

***MINTUES
OF THE
LA PAZ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Tuesday, May 24, 2016, 2:00 p.m.
Special Meeting***

Chairman Irwin called the May 24, 2016, special meeting of the La Paz County Board of Supervisors to order at 2:00 p.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads present were: Chairman Irwin, Supervisor Wilson (telephonically), Supervisor Clapperton, County Administrator/Clerk of the Board Field, Elections Director Scholl, School Superintendent Price; and Deputy Clerk of the Board Green.

Approve the canvass of the Tuesday, May 17, 2016, Special Election – Elections

Elections Director Scholl stated he was present to obtain approval of the Tuesday, May 17, 2016, Special Election canvass as required by the Secretary of State.

He reported at length on the numbers of voters at the various precincts and the results, noting a “poor turnout” at 25.1%, which was typical of these types of elections.

He noted that the cost of the special election would be approximately \$35,000; however, that would be fully reimbursed by the state. He explained that the Presidential Preference Election (PPE) ran \$33,218, which ran several hundred dollars over the amount the state would pay for this election, which was at \$3.50 per voter.

He gave a breakdown of PPE elections costs, estimating the cost per voter to be approximately \$13.00; and \$17.00 per voter for the special election.

He added that, with the small turnouts in the rural areas, he felt it would be a significant costs savings if elections could be conducted by mail; however, that is not currently allowable by the state.

Supervisor Clapperton asked what the OS and TSX ballot machines were.

Elections Director Scholl explained that OS stood for the optical scan machine, which takes and reads and counts the ballot; and the TSX is the touch screen version, for “accessible voting”, which never became popular with the public.

He added that new elections equipment will need to be purchased for FY2016/2017 as the equipment is aging and will no longer be technically supported.

CHAIRMAN IRWIN MOVED to approve the canvass of the Tuesday, May 17, 2016, Special Election. Motion seconded by Supervisor Clapperton, passed unanimously.

