

COLORADO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: November 16, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.
BUILDING: Colorado County Courthouse, District Courtroom, 2nd Floor
STREET LOCATION: 400 Spring Street
CITY OF LOCATION: Columbus, Texas

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DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

**On this the 16th day November 2020, the Commissioners Court of Colorado
County, Texas met in Special Session at 9:00 A.M., in the District Court Room
at the Colorado County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 400 Spring Street, in the
City of Columbus, Texas.**

The Following Members were present, to wit:

Honorable Ty Prause	County Judge
Honorable Doug Wessels	Commissioner Precinct #1
Honorable Darrell Kubesch	Commissioner Precinct #2
Honorable Tommy Hahn	Commissioner Precinct #3
Honorable Darrell Gertson	Commissioner Precinct #4
Honorable Kimberly Menke	County Clerk
By: Nancy Davenport	

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County Judge Ty Prause called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M., followed by Pledges to the United States Flag and Texas Flag.

__1. Agenda as posted.

Motion by Commissioner Wessels to approve Agenda; seconded by Commissioner Kubesch; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried; it was so ordered.

(See Attachment)

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DELIBERATE AND CONSIDER ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- ___1. Agenda as posted.
- ___2. Public comments.
- ___3. Canvass the November 3, 2020 General Election.
- ___4. Audience to the Barn Builders, Inc. regarding request for Colorado County to consider and approve a Proclamation to petition Governor Abbott to remove all COVID-19 restrictions on businesses.

- ___5. Adjourn.

The Colorado County Courthouse is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available.

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__2. Public comments.

Judge Prause stated there were (10) Public Comment Rules Forms completed, and those being: Carl Christensen, to address Agenda Items #2 and #4; Rodney X. Sturdivant, to address Agenda Items #2 and #4; Walt Glasscock, to address Agenda Item #2; Gaynelle Stein, to address Agenda Item #2; Stan Warfield, to address Agenda Item #4; Roy D. Williams, to address Agenda Item #4; Vince Leibowitz, to address Agenda Item #4; Mark Potter, to address Agenda Item #4; Bennie Zajicek, to address Agenda Item # 4 and James Ross, to address Agenda Item #4. Carl Christensen stated he is in favor of businesses being open 100% and people should not be in fear of this virus due to misinformation. He then introduced Rodney Sturdivant, scientist of Baylor, who spoke of several studies dealing with this virus.

Gaynelle Stein stated that she has helped with (2) elections and can say that the election was run very professional and there was no voter fraud.

Stan Warfield, JP #4 stated that he does not approve of this Proclamation for the public safety.

Vince Leibowitz was present and stated that he highly opposes the proclamation and thinks the county should continue to be cautious and wear mask.

(See Attachments)

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Public Participation Form

Name (please print) CARL CHRISTAVSAN

Which agenda item do you wish to address? 2, 4

In general, are you for or against this agenda item? For Against

Carl Christavsan
Signature

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Name (please print) Rodney X. Sturdivant

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Rodney X. Sturdivant
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J. Walter Glasscock
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Name (please print) Gaynelle Stein

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Gaynelle Stein
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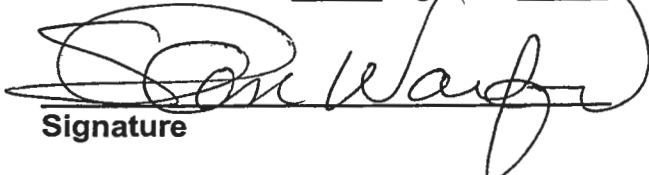
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Name (please print) STAN WARFIELD

Which agenda item do you wish to address? 4

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Name (please print) Roy D Williams

Which agenda item do you wish to address? #4

In general, are you for or against this agenda item? For _____ Against ✓

Roy D Williams
Signature

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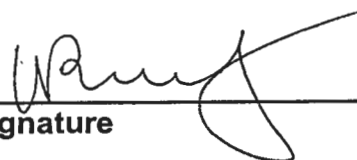
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Public Participation Form

Name (please print) Vince Leibowitz

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Signature

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Name (please print) Mark Potter

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Mark Potter
Signature

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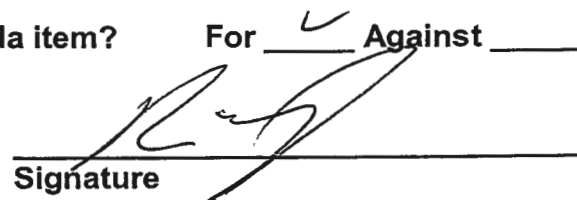
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Name (please print) Bennie Zajicek

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Name (please print) James Ross

Which agenda item do you wish to address? 4

In general, are you for or against this agenda item? For Against

[Signature]
Signature

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__3. Canvass the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Rebecka LaCourse, Election Administrator presented her Canvass of the November 3, 2020 General Election to the Court.

