



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 February 28, 2012 Presidential Preference Election. Two percent (2%) of voting regions were counted as required by statute, which amounted to 2 voting regions out of 23 total voting regions.

The hand count began on February 29, 2012 at 2: 00 p.m. when Vera Hylsky, Republican Party Vice Chair and Rich Brownell, Democratic Party Chair, met to select the voting regions and early ballot audit batch to be counted. All ballots were accounted for in the central counting location before the selection process started. The selection order was chosen by lot, and the Republican 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.

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

Federal Race - (Rep) U.S. President - (23 possible voting regions to count)

Federal Race - (Grn) U.S. President - (23 possible voting regions to count)

The master precinct and race selection lists are attached for review. The physical hand count started at 2: 15 p.m. on February 29, 2012 and ended at 3: 30 p.m. on February 29, 2012. The tabulation method used was the stacking method. The hand count was conducted by 2 boards made up of 4 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) voting regions.

Early Ballot Audit:

One percent (1%) of the total 23 voting regions was selected for the early ballot audit as per Arizona State Law. The early ballot audit consisted of one (1) voting region containing 104 early ballots. There were a total of 5,881 early ballots cast in Cochise County for the 2012 Presidential Preference Election.

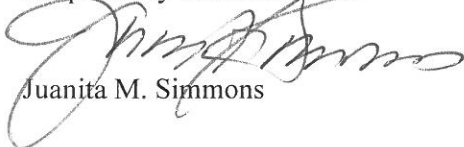
Comments:

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

Early Ballot Audit Batch U.S. President Race, Candidate: Hand Count 103 - Machine Count 104

It was determined that the Early Ballot Audit discrepancy was due to one ballot being placed in the wrong voting region bag. Utilizing the M650 for the Early Ballot counts, the machine counted the ballot in the correct voting region even though it was placed in the wrong voting region bag. As a result, in the future, all early ballot precinct bags will be audited to assure that the ballots are in the correct precinct bag prior to tabulation on the M650.

Respectfully submitted,



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HAND COUNT AND EARLY BALLOT AUDIT FORMS

Master Precinct and Race Selection Worksheet

Election: PPE 2012

SECTION A. SELECTED PRECINCTS (LIST IN ORDER SELECTED)

17	1	21			

SECTION B. NUMBER OF RACES TO COUNT PER CATEGORY

RACE CATEGORY	TICK MARK TALLY	NUMBER OF RACES PER CATEGORY	RECEIVED PRECINCT HAND COUNT MARGIN WORKSHEET
1. Presidential Elector	N/A	1	Y
2. Statewide Candidate			
3. Statewide Ballot Measure			
4. Federal Candidate			
5. State Legislative			
Additional Races Needed			

SECTION C. RACES TO BE COUNTED IN EACH SELECTED PRECINCT

Race To Be Counted	Category of Race
1. VOTING REGION 17	PRESIDENT
2. VOTING REGION 1	PRESIDENT
3. VOTING REGION 21	PRESIDENT EARLY
4.	
5.	

AGGREGATE - PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL PRECINCTS

Election: 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - COCHISE COUNTY

Race Category: U.S. PRESIDENT

Race: Republican

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Voting Region 1	207	207	0
Voting Region 17	203	203	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: U.S. PRESIDENT

Race: Green

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Voting Region 1	1	1	0
Voting Region 17	0	0	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: _____

Race: _____

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

%

Race Category: _____

Race: _____

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

%

Race Category: _____

Race: _____

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

%

Additional Comments: _____

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

Election: ____ 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE – COCHISE COUNTY _____

Race Category: ____ U.S.PRESIDENT _____

Race: ____ Republican _____

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Voting Region 21	103	104	1
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

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Race Category: ____ U.S.PRESIDENT _____

Race: ____ Green _____

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Voting Region 21	0	0	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

_____0 _____ %

Race Category: _____

Race: _____

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

_____ %

Race Category: _____

Race: _____

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

_____ %

Race Category: _____

Race: _____

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

_____ %

Additional Comments: _____

EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT

Batch Counted: 21 # of Ballots per Batch: 104
 Election: 2012 Presidential Preference – Cochise County

