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Elections Administrator

COLORADO COUNTY
ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

Colorado County Courthouse Annex
318 Spring Street, Suite 101
Columbus, Texas 78934

Meeting of the Colorado County Election Board
August 03, 2023

Present: Judge Ty Prause, County Clerk Kimberly Menke, Rebecka LaCourse - Election Administrator, and Wayne Lefferd – Democratic Chair.

Absent: Sheriff R.H. Wied, Tom Kelley – Republican Chair

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m. (delayed to extended Commissioner's Court) by Rebecka LaCourse – Election Administrator

Board Discussion:

B. Appointment of Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and Members (87.002) will stay as appointed by Commissioner's Court for a two-year term on August 1, 2022 – August 1, 2024.

C. Discussion of opportunity to consolidate election day precincts (42.0051. 42.008). It was found that it was in the voter's best interest to open all polling locations within the county for the November 07, 2023, election.

D. Discussion of Early Voting locations, branch locations and hours. HB1217 requires, after September 01, 2023, that the main early voting location (Annex) must be open for at least 12 consecutive hours for the last 2 days of early voting. It was found that it was in the voter's best interest to keep branch early voting locations hours consistent with the main early voting location.

A. Procuring and allocating supplies as necessary for all 11 election day locations and 3 early voting locations with extended hours.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attached: Documentation reviewed by board including Constitutional Amendment Chart of voter turnout, Constitutional Amendment Proposition titles on the November Ballot, Number of Registered Voters by ballot Style, Appointments of Workers/Boards, and Secretary of state extended hours advisories.



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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COLORADO COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the County Election Board will be held on Thursday, August 03, 2023 @ 3:30 pm in the Colorado County Courthouse Conference room, located at 400 Spring St., Columbus, TX 78934

At this time, the board will discuss the November 7, 2023 General Election and necessary recommendations and appointments as per election code 51.002 (HB2800).

Board Discussion/Agenda:

- A. Discuss procuring and allocating supplies needed for Election (51.003)
- B. Appoint Early Voting Ballot Board Judge / Members (5) (87.002)
- C. Recommendation for consolidation of precincts in special elections. (42.0051, 42.008)
- D. Discuss main Early Voting locations, branch locations, and hours (HB 1217)