Total Ballots Cast: 10,020

Ballots by Mail: 1,005

Early Voting: 7,085

Election Day: 1,930.

Commissioner Kubesch questioned Mrs. LaCourse on voting procedures, poll watchers, and type of voting equipment used. Also, brought up subject of receiving a check for a Grant that was approved prior with a (3) for and (2) opposed the check. County Attorney, Jay Johannes was present and stated the check is not on the Agenda today and had been voted on previously, therefore there will be no discussion regarding it.

**Motion by Judge Prause to approve Canvass of the November 3, 2020 General Election; seconded by Commissioner Wessels; 5 ayes 0 nays; motion carried, it was so ordered.
(See Attachment)**

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Summary Results Report
20201103_Colorado County General Election
November 03, 2020

OFFICIAL RESULTS
Colorado County, Texas

Statistics	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Election Day Precincts Reporting	12 of 12	0	0	12
Precincts Complete	11 of 12	0	0	11
Precincts Partially Reported	1 of 12	0	0	1
Absentee/ Early Precincts Reporting	12 of 12	12	12	0
Registered Voters - Total	0			
Ballots Cast - Total	10,020	1,005	7,085	1,930
Ballots Cast - Blank	1	0	0	1
Voter Turnout - Total	0.00%			

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President / Vice-President

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence	7,472	510	5,399	1,563
DEM Joseph R. Biden / Kamala D. Harris	2,420	479	1,609	332
LIB Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy "Spike" Cohen	50	3	35	12
GRN Howie Hawkins / Angela Walker	19	1	13	5
Write-In Totals	14	3	7	4
Not Assigned	14	3	7	4

US Senator

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP John Cornyn	7,367	529	5,336	1,502
DEM Mary "MJ" Hagar	2,362	455	1,563	344
LIB Kerry Douglas McKennon	116	6	72	38
GRN David B. Collins	43	0	31	12
Write-In Totals	2	0	0	2
Not Assigned	2	0	0	2

US Representative, Dist 10

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Michael McCaul	7,423	531	5,367	1,525
DEM Mike Siegel	2,299	449	1,517	333
LIB Roy Eriksen	120	6	84	30

Railroad Commissioner

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP James "Jim" Wright	7,305	524	5,277	1,504
DEM Chrysta Castaneda	2,312	439	1,542	331
LIB Matt Sterett	125	8	93	24
GRN Katija "Kat" Gruene	60	6	36	18

Chief Justice, Supreme Court

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Nathan Hecht	7,334	527	5,308	1,499
DEM Amy Clark Meachum	2,299	441	1,531	327
LIB Mark Ash	141	8	92	41

Justice, Supreme Court, PI 6

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Jane Bland	7,437	532	5,377	1,528
DEM Kathy Cheng	2,290	440	1,524	326

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Justice, Supreme Court, PI 7

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Jeff Boyd	7,356	517	5,327	1,512
DEM Staci Williams	2,301	453	1,524	324
LIB William Bryan Strange III	129	6	88	35

Justice, Supreme Court, PI 8

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Brett Busby	7,402	527	5,348	1,527
DEM Gisela D. Triana	2,245	437	1,494	314
LIB Tom Oxford	129	10	89	30

Judge, Ct of Crim App, PI 3

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Bert Richardson	7,364	514	5,334	1,516
DEM Elizabeth Davis Frizell	2,329	449	1,545	335

Judge, Ct of Crim App, PI 4

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Kevin Patrick Yeary	7,421	516	5,372	1,533
DEM Tina Clinton	2,320	458	1,532	330

Judge, Ct of Crim App, PI 9

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP David Newell	7,411	520	5,356	1,535
DEM Brandon Birmingham	2,292	450	1,515	327

State Senator, Dist 18

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Lois W. Kolkhorst	7,580	560	5,458	1,562
DEM Michael Antalan	2,183	417	1,455	311

State Representative, Dist 13

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Ben Leman	8,408	649	6,076	1,683

Chief Justice, 14th Ct of App Dist

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Tracy Elizabeth Christopher	7,382	524	5,334	1,524
DEM Jane Robinson	2,296	445	1,518	333

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Justice, 1st Ct of App Dist, PI 3 County

