap**

Ms. Pouquette reported that Jenny Farmer-Umphress was the only person seated and voter turnout was at 17%.

Ms. Thorpe stated she had a conversation with Interim City Administrator Jay Simonton regarding the City Clerk's manner of calculating numbers, which is not considered the standard way.

Supervisor Simmons questioned why the City of Yuma does not allow Yuma County to assist with the count. Ms. Pouquette explained they only want support with the administration of the election but everything having to do with candidate filings and presented results they wish to handle. Ms. Thorpe stated it would be essential to include

Mr. Simonton on the follow up meeting so he can provide further direction to the City Clerk on how to proceed.

c. Voter Registration Statistics

Ms. Pouquette reviewed the updated statistics.

Supervisor Porchas questioned how a voter becomes inactive. Ms. Pouquette explained that anyone who has been sent a mailing which was returned, and then forwarded with no response is moved to this list.

d. Space Considerations and Modifications

Ms. Pouquette discussed the recent remodel project at 197 S. Main Street and reported the changes were positive. She also mentioned the possibility that Elections Services will need to be temporarily relocated during the continuation of the construction process. 145 2nd Street has been identified as a location and Administrative Services Director Shannon Gunderman agreed to make accommodations (a drawing of the space was provided).

Ms. Thorpe added they would be remodeling the areas where the vault and Elections Director's office are located.

e. Budget Updates

Ms. Pouquette reported the Voter Services Specialist was hired in August of 2019 and interviews have been conducted for the Elections Computer Systems Specialist who should be hired no later than October 15, 2019.

f. Internal Operations and Procedures Update

Ms. Pouquette stated they are still working on this project and the priorities are as follows:

- Analyze areas adjusted within the Arizona Elections Procedures
- Third-party registration processing
- Live Ballot Verification and auditing

g. Voter Outreach Information / Election Correspondence

Ms. Pouquette provided a schedule and overview of the process. Discussion ensued concerning training for Third Party Groups.

h. Report Requests

Nothing to report.

5. Discussion of future agenda items

Ms. Pouquette mentioned mailers are being sent out by Third Party organizations stating that voters were not registered. The notice appears as if it is coming from the County Recorder so she has encountered unhappy customers. Letters were sent apologizing for the mailing and confirming it did not come from Yuma County.

Supervisor Porchas suggested reaching out to media to notify the public about this issue.

The committee discussed scheduling the next quarterly meeting for a date in mid-December.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Adopted this 23rd day of December, 2019.



Susan K. Thorpe, Chairman