



COCHISE COUNTY ELECTIONS / SPECIAL DISTRICTS

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Hand Count / Early Ballot Audit Report

Synopsis:

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602 (B), Cochise County conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the April 17, 2012 Special Primary Election for Congressional District 8. Two percent (2%) of precincts were counted as required by Statute, which amounted to 2 precincts out of 64 total precincts.

The hand count began on April 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with James Hylsky and Robert Montgomery representing the Republican Party and Frances Micheau and Phillip Micheau representing the Democratic Party. David Penrose of the Democratic Party was present as an observer. All ballots were accounted for in the central counting location before the selection process started. The selection order was chosen by lot, and the Democratic Party was chosen to go first.

With the established order, the specific precincts to be counted were selected with the County Party Representatives alternating the selection. Once the precincts were chosen, the races to be counted were selected.

Three contested races were chosen as required by law. Specifically, the following list displays the contested races that were counted:

Federal Race - (Rep) U.S. Representative for Congressional District 8 (64 precincts)

Federal Race - (Dem) U.S. Representative for Congressional District 8 (64 precincts)

Federal Race - (Grn) U.S. Representative for Congressional District 8 (64 precincts)

The master precinct and race selection lists are attached for review. Precincts #27 Pearce and #60 Whetstone were selected for the hand count. The physical hand count started at 2:15 p.m. on April 18, 2012 and ended at 3:15 p.m. on April 18, 2012. The tabulation method used was the stacking method. The hand count was conducted by 2 boards made up of 2 members. This hand count included votes cast on the optical scan devices from the selected precincts. There were no discrepancies found in the hand count of these two (2) precincts.

Early Ballot Audit:

One percent (1%) of the total 64 precincts was selected for the early ballot audit as per Arizona State Law. The early ballot audit consisted of one (1) precinct #29 Pomerene/Dragoon containing 202 early ballots. There were a total of 10,223 early ballots cast in Cochise County for the Special Primary Election for Congressional District 8.

Comments:

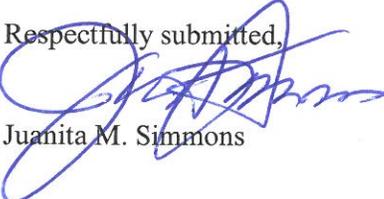
There was a discrepancy between the hand count and the machine count for the early ballot audit as follows:

Early Ballot Audit Batch - Congressional District 8, Candidate – Republican

Hand Count 9 - Machine Count 8 – for Candidate Dave Sitton

The Hand Count Board determined that the Early Ballot Audit discrepancy was due to one ballot being counted by the M650 machine as an over vote due to smudge marks on the ballot. On inspection of the ballot, the Hand Count Board determined that this ballot was for candidate Dave Sitton.

Respectfully submitted,


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COCHISE COUNTY

MASTER PRECINCT AND RACE SELECTION WORKSHEET

Election: Special Primary Congressional District 8

Election Date: April 17, 2012

Hand Count Date: April 18, 2012

SECTION A: SELECTED PRECINCTS LISTED IN ORDER SELECTED

- 1) 60 - Whetstone
- 2) 27 - Pearce
- 3) 29 - Pomerene / Dragoon (Early Ballot Audit)

SECTION B: NUMBER OF RACES TO BE COUNTED PER CATEGORY

RACE CATEGORY	TICK MARK TALLY	# OF RACES PER CATEGORY	RECEIVED MARGIN WORKSHEET
Presidential Elector	0	0	0
Statewide candidate	0	0	0
Statewide ballot measure	0	0	0
Federal Candidate	1	3	3
State Legislative	0	0	0
Add. Races needed	0	0	0

SECTION C: RACES TO BE COUNTED

Races to be counted (Precinct)	Races to be Counted (Early Ballot Audit)
1 #60 - Whetstone (Federal)	
2 #27 - Pearce (Federal)	
3	#29 - Pomerene/Dragoon (Federal)

AGGREGATE - EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL BATCHES

COCHISE COUNTY

Election: SPECIAL PRIMARY CONG. DISTRICT #8

Race Category: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONG DIST. 8

Race: REPUBLICAN

PRECINCT – 29 Pomerene/Dragon	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Antonori, Frank	28	28	0
Kelly, Jesse	83	83	0
McSally, Martha	15	15	0
Sitton, Dave	9	8	1
Totals:	135	134	1

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	.74626	%
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Race Category: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONG DIST. 8

Race: DEMOCRATIC

PRECINCT – 29 Pomerene/Dragon	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Barber, Ron	64	64	0
Totals:	64	64	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0	%
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Race Category: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONG DIST. 8

Race: GREEN

PRECINCT – 29 Pomerene/Dragon	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Manolakis, Charlie	0	0	0
WRITE-IN Grayson, Richard	0	0	0
BLANK BALLOTS	3	3	0
Totals:	3	3	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0	%
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Additional Comments: The discrepancy in the hand count for candidate Dave Sitton was determined to be the result of a smudge on the ballot which the machine read as an over count.

EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT

COCHISE COUNTY

Precinct Counted: 29 # of Ballots per Batch: 202

Election: SPECIAL PRIMARY CONG. DIST. # 8

Race Category: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DIST. #8

Race: REPUBLICAN

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
ANTENORI, FRANK	28	28	0
KELLY, JESSE	83	83	0
MCSALLY, MARTHA	15	15	0
SITTON, DAVE	9	8	1
Totals:	135	134	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: Due to a smudge on one early ballot, the machine counted it as an over vote and the Hand Count Board determined that should have been a count for Dave Sitton.

*** Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit ***

EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT

COCHISE COUNTY

Precinct Counted: 29 # of Ballots per Batch: 202

Election: SPECIAL PRIMARY CONG. DIST. # 8

Race Category: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DIST. #8

Race: GREEN

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
MANOLAKIS, CHARLIE	0	0	0
WRITE - IN CANDIDATE			
GRAYSON, RICHARD	0	0	0
Note: There were 3 blank Green party ballots in the batch.			
Totals:	0	0	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

*** Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit ***

AGGREGATE - PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL PRECINCTS

COCHISE COUNTY

Election: SPECIAL PRIMARY CONG. DIST. 8 - APRIL 17, 2012

Race Category: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONG DIST. 8

Race: DEMOCRATIC

Precinct - 27 Pearce	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Barber, Ron	32	32	0
Precinct - 60 Whetstone	26	26	0
Totals:	58	58	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONG DIST. 8

Race: REPUBLICAN

Precinct - 29 Pearce	Hand Count Total	Machine Cout Total	Absolute Difference
Antenori, Frank	39	39	0
Kelly, Jesse	39	39	0
McSally, Martha	32	32	0
Sitton, Dave	5	5	0
Precinct - 60 Whetstone			
Antenori, Frank	36	36	0
Kelly, Jesse	61	61	0
McSally, Martha	36	36	0
Sitton, Dave	10	10	0
Totals:	258	258	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONG DIST. 8

Race: GREEN

Precinct - 27 Pearce	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Manolakis, Charlie	0	0	0
Grayson, Richard (WRITE - IN)	0	0	0
Precinct - 60 Whetstone			
Manolakis, Charlie	0	0	0
Grayson, Richard (WRITE - IN)	1	1	0
Totals:	1	1	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

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Additional Comments: _____