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Russell Lloyd	7,372	525	5,325	1,522
DEM Veronica Rivas-Molloy	2,288	436	1,521	331

Justice, 1st Ct of App Dist, PI 5

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Terry Adams	7,421	530	5,352	1,539
DEM Amparo Monique Guerra	2,234	433	1,486	315

Justice, 14th Ct of App Dist, PI 7

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Ken Wise	7,428	523	5,368	1,537
DEM Tamika "Tami" Craft	2,258	445	1,487	326

District Judge, 25th Judicial Dist

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Bill Old	8,514	674	6,125	1,715

District Judge, 2nd 25th Judicial Dist

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Jessica Richard Crawford	8,466	666	6,090	1,710

Trustee Columbus ISD

Vote For 2

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Robert Russell	3,237	242	2,390	605
Michele Eden	2,378	222	1,785	371
Joel N. Usher	2,095	214	1,522	359

Mayor Weimar

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Milton Ray Koller	741	73	583	85

Councilman, Place 2 Weimar

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Jerry Wayne Shupak, Jr.	453	31	360	62
Ronell Wilson	342	48	266	28

Councilman, Place 4 Weimar

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Kevin "Catfish" Janecka	716	64	564	88

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Mayor Eagle Lake
 Vote For 1

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Mary Parr	760	82	522	156

Alderman Eagle Lake
 Vote For 2

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Larry Contreras	527	58	369	100
John Young	649	89	448	112
Eve Lucas	385	36	283	66
Anthony Johnson	300	35	204	61

Proposition Eagle Lake
 Vote For 1

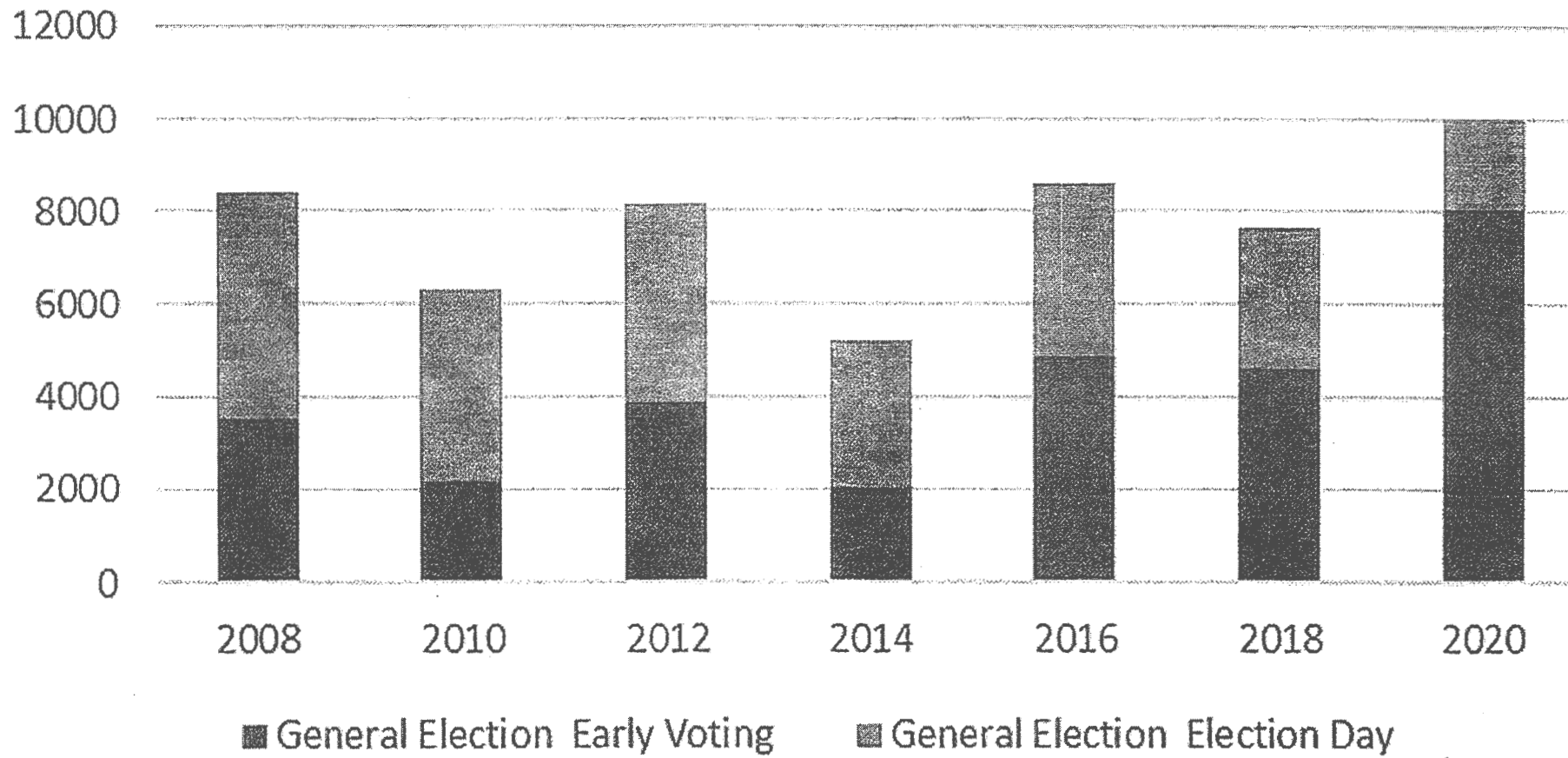
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November 03, 2020 General Election				
BBM	ACCEPTED	REJECTED	NOT RETURNED	MAILED
	1018			
Signature does not match		5		
no signature		4		
FPCA/ Received	21			
MISC		1		
NOT RETURNED/Domestic			50	
NOT RETURNED/Overseas			1	
Not RETURNED/ CISD 209			10	
TOTALS	1039	10	61	1110