Race Category: U.S. President Race: Republican

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Benjamin, Donald	0	0	0
Tierr, John	0	0	0
Bollander, Simon	0	0	0
Perry, Al "Dick"	0	0	0
Zack, Ronald	0	0	0
Gingrich, Newt	17	17	0
Paul, Ron	12	12	0
Sims, Paul	0	0	0
Romney, Mitt	36	37	1
Callahan, Mark	0	0	0
Cisneros, Cesar	0	0	0
Lynch, Frank	0	0	0
Skelley, Charles	0	0	0
Arnett, Wayne	0	0	0
Gonzales, Sarah	1	1	0
Santorum, Rick	37	37	0
Perry, Rick	0	0	0
Perkins, Raymond	0	0	0
Welch, Matt	0	0	0
Dean, Kip	0	0	0
Hill, Christopher	0	0	0
Roemer, Buddy	0	0	0
Levinson, Michael	0	0	0
Totals:	103	104	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: One of the ballots for Voting Region 21 was placed in the wrong batch. However, the M650 counts the ballot in the correct voting region regardless of what batch is being counted.

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

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EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT
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Batch Counted: 21 # of Ballots per Batch: 0
Election: 2012 Presidential Preference – Cochise County

Race Category: U.S. President **Race:** Green

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Stein, Jill	0	0	0
Swing, Gary	0	0	0
Oatman, Michael	0	0	0
Mesplay, Kent	0	0	0
Grayson, Richard	0	0	0
Gerard, Davis	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

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PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT

Precinct Counted: _____ 1 _____ Election: _____ 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE _____
COCHISE COUNTY

Race Category: _____ U.S. PRESIDENT _____ Race: _____ REPUBLICAN _____

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Benjamin, Donald	0	0	0
Tierr, John	0	0	0
Bollander, Simon	0	0	0
Perry, Al "Dick"	1	1	0
Zack, Ronald	0	0	0
Gingrich, Newt	34	34	0
Paul, Ron	7	7	0
Sims, Paul	0	0	0
Romney, Mitt	60	60	0
Callahan, Mark	0	0	0
Cisneros, Cesar	0	0	0
Lynch, Frank	0	0	0
Skelley, Charles	0	0	0
Arnett, Wayne	0	0	0
Gonzales, Sarah	0	0	0
Santorum, Rick	103	103	0
Perry, Rick	2	2	0
Perkins, Raymond	0	0	0
Welch, Matt	0	0	0
Dean, Kip	0	0	0
Hill, Christopher	0	0	0
Roemer, Buddy	0	0	0
Levinson, Michael	0	0	0
Totals:	207	207	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

*** Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report ***

PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT

Precinct Counted: _____ 17 _____ Election: _____ 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE _____
COCHISE COUNTY

Race Category: _____ U.S. PRESIDENT _____ Race: _____ REPUBLICAN _____

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Benjamin, Donald	0	0	0
Tierr, John	0	0	0
Bollander, Simon	0	0	0
Perry, Al "Dick"	0	0	0
Zack, Ronald	0	0	0
Gingrich, Newt	21	21	0
Paul, Ron	16	16	0
Sims, Paul	0	0	0
Romney, Mitt	86	86	0
Callahan, Mark	0	0	0
Cisneros, Cesar	0	0	0
Lynch, Frank	0	0	0
Skelley, Charles	0	0	0
Arnett, Wayne	0	0	0
Gonzales, Sarah	0	0	0
Santorum, Rick	78	78	0
Perry, Rick	1	1	0
Perkins, Raymond	1	1	0
Welch, Matt	0	0	0
Dean, Kip	0	0	0
Hill, Christopher	0	0	0
Roemer, Buddy	0	0	0
Levinson, Michael	0	0	0
Totals:	203	203	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

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PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT

Precinct Counted: _____ 1 _____ Election: _____ 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE _____
COCHISE COUNTY

Race Category: _____ U.S. PRESIDENT _____ Race: _____ Green _____

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Stein, Jill	1	1	0
Swing, Gary	0	0	0
Oatman, Michael	0	0	0
Mesplay, Kent	0	0	0
Grayson, Richard	0	0	0
Gerard, Davis	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	1	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

*** Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report ***

PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT

Precinct Counted: _____ 17 _____ Election: _____ 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE _____
COCHISE COUNTY

Race Category: _____ U.S. PRESIDENT _____ Race: _____ Green _____

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Stein, Jill	0	0	0
Swing, Gary	0	0	0
Oatman, Michael	0	0	0
Mesplay, Kent	0	0	0
Grayson, Richard	0	0	0
Gerard, Davis	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

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