



Coconino County Republican Committee (CCRC)
General Meeting
10-12pm, September 14, 2024
Montoya Adult Center Thorpe Park Flagstaff, AZ

1. **Call to Order @ 10:06 a.m.** There were 34 in Attendance.
2. **Invocation:** Doreen Holtje
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Merle Henderson
4. **Reading and Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:** Agenda was approved for today. Previous meeting minutes were approved.
5. **Welcome and Introductions:** Bill Culbertson welcomed everyone to the meeting. Executive Board was introduced.
6. **Credentials Committee Report and Declaration of Quorum:** A quorum was not declared and no voting took place.
7. **Rules Committee Report:** Skipped, nothing to report.
8. **Reports of Officers or Standing Committees:**
 - a) **Alisa Badenhorst, Treasurer:** Treasury has \$3,288.74. All bills are paid.
 - b) **Doreen Holtje, First Chair:** updates on Trump Captain using Sidekick. Let her know if you're not calling so she can get phone numbers to others. Doreen will give you a list of 10 people to call. She has shirts and badges to give you when go out knocking on doors. "Too Big To Rig" - vote early!

There is a Trump Force 47 office now on the corner of Birch and Aspen. Thanks to Merle for decorating the office! About 30 people a day come in to see and talk.

- c) **Merle Henderson, Second Chair:** "United We Stand!" Merle thanked everyone for putting up and tearing down the booth at the county fair. Registered many voters, Turning Point-USA and Young Republicans were there. We did a good job! Showed our unity in the party. Joe Donaldson (who couldn't make it today-he's feeling under the weather, and

we all wish him a speedy recovery), is going to do a training of the new process of voter registration the first of October. More details will be sent out by Joe.

- d) **Joan Harris, Third Chair:** There was a viewing for the Trump-Harris debate at the new office. They have a ton of materials. You'll find tee shirts, bumper stickers, hats, yard signs, and lots of palm cards, golden tickets, etc.! We need volunteers! We need morning and afternoon shifts. The office is open 10-5 p.m. each day Monday-Saturday. Contact Joan to sign up with Joan volunteer at the office. They want 3 people each shift (2 shifts each day from 10-1:30 and 1:30-5). Joan said, *"It's very rewarding to talk to people who come in."*
- e) **Bill, Chair:** He bring the PC certificates to the meetings so come get yours. Margaret (Secretary) couldn't make it today, so Kris Culbertson offered to take minutes.

9. Unfinished Business: None mentioned today.

10. New Business: None other than shared (see above)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dianne Ortiz-Parsons, CJ Parsons, Mary Fritsche with ACPA- Arizona Conservative Policy Alliance

"Educate, Engage, Unite"

They presented a PowerPoint presentation with fact and statistics about voting in AZ.

Rather than say "Golden Ticket" because people don't know what that means, use the terminology "Republican Voter Guide."

In 2022: 325K (1/3) of AZ Republicans did not vote!

32K republicans didn't vote for Governor's race and Kari Lake lost by only 17K votes.

VOTE EARLY THIS ELECTION! *AZ is expecting historic voting turnout and lines of up to 2 hours or more in Maricopa County.*

*Vote early to avoid adjudication issues. Early votes can be corrected in time for the election counts. Examples of issues are no signature or date on drop-off ballots/mailed in ballots, person used wrong envelope (for instance using your husband's envelope). ***Vote within 2 weeks of receiving your ballot!****

The process used to deal with adjudication issues is the Recorder's office is they will call, then email, then use snail mail to contact a person and this all can take time.

Do not MAIL your BALLOTS! "Run Back" occurs whereby your ballot goes to Phoenix and then back to your county, or similar process depending on which county you are in.

Elections office believes it takes 2-3 days to process 1 drop-off ballot with day-of voting. Not a good option.

"SINGLE SHOT VOTING-DON'T DO IT" this refers to only voting for one candidate when you can vote for 2 or 3. **This gives a seat to a Democrat!** If you can vote for 2 republicans, vote for 2, if you can vote for 3 republicans, vote for 3. **"The worst Republican is better than the "Best" Democrat".**

If someone tells you "I'm not voting for Trump because...he's too mean, etc." remind them that his policies worked:

- Supports 1 & 2nd Amendment Rights
- Secured the Border
- Unborn babies protected
- Supported Law Enforcement
- Defended America

Governor Hobbs is vetoing election integrity bills passed by legislature!

Eslir Musta, Elections Director for Coconino County. Whitney Juszczak, Assistant Elections Director for Coconino County.