November 03, 2020 General Election			
Provisionals	ACCEPTED	REJECTED	
Early Voting	78	27	105
<i>Valid Registration</i>	29		
<i>ID Voter/RIP</i>	2		
<i>Misc.</i>	2		
<i>Not Registered/PSD/ County</i>		12	
<i>Not Registered/ On time</i>		14	
<i>Misc.</i>		1	
<i>Canceled/Voted in person</i>	45		
Election Day	22	41	63
TOTAL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS			168

Colorado County GENERAL Election Voting Statistics



COLORADO
OFFICIAL LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS-Summary
2020 NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION
11/03/2020

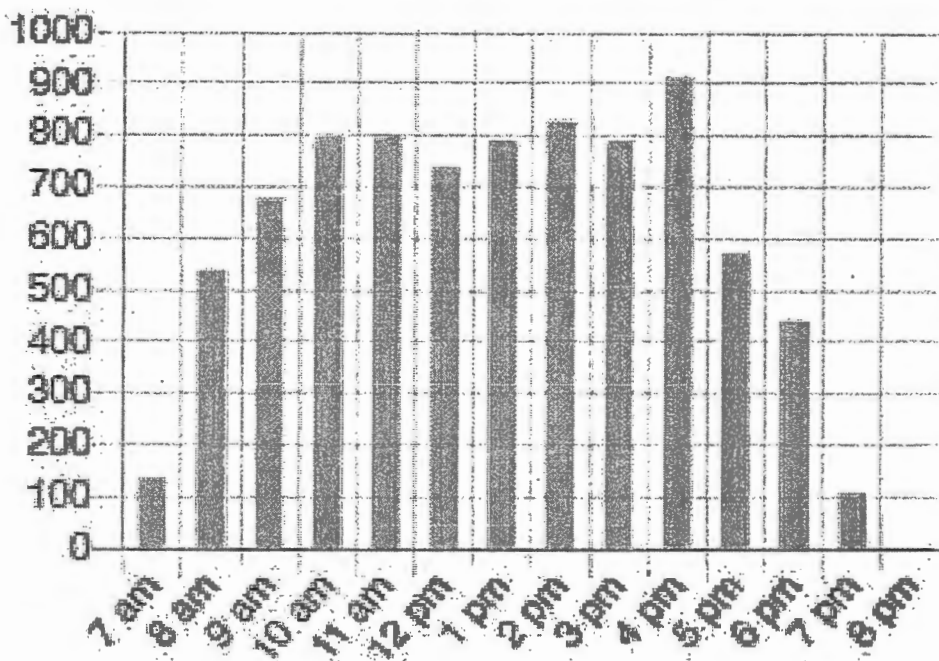
PRECINCT	TOTAL VOTERS	TOTAL SUSPENSE	TOTAL NON-SUSPENSE
101	2383	184	2199
102	327	19	308
103	680	35	645
201	3032	153	2879
202	633	40	593
302	1151	35	1116
303	589	25	564
304	524	16	508
305	1812	99	1713
401	475	32	443
402	2706	193	2513
Totals	14312	831	13481

