



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2014

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

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CANVASSING ELECTION RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 JOINT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL, STATE, DISTRICT, AND COUNTY OFFICEHOLDERS AND THE STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

ORDER AND OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS ATTACHED

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

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Melissa Vasquez in the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by **Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.** for the next week's meeting.

**ORDER CANVASSING ELECTION RETURNS
AND DECLARING RESULTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY FOR THE
FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 JOINT ELECTIONS FOR THE GENERAL,
STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, AND VARIOUS LOCAL
ENTITY ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, a State Constitutional Amendment Election was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendment in accordance with a proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Texas pursuant to Section 3.003(a)(2) of Texas Election Code; AND a General Election was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, to elect federal, state, district, and county officers in accordance with a proclamation issued by the Governor of the State of Texas pursuant to Section 3.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code and an order issued by the Travis County Judge pursuant to Section 3.004(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 67.002(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code, the Travis County Commissioners Court shall conduct a local canvass of the precinct election returns in Travis County for the November 4, 2014 Joint Elections for the General Election for federal, state, district, and county officers and for the State Constitutional Amendment Election;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 67.003 of the Texas Election Code, the Travis County Commissioners Court, which is the local canvassing authority, shall convene to conduct the local canvass, including County election returns of the November 4, 2014 Joint Elections for the General Election for federal, state, district, and county officers and for the State Constitutional Amendment Election, not earlier than the 8th day or later than 11th day after election day;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 67.004(a) and 87.1231 of the Texas Election Code, the sealed precinct election returns for each election precinct in Travis County have been delivered to a quorum (defined as at least two members per Section 67.004(a) of the Texas Election Code) of the Travis County Commissioners Court and have been opened and canvassed;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 67.004(b) of the Texas Election Code, a tabulation has been prepared stating for the proposed Constitutional Amendment: (1) the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in each election precinct in Travis County “for” the proposed Constitutional Amendment and the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in each election precinct in Travis County “against” the proposed Constitutional Amendment; and (2) the sum of the precinct totals tabulated for the proposed Constitutional Amendment showing the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in all the election precincts in Travis County “for” the proposed Constitutional Amendment, and the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in all election precincts in Travis County “against” the proposed Constitutional Amendment; AND a tabulation has been prepared stating for each candidate: (1) the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in each election precinct in Travis County “for” the candidate; (2) the total number of voters in each election precinct who cast a ballot “for” the candidate; and (3) the sum of precinct totals tabulated for each candidate showing the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received “for” the candidate in all election precincts

in Travis County in which the candidate appeared on the ballot;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 67.007(a) and (b) of Texas Election Code, the county election returns for the November 4, 2014 Joint Elections for the General Election for federal, state, district, and county officers and for the State Constitutional Amendment Election as set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes, include the (1) total number of votes received in Travis County "for" each candidate, (2) total number of votes received in Travis County "for" the proposed Constitutional Amendment Election and the total number of votes received in Travis County "against" the proposed Constitutional Amendment; and (3) total number of voters who cast ballots in Travis County "for" the proposed Constitutional Amendment Election and the total number of voters who cast ballots in Travis County "against" the proposed Constitutional Amendment; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 67.007, subsections (c) and (d), and Section 67.009, Texas Election Code, the County election returns for Travis County shall be delivered to the Texas Secretary of State as directed or instructed by the Secretary of State;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Travis County Commissioners Court hereby declares the results of the local canvass and approves the County election returns for the November 4, 2014 Joint Elections for the General Election for federal, state, district, and county officers and for the State Constitutional Amendment Election, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes, showing for each candidate: (1) the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in each election precinct in Travis County "for" the candidate; (2) the total number of voters in each election precinct who cast a ballot "for" the candidate; and (3) the sum of precinct totals tabulated for each candidate showing the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received "for" the candidate in all election precincts in Travis County in which the candidate appeared on the ballot, and also showing for the proposed Constitutional Amendment: (1) the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in each Travis County election precinct "for" the proposed Constitutional Amendment, and the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in each County election precinct "against" the proposed Constitutional Amendment; (2) the sum showing the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in Travis County "for" the proposed Constitutional Amendment, and the sum showing the total number of votes, including early voting votes, received in Travis County "against" the proposed Constitutional Amendment; (3) the total number of voters, including early voting voters, who cast ballots in each election precinct in Travis County "for" the proposed Constitutional Amendment and the total number of voters, including early voting voters, who cast ballots in each election precinct in Travis County "against" the proposed Constitutional Amendment; and (4) the sum of the precinct totals tabulated for the proposed Constitutional Amendment showing the total number of voters, including early voting voters, who cast ballots in all the election precincts in Travis County "for" the proposed Constitutional Amendment, and the total number of voters, including early voting voters, who cast ballots in all election precincts in Travis County "against" the proposed Constitutional Amendment.

The results of the local canvass and the County election returns in Travis County for the November 4, 2014 Joint Elections for the General Election for federal, state, district, and county

officers and for the State Constitutional Amendment Election, as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes, shall be delivered to the Texas Secretary of State for final canvass as directed or instructed by the Secretary of State under Sections 67.007 and 67.009 of the Texas Election Code.

Be it so ordered on this, the _____ day of November, 2014.

Honorable Samuel T. Biscoe
Travis County Judge

Honorable Ron Davis
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Honorable Bruce Todd
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Honorable Gerald Daugherty
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Honorable Margaret Gómez
Commissioner, Precinct 4

EXHIBIT A