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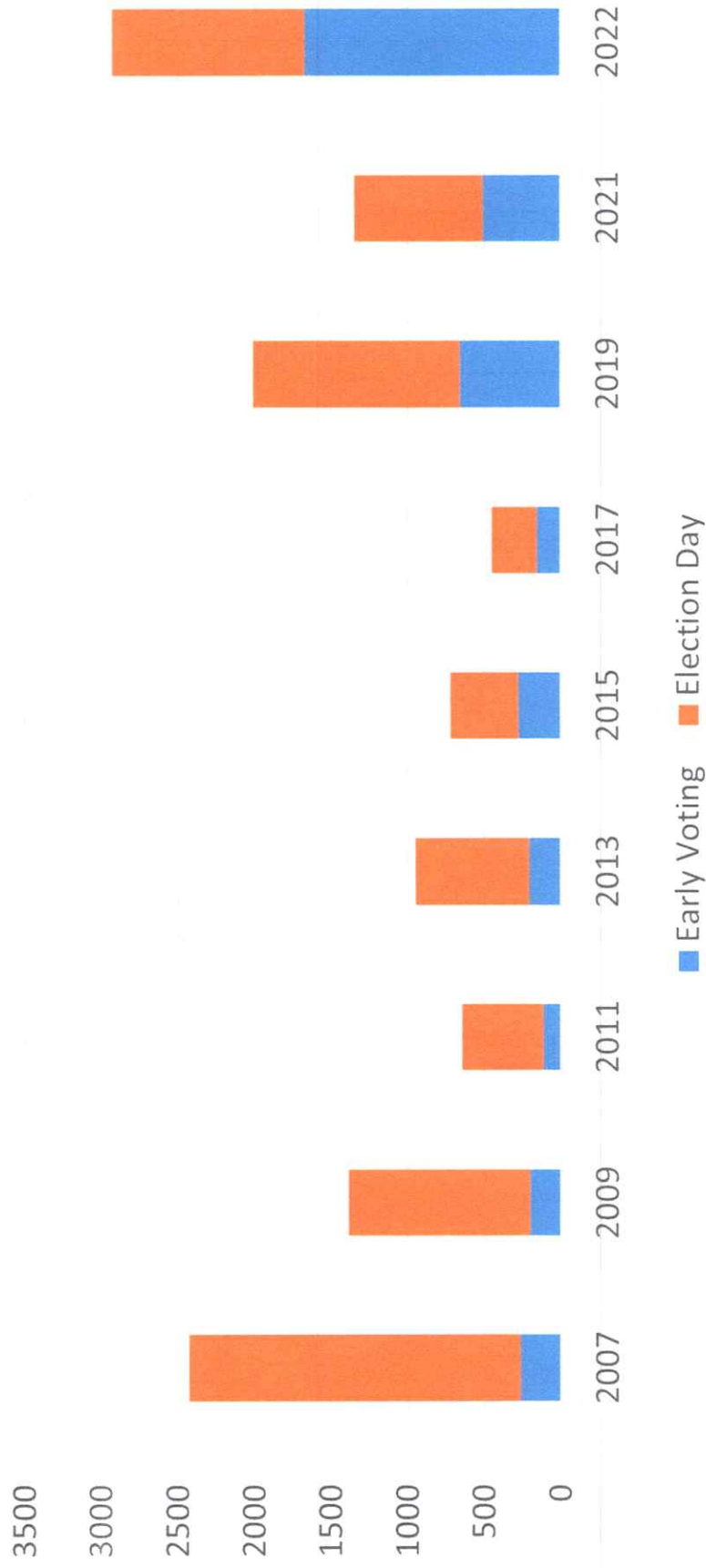
Signed and Dated July 13, 2023

Rebecka LaCourse, Chair, Election Board

Elections Administrator

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chap. 551, the Election Board may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific sections of Government code, Chap. 551 which provides statutory authority will be announced.

Constitutional Amendment Elections



*2007 had several propositions in regards to property tax * 2019 had a proposition in regards to state income tax * 2022 was in conjunction with a local bond election & property tax propositions.

On the ballot

Type	Title	Description
LRCA	<u>Abolish Galveston County Treasurer Amendment</u>	Abolishes the Galveston County treasurer
LRCA	<u>Authorize Bond Issues in Conservation and Reclamation Districts in El Paso County Amendment</u>	Authorizes the state legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to allow the county to issue bonds to fund parks and recreational facilities
LRCA	<u>Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Teacher Retirement System Amendment</u>	Authorizes the state legislature to make cost-of-living adjustments or other benefit enhancements to eligible annuitants of the teacher retirement system
LRCA	<u>Creation of State Energy Fund Amendment</u>	Creates the Texas Energy Fund and authorizes funding to modernize electric generation facilities
LRCA	<u>Creation of the Broadband Infrastructure Fund Amendment</u>	Creates the Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund to finance high-speed broadband access
LRCA	<u>Creation of the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund Amendment</u>	Creates the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund
LRCA	<u>Creation of the Water Fund Amendment</u>	Creates the Texas Water Fund to finance water projects
LRCA	<u>Increase Mandatory Retirement Age for State Judges Amendment</u>	Increases the mandatory retirement age for state judges from 75 to 79
LRCA	<u>Prohibit Taxes on Wealth or Net Worth Amendment</u>	Prohibit a wealth or net worth tax
LRCA	<u>Property Tax Changes and State Education Funding Amendment</u>	Increase homestead tax exemption to \$100,000 and increase state funding for public education
LRCA	<u>Property Tax Exemption for Childcare Facilities Amendment</u>	Allow local governments to exempt childcare facilities from property taxes
LRCA	<u>Rename State University Research Fund and Establish Ongoing Revenue Source Amendment</u>	Renames the National Research University Fund to the Texas University Fund and establishes an ongoing revenue source from the accrued interest of the economic stabilization fund
LRCA	<u>Right to Farming, Ranching, Timber Production, Horticulture, and Wildlife Management Amendment</u>	Establishes a right to farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management in the state constitution
LRCA	<u>Tax Exemption on Medical Equipment and Inventory Amendment</u>	Authorizes an ad valorem tax exemption on equipment and inventory manufactured by medical or biomedical companies