The Total Number of Voters is 14312

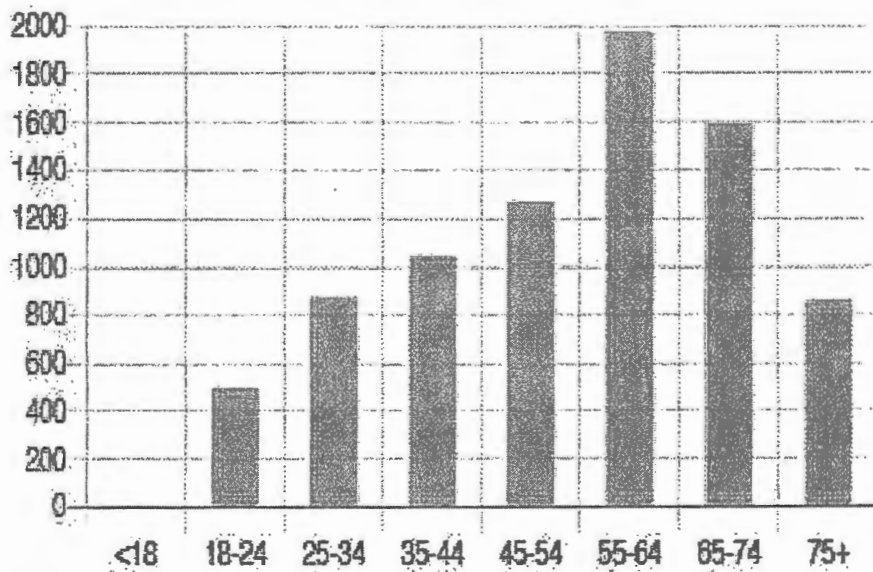
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Turnout by Hour



Turnout by Age



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AW12-3
Prescribed by Secretary of State
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**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED COUNTY AND PRECINCT CANDIDATES
CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS
PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLITICAS (NO EL CONDADO)**

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for election to office for the election scheduled to be held on November 03, 2020.

Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en la elección que se llevará a cabo el November 03, 2020.

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COURT ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF

COLORADO§

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a meeting of the Commissioners Court of Colorado County,

Texas, held on the 16th day of November, 2020, on motion made by

Judge Ty Prause, and seconded by

Doug Wessels, Commissioner Pct. #1, the following Order was adopted:

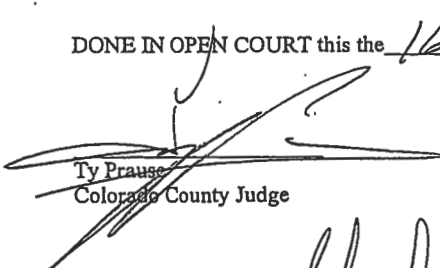
WHEREAS, THE MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED IS THE CANVASSING OF THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing State and District Officers, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, County and Precinct Officers RESULTS BEING AS FOLLOWS:

SEE ATTACHED COPY

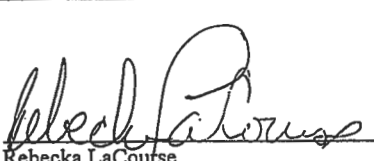
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court wishes to ratify the appointments made by and the actions taken by the Colorado County Elections Administrator (the "Elections Administrator") with respect to the Election; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Commissioners Court of Colorado County, Texas, that the returns be certified and reported to the Texas Secretary of State in accordance with the Texas Election Code and the actions taken by the Elections Administrator are hereby ratified and affirmed.

DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 16th day of November 2020.


Ty Prause
Colorado County Judge

Recommended by:


Rebecka LaCourse
Elections Administrator

Attest:


Colorado County Clerk



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AW9
Pres. _____ y Secretary of State
Section _____, 004, Texas Election Code
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CANVASS OF GENERAL ELECTION

I, Rebecka LaCourse, Election Administrator of Colorado County, Texas

met with the Colorado County Commissioner's Court

sitting as the canvassing board to canvass the general election of November 03, 2020
on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., Colorado County, Texas.

I certify that the figures on the tally sheets correspond with the figures on the returns.

Witness my hand this 16th day of November, 2020.



