



COCHISE COUNTY ELECTIONS / SPECIAL DISTRICTS

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AMENDED 11/26/12

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 November 6, 2012 General Election. Two percent (2%) of precincts were counted as required by Statute, which amounted to 2 precincts out of 49 total precincts.

Hand Count:

The hand count began on November 7, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. with Debbie Stoner, Michael Stoner, James Hylsky, Walt Cleveland, Jenny Cleveland and Martha Mauldin representing the Republican Party and David Penrose, Phillip Micheau, Frances Micheau, Victor Walker, Carolyn Nagel and Anthony Wisniewski representing the Democratic Party. 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. Five contested races were chosen as required by law. Specifically, the following list displays the contested races that were counted:

Presidential Elector

Federal Race - *U.S. Representative for Congressional District 2 (49 precincts)*

Statewide Candidate – *Corporation Commissioner (49 precincts)*

Statewide Ballot Measure – *Proposition 118*

State Legislative – *State Senator District 14*

The master precinct and race selection lists are attached for review. Precincts #37 SV Ramsey and #41 SV Village Meadows were selected for the hand count. The physical hand count started at 3:00 p.m. on November 7, 2012 and adjourned for the day at 5:30 p.m. The hand count resumed on November 9, 2012 at 9:00a.m. and concluded at 1:30p.m. The tabulation method used was the stacking method. The hand count was conducted by 3 boards made up of 3 members. This hand count included votes cast on the optical scan devices from the selected precincts. There were 10 discrepancies found in the hand count of these two (2) precincts for a margin absolute margin of .0406%. All discrepancies were found to be related to the Hand Count Board's ability to determine voter intent as compared to the machine count marking the ballots as an over vote or under vote.

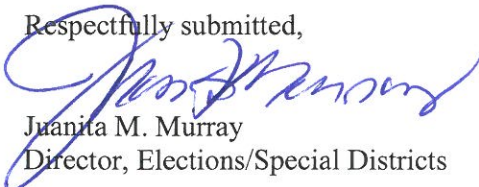
Early Ballot Audit:

One percent (1%) of the total early ballots received by Election Day were selected for the early ballot audit as per Arizona State Law. The early ballot audit consisted of one batch of 300 ballots (Batch A) as selected by lot by the County Party Representatives. There were a total of 26, 441 early ballots cast in Cochise County for the General Election. There were no discrepancies found in the hand count.

Comments:

There were no discrepancies in the early ballot audit. The discrepancies found in the precinct hand count were attributed to the ability of the Hand Count Board to determine voter intent. No further action was warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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COCHISE COUNTY

MASTER LIST OF ALL CONTESTED RACES

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Race: Presidential Elector

Race: Corporation Commissioner

Race: U.S. Representative

Race: State Senator

Race: Proposition 118

COCHISE COUNTY

MASTER PRECINCT AND RACE SELECTION WORKSHEET

Election: General Election

Election Date: November 6, 2012

Hand Count Date: November 7, 2012

SECTION A: SELECTED PRECINCTS LISTED IN ORDER SELECTED

- 1) 37 SV Ramsey
- 2) 41 SV Village Meadows

SECTION B: NUMBER OF RACES TO BE COUNTED PER CATEGORY

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

SECTION C: RACES TO BE COUNTED

Races to be counted (Precinct)	Races to be Counted (Early Ballot Audit)
President Elector	President Elector
Corporation Commissioner	Corporation Commissioner
U.S. Representative – CD 2	U.S. Representative – CD 2
State Senator	State Senator
Proposition 118	Proposition 118

AGGREGATE - PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL PRECINCTS

Election: AMENDED 11/26/12 Cochise County – General Election – November 6, 2012

Race Category: State Legislature

Race: State Senator – District 14

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
37 SV Ramsey	437	437	0
41 SV Village Meadows	643	643	0
Totals:	1080	1080	

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: Presidential Elector

Race: Presidential Elector

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
37 SV Ramsey	460	460	0
41 SV Village Meadows	666	664	2
Totals:	1126	1124	2

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

.1779 %

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
37 SV Ramsey	1118	1120	4
41 SV Village Meadows	1662	1653	9
Totals:	2780	2773	13

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

.4688 %

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure

Race: Proposition 118

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
37 SV Ramsey	401	401	0
41 SV Village Meadows	609	608	1
Totals:	1010	1009	1

