



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: March 26, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: Consider and take appropriate action for the approval of amending Early Voting Mobile sites and Election Day polling places for the May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Elections.

The Travis County Clerk is sending you the amended list of the Early Voting mobile and Election Day polling locations to be certified by the Commissioners Court. The certification will be valid for the May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Elections.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

- Order amending Early Voting Mobile polling places for May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Elections
- Order amending Election Day polling places for May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Elections
- Due to changes in availability of sites and polling locations, changes to some locations was required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Susan Bell, Chief Deputy Clerk, 854-9587

Michael Winn, Director of Elections, 854-4728/632-5927

Michelle Parker, Assistant Director of Elections, 854-9193/914-6575

Related Departments Elizabeth Winn, County Attorney's Office 854-9415

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Order Designating Main Early Voting Polling Place, Temporary Branch Early Voting Polling Place, and Hours for Early Voting on Weekdays for the May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Elections

Texas Election Code section 85.002(b) permits the Travis County Commissioners Court to designate the main early voting polling place for county-wide elections. And Texas Election Code section 85.062(a)(1) permits the court to designate temporary branch early voting polling places for an election in which the county clerk is the early voting clerk.

The election code further establishes, under sections 85.005(a) and (c), that early voting will be conducted at the main early voting polling place for at least twelve hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period, and for other weekdays during the early voting period, the days and hours the county clerk's office is regularly open for business. And under section 85.064(b), early voting by personal appearance at each temporary branch early voting polling place established under Section 85.062(d) will be conducted on the days that early voting is required to be conducted at the main early voting polling place. The authority establishing those temporary branch early voting polling places will determine the hours during which voting is to be conducted on those days. But under section 85.064(c), early voting by personal appearance at temporary branch early voting polling places, other than those polling places designated under section 85.062(d), may be conducted on any one or more days and during any hours of the period for early voting by personal appearance.

The temporary branch early voting polling places designated by this order are located as prescribed by Texas Election Code section 85.062 (b)-(f).

Accordingly, under Texas Election Code section 85.001(a) and (c) and the above-referenced legal authorities, the Travis County Commissioners Court hereby designates for the May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Elections the main early voting polling place, the temporary branch early voting polling places, and the temporary branch early voting polling places designated for the mobile early voting program, as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated in this order.

For the May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Elections, the main early voting polling place will be open for early voting by personal appearance on weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., beginning on April 29, 2013, through May 7, 2013, except that the temporary branch early voting polling places specified in Exhibit A will be open for early voting by personal appearance during those days and hours specified in Exhibit A.
BE IT SO ORDERED on this, the 26 day of March 2013.

Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County Judge

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Order Designating Election-Day Polling Places for the May 11 2013 Joint General and Special Elections

Texas Election Code section 43.002 permits the Travis County Commissioners Court to designate election-day polling places for county election precincts. And Texas Election Code section 42.008 permits the court to consolidate election precincts in special elections, including the upcoming May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Elections to be held in Travis County;

As such, the Travis County Commissioners Court orders that the May 11, 2013 Special Elections be conducted jointly by Travis County and other entities, and that new polling places be established, including those polling places for consolidated precincts, as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated in this order. In addition to the new polling places listed in Exhibit A, Travis County will use for this election those election-day polling places that the court previously established and that have not been changed by this order.

This order takes effect immediately.

BE IT SO ORDERED ON THIS, the 26 day of March, 2013.

By: _____
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Travis County Judge

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EXHIBIT A

(Document to be submitted at a later date)

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