Office of the Secretary of State
State of Texas
Ballot Style Report
COLORADO

Ballot Style # of Voters District Type|Code Precinct
Election ID - Name: 48312 - 2023 NOVEMBER 7TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CA only

BS2	7590	US CONGRESS - 10	101 - 101
			102 - 102
			103 - 103
			201 - 201
			202 - 202
			302 - 302
			305 - 305
			401 - 401
			402 - 402

Unincorporated
ESD

BS3	4020	EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT - ESD	101 - 101
		US CONGRESS - 10	201 - 201
			302 - 302
			303 - 303
			304 - 304
			305 - 305
			401 - 401
			402 - 402

ITS/ESD

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314

BS5	512	US CONGRESS - 10	101 - 101
		EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT - ESD	201 - 201
		CITY EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURIS - ETJ	305 - 305
			401 - 401

City/ESD

BS6	2176	CITY - COL	101 - 101
		EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT - ESD	305 - 305
		US CONGRESS - 10	

BS7	2	CITY - COL	401 - 401
		EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT - ESD	
		CITY EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURIS - ETJ	
		US CONGRESS - 10	

Total ESD Votes = 6,710

14,300 Total VR



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Regarding: Appointment of Precinct and Board Election Officials for the 2022-2024 Term

Dear Commissioner's

In accordance with the Texas Election Code (Secs. 32.031, 32.032, 32.033, 32.034, 31.051, 127.002, 127.003, 127.006) the following is a list of Election Officials who are willing to serve and meet eligibility requirements. All addresses and contact information are on file with the Election Administrator and Party Chairs

The Colorado County Republican Chair, Tom Kelley, submitted the attached names for the term beginning August 01, 2022 – August 01, 2024.

The Colorado County Democratic Chair, Wayne Lefferd, did not submit a list of election officials. The Elections Administrator has made a reasonable effort to consult with the chair regarding the failure to submit names. The Election Administrator has prepared a list (Sec. 32.002(d)) using affiliated party members, non partisen workers, and/or other workers who are willing to substitute in for the Democratic party.