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

.0991 %

Race Category: Federal Candidate

Race: U.S. Representative – District 2

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
37 SV Ramsey	444	444	0
41 SV Village Meadows	660	660	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Additional Comments: _____

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Precinct Counted: 37 SV Ramsey

Race Category: Presidential Elector

Race: Presidential Elector

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Romney / Ryan	348	348	0
Obama / Biden	94	94	0
Johnson / Gray	12	12	0
Stein / Honkala	6	6	0
Total	460	460	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: 37 SV Ramsey

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Bitter Smith	257	257	0
Burns	253	253	0
Stump	261	262	1
Busching	79	79	0
Kennedy	104	104	0
Newman	98	97	1
Gohl	30	30	0
Meadows	20	22	2
Pout	16	16	0
Total	1118	1120	4

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: Hand count board was able to determine voter intent.

Precinct Counted: 37 SV Ramsey

Race Category: Federal Candidate

Race: U.S. Representative – District 2

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
McSally	323	323	0
Barber	121	121	0
			0
Totals:	444	444	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: 37 SV Ramsey

Race Category: State Legislature

Race: State Senator – District 14

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Griffin	335	335	0
Fleming	102	102	0
			0
Totals:	437	437	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: 37 SV Ramsey

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure

Race: Proposition 118

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	227	227	0
No	174	174	0
Totals:	401	401	0

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Precinct Counted: 41 SV Village Meadows

Race Category: Presidential Elector

Race: Presidential Elector

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Romney / Ryan	481	479	2
Obama / Biden	174	174	0
Johnson / Gray	10	10	0
Stein / Honkala	1	1	0
Total	666	664	2

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: Hand count board was able to determine voter intent on ballots machine counted as over or under votes.

Precinct Counted: 41 SV Village Meadows

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Bitter Smith	356	354	2
Burns	366	364	2
Stump	389	388	1
Busching	139	138	1
Kennedy	160	159	1
Newman	171	169	2
Gohl	36	36	0
Meadows	29	29	0
Pout	16	16	0
Total	1662	1653	9

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: Hand count board was able to determine voter intent.

Precinct Counted: 41 SV Village Meadows

Race Category: Federal Candidate

Race: U.S. Representative – District 2

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
McSally	486	486	0
Barber	174	174	0
			0
Totals:	660	660	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: 41 SV Village Meadows

Race Category: State Legislature

Race: State Senator – District 14

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Griffin	474	474	0
Fleming	169	169	0
			0
Totals:	643	643	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: 41 SV Village Meadows

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure

Race: Proposition 118

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	332	332	0
No	277	276	1
Totals:	609	608	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred Machine counted one no vote as an overvote.

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

Election: Cochise County General Election – November 6, 2012

Race Category: Presidential Elector

Race: Presidential Elector

	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Batch A	300	300	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner

	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Batch A	824	824	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: Federal Candidate

Race: U.S. Representative – District 2

	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Batch A	295	295	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: State Legislature

Race: State Senator – District 14

	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Batch A	291	291	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure

Race: Proposition 118

	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Batch A	270	270	0
Totals:			

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

Additional Comments: _____

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Precinct Counted: Batch A

Race Category: Presidential Elector

Race: Presidential Elector

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Romney / Ryan	224	224	0
Obama / Biden	73	73	0
Johnson / Gray	1	1	0
Stein / Honkala	2	2	0
Total	300	300	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: Batch A

Race Category: Statewide Candidate

Race: Corporation Commissioner

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Bitter Smith	199	199	0
Burns	194	194	0
Stump	200	200	0
Busching	71	71	0
Kennedy	72	72	0
Newman	73	73	0
Gohl	5	5	0
Meadows	5	5	0
Pout	5	5	0
Total	224	224	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: Batch A

Race Category: Federal Candidate

Race: U.S. Representative - District 2

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
McSally	219	219	0
Barber	76	76	0
Totals:	295	295	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: Batch A

Race Category: State Legislature

Race: State Senator - District 14

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Griffin	218	218	0
Fleming	73	73	0
Totals:	291	291	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Precinct Counted: Batch A

Race Category: Statewide Ballot Measure

Race: Proposition 118

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Yes	151	151	0
No	119	119	0
Totals:	270	270	0

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