Rebecka LaCourse
Presiding Officer of Canvassing Authority

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Statistics

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Election Day Precincts Reporting	12 of 12	0	0	12
Precincts Complete	11 of 12	0	0	11
Precincts Partially Reported	1 of 12	0	0	1
Absentee/ Early Precincts Reporting	12 of 12	12	12	0
Registered Voters - Total	0			
Ballots Cast - Total	10,020	1,005	7,085	1,930
Ballots Cast - Blank	1	0	0	1
Voter Turnout - Total	0.00%			

SPECIAL RESULTS

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President / Vice-President
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Donald J. Trump / Michael R. Pence	7,472	510	5,399	1,563
DEM Joseph R. Biden / Kamala D. Harris	2,420	479	1,609	332
LIB Jo Jorgensen / Jeremy "Spike" Cohen	50	3	35	12
GRN Howie Hawkins / Angela Walker	19	1	13	5
Write-In Totals	14	3	7	4
Not Assigned	14	3	7	4

US Senator
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP John Cornyn	7,367	529	5,336	1,502
DEM Mary "MJ" Hegar	2,362	455	1,563	344
LIB Kerry Douglas McKennon	116	6	72	38
GRN David B. Collins	43	0	31	12
Write-In Totals	2	0	0	2
Not Assigned	2	0	0	2

US Representative, Dist 10
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Michael McCaul	7,423	531	5,367	1,525
DEM Mike Siegel	2,299	449	1,517	333
LIB Roy Eriksen	120	6	84	30

Railroad Commissioner
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP James "Jim" Wright	7,305	524	5,277	1,504
DEM Chrysta Castaneda	2,312	439	1,542	331
LIB Matt Sterett	125	8	93	24
GRN Katija "Kat" Gruene	60	6	36	18

Chief Justice, Supreme Court
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Nathan Hecht	7,334	527	5,308	1,499
DEM Amy Clark Meachum	2,299	441	1,531	327
LIB Mark Ash	141	8	92	41

Justice, Supreme Court, Pl 6
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Jane Bland	7,437	532	5,377	1,528
DEM Kathy Cheng	2,290	440	1,524	326

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Justice, Supreme Court, PI 7
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Jeff Boyd	7,356	517	5,327	1,512
DEM Staci Williams	2,301	453	1,524	324
LIB William Bryan Strange III	129	6	88	35

Justice, Supreme Court, PI 8
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Brett Busby	7,402	527	5,348	1,527
DEM Gisela D. Triana	2,245	437	1,494	314
LIB Tom Oxford	129	10	89	30

Judge, Ct of Crim App, PI 3
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Bert Richardson	7,364	514	5,334	1,516
DEM Elizabeth Davis Frizell	2,329	449	1,545	335

Judge, Ct of Crim App, PI 4
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Kevin Patrick Yeary	7,421	516	5,372	1,533
DEM Tina Clinton	2,320	458	1,532	330

Judge, Ct of Crim App, PI 9
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP David Newell	7,411	520	5,356	1,535
DEM Brandon Birmingham	2,292	450	1,515	327

State Senator, Dist 18
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Lois W. Kolkhorst	7,580	560	5,458	1,562
DEM Michael Antalan	2,183	417	1,455	311

State Representative, Dist 13
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Ben Leman	8,408	649	6,076	1,683

Chief Justice, 14th Ct of App Dist
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Tracy Elizabeth Christopher	7,382	524	5,334	1,524
DEM Jane Robinson	2,296	445	1,518	333

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Justice, 1st Ct of App Dist, PI 3 County
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Russell Lloyd	7,372	525	5,325	1,522
DEM Veronica Rivas-Molloy	2,288	436	1,521	331

Justice, 1st Ct of App Dist, PI 5
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Terry Adams	7,421	530	5,352	1,539
DEM Amparo Monique Guerra	2,234	433	1,486	315

Justice, 14th Ct of App Dist, PI 7
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Ken Wise	7,428	523	5,368	1,537
DEM Tamika "Tami" Craft	2,258	445	1,487	326

District Judge, 25th Judicial Dist
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Bill Old	8,514	674	6,125	1,715

District Judge, 2nd 25th Judicial Dist
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
REP Jessica Richard Crawford	8,466	666	6,090	1,710

Trustee Columbus ISD
Vote For 2

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Robert Russell	3,237	242	2,390	605
Michele Eden	2,378	222	1,785	371
Joel N. Usher	2,095	214	1,522	359

Mayor Weimar
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Milton Ray Koller	741	73	583	85

Councilman, Place 2 Weimar
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Jerry Wayne Shupak, Jr.	453	31	360	62
Ronell Wilson	342	48	266	28

Councilman, Place 4 Weimar
Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Kevin "Catfish" Janecka	716	64	564	88

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**Mayor Eagle Lake
Vote For 1**

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Mary Parr	760	82	522	156

**Alderman Eagle Lake
Vote For 2**

	TOTAL	Ballots by Mail	Early Voting	Election Day
Larry Contreras	527	58	369	100
John Young	649	89	448	112
Eve Lucas	385	36	283	66
Anthony Johnson	300	35	204	61

**Proposition Eagle Lake
Vote For 1**

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For	730	80	504	146
Against	363	48	256	59

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- ___4. Audience to the Barn Builders, Inc. regarding request for Colorado County to consider and approve a Proclamation to petition Governor Abbott to remove all COVID-19 restrictions on businesses.