Eslir:

1. The ballot is 19" long. In some places (like Page, AZ) there will be 2 pages.
2. Chain of custody on election night for Coconino County is conducted by the Sheriff's office or 2 bipartisan election board workers (EBW).
3. Expecting huge voter turn-out for federal and local voting.
4. They are doing voter outreach: 20-25 minutes for uninformed &, unexperienced voters, what to do if there are increased long lines issues. They are making efforts to inform voters for this election using the "Understand & Plan."
5. There are 34-37 choices on the ballot this election depending on your precinct.
6. Oct. 7- last day to register to vote in the November election.
7. You can use the ["MY AZ VOTE"](#) to check your registration if you're not sure if you're registered.
8. Coconino County Elections dept., check their website for full language of voter ballots. Research ahead of time so you're prepared for day-of voting. Except for Page, AZ., the Coconino County ballot will be one page long back and front.

Whitney:

1. Whitney brought sample ballots, flyers for their "Elections Info Tour." You can join Coconino County Elections officials for Q&A sessions in Page on 9/25- 1 p.m.(48 S. Lake Powell Blvd,3 p.m (699 S. Navajo Dr.,5:30 p.m. 697 Vista Ave.), and 9/26, 9 a.m.(475 S. Lake Powell Blvd.)
2. Key Election Dates: 10/7- Last Day to Register to Vote, 10/9- Early Ballots Mailed, 10/25- Last Day to Request Early Ballot, 11/1-Last Day to Vote Early in Person, 11/5- Election Day, polls open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
3. ID requirements at the polls: State issued ID, Tribal Enrollment ID, Arizona Mobile ID, and more.
4. Vote Centers in Coconino County: Flagstaff Aquaplex, Flagstaff Downtown Library, East Flagstaff Library, Flagstaff Subura, Coco Community College, Shrine of the Ages (Grand Canyon), Page City Hall, Museum of N. Az (Flagstaff), Grace Community Church (Flagstaff), S. Beaver School, NAU, Christ's Church of Flagstaff, Calvary Bible Church (Flagstaff), Leupp LDS Church (Leupp), Tuba City High School (Tube City), Northwoods Church (Williams).
5. Polling Places are PRECINCT ONLY; Vote Centers are not precinct only and have BOD (Ballot on Demand) capability.
6. There are 38 polling places and 15 vote centers in Coconino County.
7. You do not have to vote 100% of your ballot if you don't want to. All of your ballot will be accepted for those you did vote for.
8. "Express Vote" machines are available at any out of precinct voting (vote centers) and this machine provides translation in Spanish, English, Navajo, and Hopi.
9. There are 75 precincts in Coconino County
10. They see "under votes" where person could have voted for more available (e.g. could vote for 3 and voted for 2). These will be counted. They also see "over votes" person voted for more than was allowed. NONE of that vote will count.
11. Made a mistake on your early or day-of ballot? You can request up to 2 more-a total of 3 chances to vote.
12. Recorder's office picks up early ballots in drop-off locations daily.

Eslir:

1. They need POLL WORKERS and ELECTION BOARD WORKERS (EBW). You can think of it as your "civil duty." It is an important role. Not too late to be an EBW. You might get paid for this position. You can sign up as late as 10/15 but maybe later if there is a need. They desperately need people to travel to the Navajo and Hopi Nations.
2. Poll observers are welcome. They want transparency and checks and balances. This is how they fix problems for future elections and address misconceptions, issues, etc.
3. They are sending 478 voting booths to try to take care of expected voter turnout.
4. They are expecting 14-18K voters turning out but could be up to 24K and more.
5. They have modified their trainings for Poll Workers and EBW workers to be ready for this election.
6. Every effort is being made so there is no voting issues on election day.

7. Express voting machines have been upgraded with more RAM to operate more functionally.
8. There is going to be an interview from "Voice of America" an international broadcaster, focusing on Havasupai voting as there are unique circumstances for that tribe to vote.
9. You can't see who has voted early, but you can see # of voters who have voted by precinct.

LET'S HEAR FROM THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AT THE MEETING:

Bob Thorpe: We need to be the outspoken party and often we're not. With Independent votes we have a chance to win in Flagstaff offices. There is a coupon book that was sent out in Flagstaff. Check out page 6 to see Bob, B.K., Jim, and Larry! Bob has yard signs, bumper stickers, and business cards. He is traveling all over Coconino County to get the word out! "Our candidates NEED our support! Throw a "party" for them and invite your neighbors and friends."

B.J. Dempsey: He is running for Board of Supervisors in District #4. Board we have now mandated school closures. Children were hurt the Board of Supervisors!

Jim Parks: Running for School Board. He brought swag that Vickie made. Please join us for the School Board Candidate Public Forum on 9/26, 6-7 p.m. @ Flagstaff High School, Hurley Auditorium. DEI? Like it?

Larry Shug: Running for Board of Supervisors, District 1. "We need all the help we can get! Independents, Republicans, Democrats to vote for us. Talk to your neighbors!"

11. Announcements: None

12. Motion to Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.