

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: September 12, 2008

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Clerk of the Board

TOMMIE C. MARTIN
Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer
Deputy Clerk

SHIRLEY L. DAWSON
Member

Gila County Courthouse
Globe, Arizona

PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman (via telephone conference call); Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman (via telephone conference call); Shirley L. Dawson, Member; Jacque Griffin, Assistant County Manager/County Librarian; Dixie Mundy, Elections Director; David Rogers, Elections Specialist; and, Marilyn Brewer, Deputy Clerk.

Item 1 – Call to Order

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Emergency Session at 3:00 p.m. this date. Chairman Sanchez stated that Supervisor Dawson would be the acting chairman for this meeting as he was calling in from out of town and Vice-Chairman Martin was calling in from Payson. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Dawson.

Item 2 - Information/Discussion/Action to amend the canvass of write-in votes for the September 2, 2008, Primary Election and declare the results official.

Chairman Dawson stated that this emergency meeting was called to amend the canvass of write-in votes for the September 2, 2008, Primary Election and to declare the results official. She then called on Dixie Mundy, Elections Director. Ms. Mundy stated that the purpose for this emergency meeting was to address the write-in votes cast. In reviewing the tallied write-in votes, it was determined that there were write-in votes, which had been cast for write-in candidates that had not been included in the tally. These write-in votes in question were cast on early ballots. On Saturday, August 30, 2008, the votes were tallied for all the early ballots that had been prepared up to that point, which means all the ballots were scanned and the votes appearing on those

ballots were counted. In a write-in situation, the write-in votes must be tallied by hand as it is not done on the electronic voting system. All the early ballots that contained write-ins were put in a unique container and placed in the vault where all the early ballots are stored. On September 6, 2008, the Elections Department continued counting all remaining early ballots, provisional ballots and any other ballots that needed to be counted to finish the election. That was also the day that the Elections Department intended to count all of the early write-in votes appearing on early ballots; however, that particular container was not brought out of the vault and added to the counting process. That's where the bulk of the votes for State Senate candidate Bill Jeffers did appear. In determining that fact, the Elections Department continued counting early write-in votes for Mr. Jeffers and any other candidates that appeared on those ballots this morning, which was concluded before noon. Ms. Mundy provided an updated write-in candidate vote summary page for the Board and indicated that those with an asterisk show the change in votes cast as was counted this morning and is as follows: In Legislative District No. 5, Bill Jeffers did receive, in addition to the 411 votes that had previously been counted, an additional 488 votes on these write-in ballots; for Precinct Committeeman in the Globe 11 District, C. G. Makrov received 1 vote, which previously had been 0; for Precinct Committeeman in Payson 1 District, June Dudley received 1 write-in vote, which previously had been 0; for Precinct Committeeman in Payson 8 District, Janet R. Williams received 1 write-in vote, which previously had been 0; and, for U. S. Representative in Congress for Congressional District No. 1, Thane Eichenauer received 1 additional vote. Ms. Mundy stated that these are the changes based on the hand tally of write-in votes that was conducted this morning. Chairman Dawson thanked Ms. Mundy for catching this mistake. For the record, Bryan Chambers, Chief Deputy County Attorney, advised of the reason this meeting was held on an emergency basis. He explained that the Secretary of State sent an e-mail indicating that this amended canvass had to be submitted to her Office today, so the meeting could not have waited until Monday when the Board could have conducted its meeting with 24 hours notice of that meeting being provided to the public. Ms. Mundy stated that her office contacted the Secretary of State's Office yesterday afternoon and their guidance was that according to Arizona Revised Statutes, counties must provide their canvass to the Secretary of State no later than the 10th day after the election, which is today. The State canvass will be conducted Monday afternoon so in order to prepare for that, the Secretary of State's Office must have Gila County's amended canvass today. Ms. Mundy will fax the letter that Chairman Dawson will sign as the certification and a copy of the amended results today and then she will personally drive the original letter down to the Secretary of State's Office on Monday morning to ensure that it does arrive there before the State canvass is conducted. Upon motion by Supervisor Sanchez, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the results of the amended canvass of write-in votes for the September 2, 2008, Primary Election and declared the results official. **(A**

copy of the amended election results is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Dawson adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

APPROVED:

Shirley Dawson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk