

06/09/2023 – Agenda Item 4

When remodeling the Registrar's office yet again, consideration should be given to the different conditions of observation. Observation of polling locations as stipulated in our statutes does not pertain to the processing center because it does not involve "voter" activity. So, rather than wasting valuable real estate within the processing center on a fish tank and media area, why not just change the hallway wall to glass like the ones across the hall in the Recorder's office? The public can be free to roam the hallway as they like without having to rely on staff to let them in or out. This also creates a much more secure area without media interference and no required signing of forms, etc.

Furthermore, the atrium should absolutely NOT be utilized as a polling location. It is the most unsecured place for confidentiality and control of processing voters. It should be moved to the conference room of building C.

Before buying into the line that population growth being a factor in increased voter registration, you might want to check that against the 2020 census data. It just isn't adding up.

There is absolutely no reason Washoe can't send postcards out NOW to verify their voter lists in order to reduce the waste of election materials and to ensure voters are legitimate.

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This is from an IT (Information Technology) and Project Management view point. Although it might be supported by various organizations or "clubs", this is an observation of my many years of either being audited or auditing IT entities.

Maintain voter registry lists – the following was not accomplished:

- a. Prepare and maintain a list of actual active and inactive voters
- b. Organize and conduct the annual canvass of voters to ascertain residency
- c. Remove from the list electors who move from the voting district, die, or are disenfranchised
- d. Participate in recanvassing in the event of a voting discrepancy – many people were surveyed by community members that said they DID NOT vote, but they are tagged as having voted!!!
- e. Prepare list of overseas voters who are not on the registry list – there were people who took the extra effort but in the end their vote was not registered
- f. Proper follow up on those people who reported that they voted but they are not showing up as having voted.

2. Appoint and train an adequate number of election poll workers and ROV staff: This was not accomplished.

- a. Polling locations were under staffed
- b. Subject Matter Experts who actually knew what the procedure or process was for anomalies or how to obtain the answer was lacking.
- c. Follow up "Root Cause Analysis" with the ROV staff and Election workers on the issues and irregularities that occurred and how to address them with the next election cycle.

1. How to appropriately handle a voter who comes in with ID to "in-person" vote and they were already tagged as having mailed in a ballot. This is identity theft and police should have been called and a report written. If this was done – there has not been information provided to the public.
2. How to suitably handle any "drop-off" ballots that were placed into the drop-off box that had not been scanned into system. This happened and an incident report should have been completed, but was not. Beside not being scanned into the system these ballots did not have a "receipt" stamp.

3. Supervise all poll works on the day of election: This was not accomplished.

a. On-site oversee of each polling station. Although there were some seasoned poll workers and poll worker leads, they didn't possess the in-depth handling since the 'Universal Everyone dead or alive or actually legal voter' propagation of vote by mail effort.

4. Ensure the proper maintenance, transportation, storage, and preparation of voting machines, laptop computers and peripherals. While the transportation and storage did not appear to have a deficiency, the maintenance of equipment was lacking.

a. Appoint more than one person to maintain the machine mechanics and technical equipment – there seemed to be only one person to handle all election sites on election day, he logically and logistically could not be at all sites.

b. Reliable contingency plans in the event of machine, computer and/or peripherals malfunctions – several locations were not functioning for hours resulting in long lines.

c. Inadequate training for election officials on the machines' operation, laptop computers and peripherals

d. Inadequate oversight on the live stream video (although stated as a "curtesy" and threatened to be taken away if people complain) – the transparency is paramount in this day and age to guarantee the integrity and accountability of our elections – as stated in the ROV mission statement. Although it was affirmed that no one entered the ballot room or Registrar's Office during the time that the courtesy livestream was down – were there people who had not left the room – how are we to know what happened while the cameras were dark?

5. Ensure the accuracy of the ballots – this was VERY POORLY done

a. Ballots were sent out in error not once but twice.

b. Improper follow up and notification to those receiving the errored ballots

c. The cost of the ballot error has not been accounted for or published.

d. Proper handling and accounting of the ballots that were in error.

e. Dishonesty about the ballots that were in error.

6. Overall Security of the system

a. All poll workers used the same user signon & password – this may have been done in the past, but to ensure data integrity, follow-up and accountability this is a very poor practice, any IT professional would be up in arms.

2022 Primary take aways:

Why are Audit's important? An audit is important as it provides credibility to a set of financial or data statements or processes and procedures and gives the shareholders confidence that the accounts are true, fair and credible. It can also help to improve an entity's internal controls and systems.

Software audits are not only the necessary evil that entities need to conduct at some point. They are also a great opportunity to focus on the current state of your product/software/infrastructure and adjust it to business, legal, security, accuracy and user requirements. But we are aware that this is not allowed with the Dominion machines.

Procedure audits can evaluate compliance procedures, security policies, user access control, risk management procedure and entity's policy, procedure and processes.

Process audits - evaluates whether a process and its resources are being managed effectively and helps determine if specific business objectives are being achieved.

I would like to address the incompetence in procedure and process of the 2022 election "primary season" held in Washoe:

- using the same colored ballot bags to transport items other than ballots; □
- the chain of custody concerns via the USPS;
- the lack of Poll workers; □
- if you were lucky enough to be selected - inadequate poll worker training; □
- the abysmal "chain of custody" handling of the unsolicited mail in ballots;
- □ the anomalies of those who voted but they are not reported as having voted;
- the fact that people are allowed to register without proper id that they truly are Nevada residents;
- people were inadvertently either removed from the roles or switched to non-partisan; □
- the cost of a 6 week process that could be handled in less time and cost;
- Why local resources are not used for hiring Poll Workers or printing of materials;
- Quality of printed ballots and the need to place party affiliation on the ballot
- 2022-07-12 comments at the Washoe County Commissioner meeting

We have CABS (community advisory boards), could the commissioners explore creating Election advisory boards to conduct these audits and help identify and remedy these process and procedure deficiencies?

Quickly I want to say the Primary Poll workers were polite and courteous!

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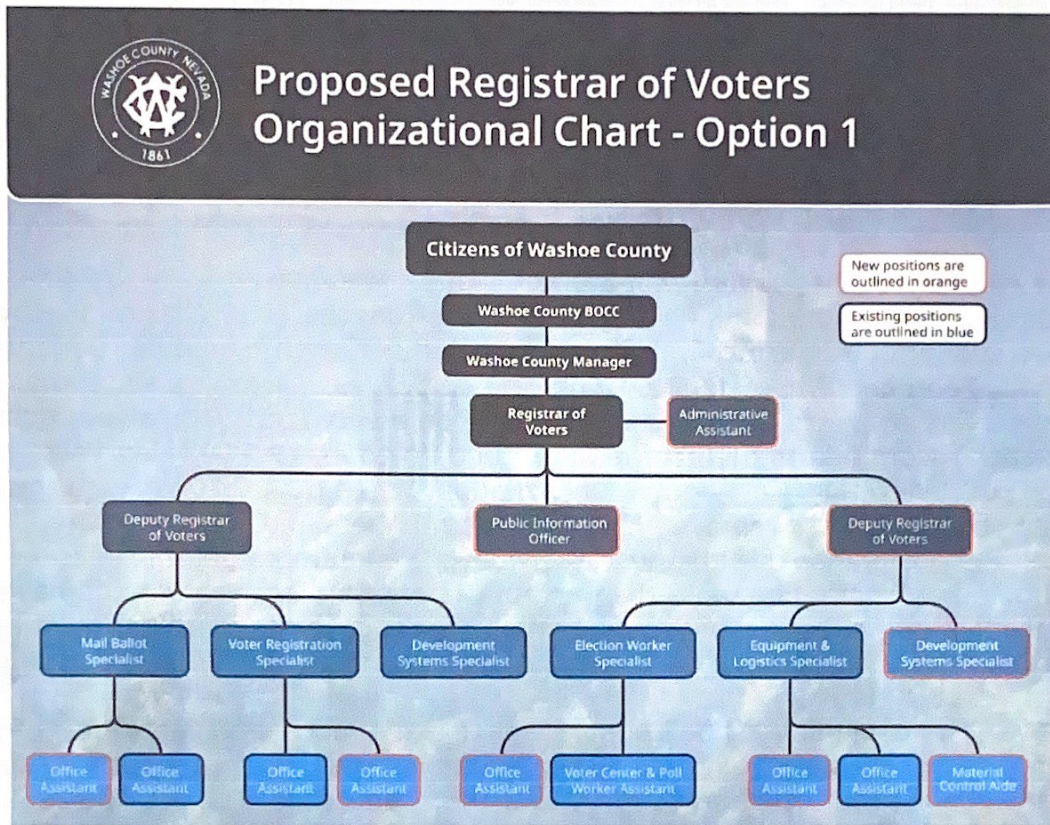
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We've been complaining of the mismatch of numbers as reported by the RoV's office and the voter rolls we get in trying to reconcile these differences for over 2 years.

Page 19: "Detailed and accurate information on the issues was not identified nor communicated effectively among the primary stakeholders. This increased public confusion, brought scrutiny and eroded trust." Yep!

Page 21: "Ballot chain of custody and security is a key component of intake and collection practices. The chain of custody should be in line with ballot processing and include utility for reconciliation and accounting, rather than simply to demonstrate they are counted."

There was no mention in this report of the breaking of chain of custody on the last day of early voting or on election day for both the Primary and General elections.

There were reports of "individuals" dropping off ballots when by law it's required to have 2 people.

Reports of polling place managers being told to "stay in your vehicle" and then security guards would take the bags of ballots into the RoV area WITHOUT chain of custody counting and verification of ballot counts in the bags, verification of the proper seals etc. The very fact that someone took possession of the bags of ballots and did not sign a count verification is a violation of the entire process making it untrusted. While nothing nefarious "probably" happened, that the opportunity existed at all is troubling.

Election ballot processing observers:

The report points out that a better "observation" station needs to be designed and the public should be involved in the process.

This goes back to the lack of transparency and the animosity towards the public. We could not see if signature matching was even close and that the public would not be allowed to see if it was because, and fill in the blank with NO discussion on how they could make it work, no observation of adjudication or duplication, only cameras so far away from the tabulators that other than seeing someone putting a pile of ballots in the machine had no way of knowing if they were doing it correctly, if ballots were being added or taken out or even being run 2 or even 3 times.

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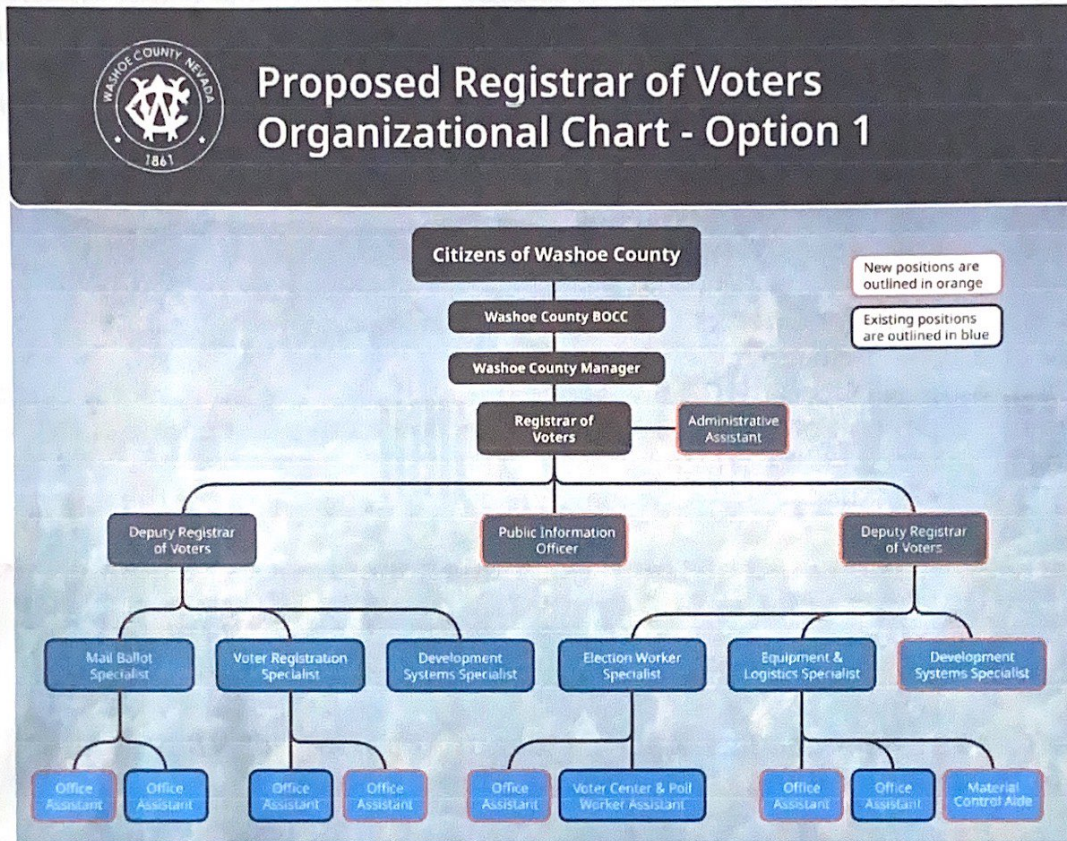
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