With a good turn out from the Barn Builders, Inc. today which filled almost both sides of the District Court Room, all (3) school superintendents were present and shared their concerns for not only the students, but number of staffing problems.

Also, present and spoke was Robert Stavinocha, a senior at Rice High School who is in favor of wearing a mask.

Judge Prause read letters from Zenon Mercado, Nurse Anesthetist at our local Hospital and Mary Ann Peach to the Court.

Commissioner Wessels read letter from a previous Commissioner of Weimar to the Court. Wessels also stated that his mother is in TLC and as of last Friday he could not go to visit her due to the case count being up at the facility.

Next, the Court watched a video with Dr. Alyssa Molina speaking regarding her concerns.

Also, Jana Moffett via Zoom spoke on her concerns.

Commissioner Hahn stated that he was not present at last Monday's meeting, yes he was at his place in the Hill Country, but was told to stay put due to (2) members of his family having COVID. So yes, I believe in masking up.

Commissioner Kubesch stated freedom over fear any day.

Commissioner Gertson believes in mask, our local businesses we must protect them and their employees.

Judge Prause stated that I believe in freedom, protection and public safety. Judge Prause stated that today is not the time to send this proclamation, I rescind at this point.

Commissioner Kubesch stated he sees the good in this proclamation, there is no bad message.

Motion by Judge Prause to rescind petition at this time; seconded by Commissioner Wessels; 4 ayes 1 nay (Kubesch) for reason virus is not going away, my mind has not changed, freedom over fear any day; motion carried, it was so ordered.

(See Attachments)

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From: Sonny Mercado sonnymercado@yahoo.com
Subject: Covid-19
Date: Nov 11, 2020 at 7:30:36 PM
To: Ty Prause ty.prause@co.colorado.tx.us

Greetings Honorable Judge Prause,

My name is Zenon Mercado III, a.k.a. Sonny, and I am a Nurse Anesthetist and a resident of Colorado county for the last 13 years. I am a retired Army Captain where I acquired most of my training. My first ten years in the military I spent as an Intelligence analyst with specialties in Eastern Europe and later in Central America. While still in the Army, I attended schooling that provided me with my degrees and my profession spending the second half of my career not only caring for soldiers and their families but also training for natural disasters and health crisis. I have trained in contingencies for nuclear radiation accidents as well as chemical and biological.

I say this to you because I am a person that makes my decisions based on Science and Risk Assessment. Every day I go to the hospital I know that my judgment and decisions may have an immediate effect on my patients. I appeal to you because I know that you are a sensible Judge that cares greatly about Colorado County. I reach out to you today as I was approached with a petition to the governor to strip away any local powers of public health mandates. The people approaching me have no expertise in the topic other than political rhetoric and a false sense of patriotism and freedom. It is obvious by video displays of Black Friday that many Americans have no concern or consideration for thy neighbors and during this pandemic there are still noticeable. The wearing of a mask is reserved only for occasions when social distancing is not plausible. No contact would be the best policy but we must live in a community. I have worn a mask for a living in the last 20 years. Firefighters wear heavier masks and protective gear to protect themselves and save lives. In the military I trained for hours a day wearing Nuclear, Biological and Chemical protection gear in hot weather performing my mission as if at war. It is sad that these self-proclaimed patriots feel they cannot wear a mask for 30 minutes to protect thy neighbor while buying groceries. How can they call themselves neighborly? Please do not allow fringe groups to hijack common sense practices to keep our community safe. As you know, there are more and more cases including Doctors and Nurses in our community. I believe that by the end of the year everyone will know someone that either got sick or died.

Thank you for making yourself available to listen to the concerns of ALL the residents in your county.

Sincerely,
Zenon Mercado III, CRNA, CPT, USA, Retired

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Ty Prause

From: Mary Ann Peach <mpeach2@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Ty Prause
Subject: CoVid 19

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Ty,
It has been proven that masks greatly reduce the spread of this dangerous disease. I know that some people have politicized the question of wearing a mask or not. I believe it is a health matter, a concern for others matter, and for me a question of Christian ethics. I don't want to give others a disease. I would hope others would not want to give me and those I love a disease. I understand that there is a petition asking for our county to be exempted from measures such as the wearing of masks. Please do the right thing and do not support a measure that would endanger the health of our community.

