

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 27th DAY of October 2023, Fort Bend County Elections Commission, met at a public hearing with the following present:

KP GEORGE
CARMEN P. TURNER
LAURA RICHARD
CYNTHIA GINYARD
BOBBY EBERLE

COUNTY JUDGE
TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
COUNTY CLERK
DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIRMAN
REPUBLICAN PARTY CHAIRMAN

A meeting of the Fort Bend County Elections Commission has been called by Chairman KP George for Friday, October 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom, pursuant to Texas Election Code §31.033.

When the following was heard, and the following orders were passed:

1. **Call to Order.**

Call to Order by Judge KP George at 10:01 a.m., Friday, October 27, 2023.

2. **Approve minutes of meeting held on December 8, 2022.**

- No action taken minutes not available for review.

3. **Receive an update from the Elections Administration Office on the following matters.**

- **Status of November 2023 election.**

- Voter registration numbers are about 522,000 for this election.
- Suspense voters as of December 25,000
- Purged voters 18,000

- **Update of processes in Election office in 2023**

John Oldham:

- Reported minimal issues at voting sites. Most calls were related to minor user computer errors with equipment.

- **2024 Outlook**

- Ordered has been placed for 50 more Express link printers to be in by March primary.
- Plan to 25 - 30 more kiosks for check-in for the general election
- Due to redistricting, precinct 3 has the most polling places; precinct 4 is fine, but precinct 1 and possibly 2 polling sites are needed.

- **Update on Technical Support Needs**

- Provided updates on collaboration and working with the IT department.
- Purchased a maintenance agreement for voting equipment.
- Received grant funding to purchase a database/equipment tracking system.
- IT will help implement a color code wait time tracker on site and purchase tablets to run the application. Tablets will also be used for time check-in and possibly to upload training videos.
- Requested 12 IT field Techs for Election Day
- Utilized IT for Hash validation.

- **Legislative changes.**

- Effective September 1st. Curbside voting and required signage.
- Funds were unavailable in the Department budget to purchase new signs, so we modified what was available.
- Plan to purchase big A-frame signs in English and Spanish)
- The potential cost is \$8000 to implement legislative changes.
- Previously, the paper was used to check curbside voters; the legislation requires all voters to be checked in the same way. The tablet range will be tested for curbside to avoid the cost of another kiosk for \$160,000 possibly.
- Minimum number of required polling places for counties that do countywide elections. A minimum of 50% of the number the precinct number

4. **Receive updates from the Information Technology Department on Election preparation.**

- Robyn Doughtie

- IT the preparations completed: uploaded various documents to the website for certain items such as early voting statistics, election notices such as the delivery of ballots by mail, voting order priority, etc., and voter street guide.
- Noted: John has an open ticket for all necessary election desktop support items.
- Noted: IT has four desktop support technicians who are available to assist on Election Day, 12 are not available
- Noted: Field Techs go through training with the Election Administration team before assisting with equipment.
- Noted: budgeted funds have been allocated for resources if needed
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- Judge KP George

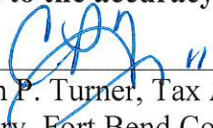
Action Item: Suggested cordless mics for the Commissioner's Courtroom.

5. **Adjournment.**

The Elections Commission Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m. on Friday, October 27, 2023.

Moved to adjourned by Bobby Eberle and second by Cynthia Ginyard.

I attest to the accuracy of the foregoing minutes.



Carmen P. Turner, Tax Assessor/ Collector
Secretary, Fort Bend County Elections Commission