Respectfully Submitted,


Rebecka LaCourse

Attached: Worker Assignment Spreadsheet

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Polling Location or Board	Position	Name	Party	Alternate(s)
101 Columbus/Glidden Emergency Services Facility	Presiding Judge	Donna Pustejovsky	R	Brenda Buhler
	Alt Judge	Laura Dorsey	D	Kathie Ridler
	Clerk	Patsy Goodwin	R	
	Clerk	Debbie Braden	R	
102 Rock Island Full Gospel Church Fellowship Hall	Presiding Judge	Roxanna Strickland	R	
	Alt Judge	Carol Noska	D	
	Clerk	Norma Nance	R	
	Clerk	Jon Klopf	D	
103 Garwood/Nada St. Mary's Community Center	Presiding Judge	Kimberly Kunz	R	James Jusica
	Alt Judge			
	Clerk	Scarlet Tate	R	
	Clerk	James Jusica		
201 Weimar Weimar City Hall	Presiding Judge	Terry Braun	R	
	Alt Judge	Mary Ann Peach	D	
	Clerk	Vikie Lewis	R	
	Clerk	David Mitchem	R	
202 Sheridan Sheridan Community Center	Presiding Judge	David Gohlke	R	Grady Lambert
	Alt Judge			Glenda Lambert
	Clerk	Ekira Gohlke	R	
	Clerk	Wanda Webb	R	
302 Frelsburg/Brushy St. Peter & Paul Dining Hall	Presiding Judge	Heidi May	R	Sandy Stpton
	Alt Judge	Ellen May	R	
	Clerk	Laura Kulhanke	R	
	Clerk	Lorri Chavet	R	
303 Mentz St. Roch's Fellowship Hall	Presiding Judge	Tamelyn Neundorff	R	Charlie Novosad
	Alt Judge	Wayne Hennekes	N	
	Clerk	Evelyn Orange	R	
	Clerk	Kim Vincent	R	
304 Bernardo Bernardo VFD	Presiding Judge	Greg Fore	R	Frank Robb
	Alt Judge	Michele Lawrence Willetta		
	Clerk	Randy Weddt	R	
	Clerk	Donna Vasut		
305 North Columbus/Shaws Bend Agriculture Building	Presiding Judge	Kathy Fleming	R	Kathleen Townzen
	Alt Judge	Gaynelle Stein	D	
	Clerk	Billy Kahn	D	
	Clerk	Cynthia Penney	R	
401 Altair/Alleyton Airport	Presiding Judge	Mary DiGiovanni	R	
	Alt Judge			
	Clerk	Jessica Coufal	R	
	Clerk	Brenda Buhler	R	
402 Eagle Lake Eagle Lake Community Center	Presiding Judge	Elizabeth (Betsy) Glaser	R	
	Alt Judge	Sandra Dawson	D	
	Clerk	Marta Garcia	D	
	Clerk	Vickie Kelley	R	
Central Count Colorado County Annex Starting at 6:00 p.m. Reconvene 11/15/2022 11/7/23 + 11/13/23	Presiding Judge	James (Jim) Billings	R	
	Alt Judge	Amber Becerra	D	
	Asst. Manager	Darilyn Henderson	N	
	Clerk	Raymie Kana	R	
	Clerk	Jackie Valenta	R	
	Clerk	Mary Jane Poentzsch	R	
	Security	Donnie Templeton		
Resolution and Write-In Board Starting at 6:00 p.m. 11/7/23	Presiding Judge	Laura Transau	R	
	Alt Judge	Sharise Lefferd	D	
	Clerk	Gloria McGoff	N	
Early Voting Ballot Board 11/4/22, 11/8/22, 11/15/22 11/3/23, 11/7/23, 11/13/23 (if required)	Presiding Judge	Lurlyn Neisner	R	
	Alt Judge	Mary Ellen Bolton	D	
	Clerk	Kathy Hurst		
	Clerk	Billie Rosenbaum		
	Clerk	Theres Kovar		

Retired

Extended Hours – Weekday

Primary, GESCO, Special Election Ordered by the Governor

NEW LAW: ALL Counties regardless of population size

- Primary election or the general election for state and county officers
 - The main early voting location must be open for **at least 12 consecutive hours each weekday of the last week of early voting**
 - No earlier than 6 AM or later than 10 PM
- Special election ordered by the Governor (November 2023 Constitutional Amendment Election):
 - The main early voting location must be **open for at least 12 consecutive hours for the last 2 days of early voting**
 - No earlier than 6 AM or later than 10 PM

[Sec. 85.005(c)]



Extended Hours – Weekend

Primary and GESCO

NEW LAW: ALL Counties regardless of population size

- Required weekend early voting for the primary election or the general election for state and county officers
 - At least 12 consecutive hours the last **Saturday** of early voting
 - No earlier than 6 AM or later than 10 PM
 - At least 6 consecutive hours the last **Sunday** of early voting
 - No earlier than 9 AM or later than 10 PM

[Sec. 85.006(e)]



Permanent Branch Locations

- Branch offices that are regularly maintained for conducting general clerical functions of the county clerk/elections administrator are required to serve as permanent branch early voting locations.
- Used only in countywide election in which the **county clerk/elections administrator is the EV clerk** under Sec. 83.002.
- Days and Hours: These polling locations keep the same hours and days as the main early voting polling place. (Sec. 85.063)
- **Exception to Use of Permanent Branches:**
 - Governing body may establish a temporary branch polling location to be used instead of a permanent branch location. (Sec. 85.061)