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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Judge Prause and members of Commissioners Court:

I am unable to attend this meeting because of a positive test to Covid 19 that requires me to quarantine. I appreciate the reading of my letter to all attendees.

After taking a Covid 19 test on November 9th and then reading the Weimar Mercury of November 11, I could not believe a small group of people like the Barn Builders could come before Commissioners Court and get a majority vote to pass a proclamation to petition Governor Gregg Abbott to remove all restrictions.

I commend Commissioner Doug Wessels for objecting to the statement that the COVID virus is NOT serious. My wife, my son, and I are all putting up a battle against this virus at the present time.

Instead of listening to a small, vocal minority of people in this county who have little concern for the health of others and do not speak for everyone, the court should have been at the testing site in Columbus. There you could have spoken to the nurse taking the samples and let her tell you about the spike of the COVID virus in Colorado County.

Please don't let politics come before the health of the residents of our county.

Thank you from a taxpaying Colorado County resident.

Alfred (Johnny) Elstner, former Commissioner, Weimar

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johnny Elstner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, continued restrictions as contained in Governor Abbott's Executive Orders are causing economic, social and emotional damage which are disproportionate to the protections hoped for, in Colorado County; and,

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has recently reported that only a small fraction of deaths attributed to Covid-19 were actually directly caused by the virus; and,

WHEREAS, the continuing economic burden—sometimes irreversible—caused by those restrictions is disproportionately borne by young families, those without economic resources, small businesses, restaurants and bars of Colorado County; and,

WHEREAS, the testing, counting and recording of virus cases is flawed. The "case count", and other metrics used to measure the effects of the virus have been a moving target; and,

WHEREAS, the geography, climate and demographics of Colorado County naturally afford its residents greater natural protections than many other locales in our country that are suffering from larger numbers of deaths and illnesses, as evidenced by a decline in hospitalizations and minuscule death rate; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court believes in and wishes to respect and uphold the Texas and United States Constitution, that protect the many important rights of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court believes in the right and ability of local business proprietors to adapt, innovate and protect their clients, customers and employees; and,

WHEREAS, it is expressly provided that the action of the Colorado County Commissioners Court in adopting this Proclamation is not meant, in any respect, to affect or influence the sole discretion of the Independent School Districts of Colorado County or the Private or Parochial Schools in Colorado County, nor the Texas Education Agency, the Texas Education Commissioner, the Governor of the state of Texas, or any state Agency, in implementing temporary emergency measures and actions deemed necessary or appropriate to protect the health and safety of the students, teachers, staff and administration of the Schools in Colorado County; and,

WHEREAS, it is further provided that the Colorado County Commissioners Court desires to state its support for the actions and decisions made by the respective School Boards and / or Superintendents regarding emergency protective measures deemed necessary or appropriate in order to protect the health and safety of the students, teachers, staff and administration and *nothing herein to the contrary should be construed as either an express or implied statement or message about any such temporary emergency*

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measures. Rather, the purpose of this Proclamation is to publicly express and to petition our state legislators and Governor to acknowledge Colorado County Commissioners Court support for and faith in our local businesses to operate safely and effectively without further "*Temporary Emergency Orders*" during a very difficult period while our county and our nation persevere to endure and overcome the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and COVID-19 disease.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the duly elected Commissioners and Judge of Colorado County Texas, hereby declare and proclaim that we shall, forthwith, petition the Governor of Texas to exempt Colorado County, by way of decree, from the restrictions contained in Executive Orders GA-28, 29, 30, 32 and any others not enumerated here, that restrict the Constitutional rights of the citizens of Colorado County and which restrict Colorado County business capacities to anything less than 100%.

SIGNED this the _____ day of November, 2020

Ty Prause, County Judge

Doug Wessels, Commissioner Pct. 1

Darrell Kubesch, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Tommy Hahn, Commissioner Pct. 3

Darrell Gertson, Commissioner Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Kimberly Menke, County Clerk

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 5. Adjourn.

Motion by Judge Prause to adjourn; seconded by Commissioner Hahn.

An audio recording of this meeting of November 16, 2020 is available in the County Clerk's Office.

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Minutes were taken and prepared by Kimberly Menke, County Clerk on the 16th day of November 2020 with Judge Ty Prause presiding.

I, KIMBERLY MENKE, COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT IN AND FOR COLORADO COUNTY, TEXAS do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Commissioner Court in session on the 16th day of November 2020.

Given under my hand and official seal of office this date November 16, 2020.



